

september 2019

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@ Fresh Pond Reservation
all events are free & open to the public!

PUBLIC PROGRAMMING

Fresh Pond Volunteer Stewards

Meets at the volunteer trailer near the front of the Water Treatment Facility, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

*Note: Does not meet on Labor Day 9/2

Join our weed-warrior crew! We are Fresh Pond citizens dedicated to keeping invasive plants at bay for the benefit of wildlife, water and humans alike. No experience or long-term commitment necessary! All tools are provided; sturdy shoes, pants, long-sleeves and a water bottle are strongly recommended. Meets at the volunteer trailer in the lower parking lot. Contact tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov for more information.

Woodland Restoration Area Gardening

Meets at the Woodland Habitat (Northeast Sector)

Join other stewardship-minded volunteers in caretaking the native plant restoration area next to Lusitania Meadow, and learn about the diversity of native plant life! We seek dedicated participants who enjoy camaraderie and hard work that includes weeding, pruning, planting, watering new plantings, hauling wood chips and moving logs. Please email friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com if you would like to come, and for more information.

Fresh Air Walks

Meets at the Ranger Station, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

These casual walks, led by Ranger Tim, will encompass Fresh Pond and take an informal look at each week in nature, life, and the city. Come alone or bring your co-workers! Rain or shine.

Questions? Contact: tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov

Pollinator Survey at Fresh Pond

Two dates!

Meets at the Lusitania Meadow entrance across from Wheeler St. on Concord Ave.

This is an opportunity to be a citizen scientist and connect with nature. In partnership with Earthwise Aware, help us observe and collect information about what pollinators visit our meadows, we then feed our findings into global databases that help track species richness, population abundance, and phenophases. This will also help us develop a virtual guide to the insects of Fresh Pond, and you can be a part of it! We'll be meeting on-site at the entrance to Lusitania from Concord Ave. Please RSVP to citizenscience@earthwiseaware.org for communication about what to wear, bring, and if there is any change in plan due to weather.

Seasonal Walkabout at Black's Nook

Meets at Maher park (650 Concord Ave.)

Come out for a seasonal walkabout with Ranger Jean at Black's Nook. We will monitor wildlife by sign, track or presence, and make note of weather, state of plants, condition of water and other abiotic resources. You can help chart the seasonal changes of some of our most active wildlife spots, or simply come to enjoy the walk. Come dressed to be outdoors for the hour. All knowledge levels welcome. We will be walking off-path. Service dogs only, please. To RSVP, please contact Ranger Jean at (508) 562-7605 or email jrogers@cambridgeMA.gov. Heavy rain postpones to the following Friday.

Nature Journaling

Register for meeting location (different sketch target each month)

This is a fun series! We share together how to create, illustrate and maintain a Naturalist & Field journal. This includes practicing sketching, nature illustration skills, recording field observations, and simply writing about what we see, including how we feel. The series runs the first Friday of the month. Over the year, we explore a few sites of the reservoir and cover ecology, phenology, birds, insects, mammals and the many critters that make the different habitats of Fresh Pond. Please bring your own (portable) art supplies, and RSVP on Eventbrite (<https://bit.ly/2HNCr6r>) because space is limited.

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Mondays*

5:30pm to 7:30pm

&

Thursdays

10am to Noon

Tuesdays

Between

9:30am

and 1pm

Wednesdays

Noon to 1:30pm

Tuesdays

Sept. 3rd

& Sept. 17th

1pm to 3pm

Friday

Sept. 6th

11am to Noon

Friday

Sept. 6th

2pm to 4pm

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Monday
Sept. 9th
6pm to
7:30pm

Walter J Sullivan Water Purification Facility Tour

Meets at the front door, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

Come learn how the Cambridge Water Department purifies drinking water for your tap after it's conveyed from nearby Fresh Pond into our facility. You'll have the chance to speak with water treatment staff, see the equipment in action and check out our water quality lab! For more information, contact Ranger Tim at (617) 349-6489 or tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov. Please email ahead if coming with a group.

Sunday
Sept. 15th
1pm to 3pm

Meet Your Neighbor Day: Family Picnic

Upper Kingsley Park, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

This city-wide event is in collaboration with the Cambridge Peace Commission. Check out other listings near you here: www.cambridgema.gov/Departments/peacecommission/meetyourneighborday. Bring a blanket and pack a picnic, we'll have watermelon and lemonade to share. Come meet your neighbors at beautiful Fresh Pond, meet the rangers, learn about what local resources are around for kids and families, and check out some fun activities! Service dogs only, please. Dog-owners take note of the next listing. Questions? tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov.

Sunday
Sept. 15th
4pm to 6pm

Meet Your (Canine) Neighbor Day

Lower Kingsley Park, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

This city-wide event is in collaboration with the Cambridge Peace Commission. Check out other listings near you here: www.cambridgema.gov/Departments/peacecommission/meetyourneighborday. Meet your neighbors and their furry friends! Kingsley Park at Fresh Pond is a shared-use off-leash area for Cambridge-licensed dogs. Get acquainted with the area, learn about other local dog-opportunities in the area, find new dog-related resources, meet the rangers, and grab some treats! Questions? tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov.

Friday
Sept. 20th
8am to 6pm

Cambridge PARK(ing) Day 2018

Citywide Event

In this year's event, Cambridge Community Development is partnering with 75 organizations, artists, businesses and City departments to turn 145 parking spots including Main Street from Third to Ames Street into vibrant community spaces for the day! Contact Jennifer Lawrence at jlawrence@cambridgeMA.gov with any questions. Check out Fresh Pond and the Water Dept. space near Kendall Square! Volunteers to help represent Fresh Pond and staff our are 10AM-4PM wanted, contact Ranger Tim at tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov.

Sunday
Sept. 22nd
8am to 10am

Early Migration Bird Walk

Register for location and parking information

Many birds stop at Fresh Pond to rest and eat while heading south for the winter. In September we look for migrating warblers in their non-breeding plumage and several species of ducks. We also might see birds that stay year-round, such as woodpeckers, finches, sparrows, and hawks. First-time birders are welcome. We have binoculars to lend and will show you how to use them. Led by Nancy Guppy. To register and for important parking information, email Catherine Pedemonti at friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com.

Saturday
Sept. 28th
8:30am to
4pm

Cycle to the Source 2019

Meets at the front door, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway (Rain date Sunday Sept. 29th)

Cycle to the Source is a 33-mile bike tour of the Cambridge Watershed. It is a chance to explore where your water comes from, how it is collected, and what steps are taken to ensure the city has clean drinking water. Led by Cambridge Water Department staff and guides from Urban Adventours, this event is free and open to the public but for safety reasons is for **adults only**. It will include stops at the upper reservoirs, dams, gatehouses, and the CWD field office. The ride starts and ends at the Walter J. Sullivan Purification Facility at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway, and explores the Cambridge watershed, which includes the lands and reservoirs in Lincoln, Lexington, Weston, and Waltham.

Register at tinyurl.com/cycletothesource or with aconnell@cambridgeMA.gov if you'd like to participate! All you need is a working bike, helmet, lunch, and water. If you would like to join but need a bike, Urban Adventours rents hybrid and road bikes that are suitable for the event. \$65 would cover the cost of the bike, helmet, and delivery to Fresh Pond on the morning of the tour. Visit their website for more information.

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