



shared use guidelines

Fresh Pond Reservation is a shared commons between diverse groups: runners, dog-walkers, strollers, cyclists, birders, wildlife, and more. Civility and patience towards all fellow visitors are key to keeping the Reservation safe, friendly, and beautiful. Please be mindful of spaces that are designated for certain uses only, and abide by the shared-use guidelines.

Norms of Behavior

- Be aware of and considerate to others
- Stay on trails, roadways, and designated grassy areas
- Keep right and pass left
- When stopped on path, move to the side
- When part of a group, make room for others

Bikers

- *Bike slowly, at jogging speed or less*
- *Let others know when you are passing*
- *Yield to pedestrians*

Dog owners

- *Clean up after your dog*
- *Only Cambridge-licensed dogs allowed off-leash*
- *Off-leash dogs must stay within your sight and quickly obey commands*
- *Keep dogs on-leash in designated areas*

Runners

- *Give a wide berth to others*

about fresh pond

Fresh Pond Reservation consists of 162 acres of open space surrounding and protecting the 155 acre kettle-hole Fresh Pond Reservoir, a vital part of the drinking water supply system for the City of Cambridge.

The Reservation is open from dawn to dusk, 365 days a year. The manner in which each visitor treats the Reservation directly impacts the quality of our water supply - any activities which may pollute the water supply are strictly prohibited. Please be a responsible Fresh Pond citizen by keeping out of restoration areas, picking up after your pet, not littering, and not removing plants and wildlife.

Thank you!



more information

For inquiries about site operations, volunteer opportunities, monthly public programs, and more, please contact:

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guide to shared use @ kingsley park



fresh pond reservation:

Protecting the Cambridge water supply since 1889

City of Cambridge Water Department

250 Fresh Pond Parkway

Cambridge, MA 02138

cambridgema.gov/water

area use by season

Through a public engagement process facilitated by the Consensus Building Institute, the City and public stakeholder groups developed a shared vision for future uses and a clear, implementable plan to maintain and improve the experience at Fresh Pond, maintain diverse uses, and ultimately protect the water supply.

To view water reports and view full rules and regulations, visit: cambridgeMA.gov/water

For restoration purposes, two areas of Kingsley Park have been set aside from use except on paths.

- (a) the slopes between the upper loop path and the lower loop path, and
- (b) the sloped part of the grassy area between the two places where the upper path joins the Perimeter Path.

From first snowfall to July 4th (Winter/Spring):

- » The lower bowl area will be for walkers and sledders only.
- » The upper area and woods*, including the paved upper loop path and grassy areas, will be an area for such activities as walking, individual jogging, on- and off-leash dogs, and children playing.
- » Some areas of Kingsley Park, particularly grassy and sloped areas, may be briefly closed to all users temporarily during wet seasons (particularly in the spring) to allow the soils to dry out.

From July 4th to first snowfall (Summer/Fall):

- » The lower bowl area will be for shared use by walkers, on- and off-leash dogs, and others (except bikers and permitted running groups).
- » The upper area and woods, including the paved upper loop path and grassy areas, will be an area for activities such as walking, individual jogging, on-leash dogs, picnicking, and children playing. Permitted running groups will be allowed on occasion.

