

## July 2024 Events at Fresh Pond Reservation

### Text Version

Every Thursday

10:00am to 12:00 noon

#### **Fresh Pond Stewards (Volunteer Opportunity)**

Meets at the Volunteer Tool Trailer (between the first parking lot and the reservoir)

May through October, give back to the place you love by becoming one of our volunteer weed warriors! This is a weekly, open opportunity to volunteer. We have the tools, we have the training, we just need the hands! Every week is a different target area and a different task depending on the natural calendar's seasonal needs. Help us remove invasive plants, restore trails, or plant some trees. Come once, or come every week! For more information contact Ranger Omar at [omejia@cambridgeMA.gov](mailto:omejia@cambridgeMA.gov)

Do you have a dedicated group of 10-25 people with at least 1.5-3 hours to give? Reach out to Ranger Tim at [tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov](mailto:tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov) to schedule a "Day of Service" group volunteer opportunity.

Every Monday

2:00pm to 3:00pm

#### **Pollinator Biodiversity and Climate Citizen Science (Volunteer Opportunity)**

Meets on-site at the Lusitania Meadow (trail map here: <https://bit.ly/2G1b3DE>)

Calling all humans! You can make a difference in our collective understanding of biodiversity and conservation. Earthwise Aware will train you to help support national research surrounding the impact of climate change on the life cycles of plants, insects, and more. It is easy, fun, and no experience is needed! Connect the life cycles of important plant and animal life with each other in the context of a shifting climate. (Training Workshop available on 7/14)

Monday, July 8th

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](mailto:tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov). Please call ahead if coming with a large group.

Sunday, July 14th

3:00pm to 4:30pm

### **Let's Go Bugging! Pollinator Survey Workshop**

Meets on-site at the Lusitania Meadow (trail map here: <https://bit.ly/2G1b3DE>)

Do you enjoy the wildflowers of urban parks or your own garden? Ever wonder which types of pollinators also enjoy them? Join participatory scientists from [Earthwise Aware](#) (EwA) at the Lusitania Meadow to learn how you can help document arthropod activity around Fresh Pond and in your neighborhood.

What to Expect: Spend part of your afternoon with us in the meadow, learning how to identify arthropods and their host plants. Discover how to document their activity, length, abundance, and developmental stage. Use our mobile app, EwA Buggy, to record your findings. Make sure to register ahead of time by installing Anecdota (our host platform) and joining the EwA Buggy project ([instructions](#)). More information here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lets-go-bugging-pollinator-survey-workshop-tickets-858798899627?aff=erelexpmlt>

Monday, July 22nd

10:15am to 11:30am

### **Fresh Pond Nature Walk (Collins Branch Library Collaboration)**

Meets at the Ranger Station (Under the Clock Tower) 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

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. This walk will meet on-site at Fresh Pond because the Collins Branch Library is currently under construction. This is a summer weather walk so clothing for spring temperatures is suggested. For more information or with any questions, please contact Michael at [mroberson@cambridgeMA.gov](mailto:mroberson@cambridgeMA.gov).

You can find a link to register for the walk [here](#). Registration is required for this event.

Wednesday, July 24th

7:00pm to 9:30pm

### **The “Cambridge Moth Ball”**

This program meets on-site at Kingsley Park (250 Fresh Pond Parkway)

Come and be dazzled by the extraordinary nighttime creatures known as Moths. Marvel at their mysterious habits, coloration, and special place in our ecology as you learn how to attract and ID moths. As part of National Moth Week, we will be exploring these fascinating woodland insects up close and share the data and photos we collect with researchers. If you are interested in insects, butterflies, moths or the wildlife of Cambridge, if you like nature or nighttime, this event is for you. Photographers interested in creative moth portraits are especially encouraged to attend. Festivities include a talk by a local moth expert, moth lures, live moths, and more resources!

This is a collaboration with The Boston Birding Festival, Native Plant Community Gardeners, Mystic Charles Pollinator Pathways Group, Biodiversity Builders, and Green Cambridge. [More info on the event webpage](#).

Tuesday, July 30th

11:00am to 12:00pm

**Summer Reading: Fresh Pond Bug Walk (Boudreau Branch Library Collaboration)**

Register for Meeting Information

Have you ever wanted to know more about the little insect critters that live in our local ecosystems? Join us at Fresh Pond's Lusitania Meadow for a short walk in which we observe and learn about this dazzlingly diverse class of animals. This program is open to all ages, from adults to children and their caregivers. Free registration is required [[here](#)]. Please register all attendees, including caregivers.

For more information, contact Michael McGlathery at [mmcglathery@cambridgema.gov](mailto:mmcglathery@cambridgema.gov) or call the Boudreau Branch at 617-349-4017.