

September 2023 Public Programming at Fresh Pond

Thursday, July through October

10:00am to 12:00noon

Fresh Pond Stewards

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



Join our weed-warrior crew! We are Fresh Pond citizens dedicated to this property healthy 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 Ranger Omar at OMejia@cambridgeMA.gov for more information.

Monday, September 11th

6:00pm to 7:30pm

Walter J Sullivan Water Purification Facility Tour

Meets at the Water Treatment Plant (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 call ahead if coming with a large group.

Sunday, September 17th

10:00am to 12:00pm

Fresh Pond in Full Bloom

Meets at the Ranger Station (under the clock tower), 250 Fresh Pond Parkway



Join Ranger Tim on a loop around the reservoir observing the distinct ecosystems that encircle the property. See what native Massachusetts habitats go through in the very first moments of the autumn as each type exists in miniature here by design – the best way to protect a natural body of water is with natural wild communities. Come rain or shine and dress for the occasion as we explore the Lusitania Meadow, Black's Nook, and more! All ages welcome. For more information, contact Ranger Tim at (617) 349-6489 or tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov.

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Fresh Pond Reservation is managed by the Cambridge Water Dept.
Questions? Contact Ranger Tim at tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov



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Sunday, September 24th

1:00pm to 2:30pm

Let's Go Bugging! Pollinator Survey Workshop

Meets on-site at the Lusitania Meadow



Have you been enjoying the wildflowers around Fresh Pond this summer? Do you ever wonder what types of pollinators also enjoy them? Join participatory scientists from Earthwise Aware and Ranger Tim at the Lusitania Meadow to learn how you can help document arthropod activity around Fresh Pond and your neighborhood. Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lets-go-bugging-pollinator-survey-workshop-tickets-717434214047>

Spend part of your afternoon with us in the meadow and learn how to identify arthropods, their host plants, and document their activity, length, abundance, and developmental stage. You'll record your findings with our new mobile app, EWA Buggy, which participants should register for ahead of time by downloading the Anecdota app and joining the EWA Buggy project.

Thursday, September 28th

10:15am to 11:15am

Fresh Pond Nature Walk (Collins Branch Library)

Meets at the Collins Branch Library (64 Aberdeen Ave.)



Join us for a relaxing walk of Fresh Pond with Ranger Tim! No two weeks are the same in nature, and Tim will share his insights about what's growing, changing, and blooming in the neighborhood. The walk will meet in the courtyard of the Collins Branch (64 Aberdeen Ave.) and leave together towards the pond at 10:15am. This is a summer weather walk so clothing for warm temperatures is suggested. For more information or with any questions, please contact Lucy at LFlamm@CambridgeMA.gov

Saturday, September 30th

8:30am to 4:00pm

2023 Cycle to the Source (10th Annual)

Registration Required, meets at the Water Department main entrance



Cambridge Water Department staff will host a 32-mile bike tour of the Cambridge Watershed, guided by Urban AdvenTours. This event is free and open to the public; advanced registration is required, and space is limited. For safety reasons, this event is for adults only. Priority for spots will be given to Cambridge residents and first-time participants.

The ride will start and end at the Walter J. Sullivan Purification Facility at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway, Cambridge. The ride enables participants to explore where City water comes from, how it is collected, and what steps are taken to ensure the City has clean drinking water. The tour will travel through the Cambridge watershed, spanning Lincoln, Lexington, Weston, and Waltham. It will include stops at the reservoirs, gatehouses, and CWD field office. Registration link here: <https://tinyurl.com/CycleToTheSource2023>

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