

# july 2018

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



= Open Volunteer Opportunity

## Fresh Pond Reservation: Protecting the Cambridge Water Supply Since 1889

Did you know that all of the water is treated on-site? Tours available!  
Please read and respect all posted rules; this is a public shared-use area, open green space, and active drinking water reservoir.

### Evening 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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*

\*Does not meet on Wednesday July 4th

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.

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

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**Saturday**  
**July 14th**  
**7:30am to**  
**9:30am**

## **Summer Bird Walk**

*Register for meeting place and weather cancellations*

The best time to look for birds during the summer is early in the morning, because that is when birds are most active. The air is cool and comfortable and the birds are hungry for breakfast. With walk leader Nancy Guppy, we may find adults feeding babies in the nest, and fledglings begging for food while following their parents. As always, beginning birders are welcome. We have binoculars to lend and will show you how to use them. Register with Catherine Pedemonti at [friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com)

**Friday**  
**July 20th**  
**11am to**  
**Noon**

## **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. To RSVP, please contact Ranger Jean at (508) 562-7605 or email [jrogers@cambridgeMA.gov](mailto:jrogers@cambridgeMA.gov). Heavy rain postpones to the following Friday.

**Friday**  
**July 20th**  
**8pm to**  
**9pm**

## **Fresh Pond Bat Walk**

*Registration Required (Rain Date: Sat. July 21st)*

At dusk, bats leave their roosts to feed on flying insects. Join Pete Mellor and park staff for a walk at Fresh Pond Reservation. Aided by a detector that amplifies the bats' otherwise inaudible high-frequency chirps, bat watchers can monitor and catalogue the species that call the City of Cambridge home. All Ages. Service dog only.

Group size is limited, please send reservation request to [citybatwalk@gmail.com](mailto:citybatwalk@gmail.com)

**Saturday**  
**July 21st**  
**9:30am to**  
**11am**

## **Fresh Pond Herb Walk**

*Meets at the Gazebo by Maher park (650 Concord Ave.)*

Learn about some of the most interesting, abundant (and weedy) plants that grow around us in our city environs. We'll discuss the medicinal and edible uses of these herbs as we stroll around the pond, and also review tips for harvesting and preserving plants. Learn to see your urban surroundings in a whole new light, and discover the wonder of the plant world, from humble dandelions to graceful lindens. Led by Steph Zabel of Flowerfolk Herbal Apothecary.

Please RSVP to Catherine Pedemonti at [friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com).

**Sunday**  
**July 22nd**  
**11am to**  
**Noon**

## **Animal Detectives: Toads and Turtles**

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

July's spotlight is on the Toad and the Turtle. These happy hoppers and shelled swimmers are magnificent little animals, let's explore together how they live. This family program is best suited for kids between 4 and 12. Accompanying adult must be present, service dogs only please, and dress appropriately as this is an outdoor program.

Groups please check-in with Ranger Tim at [tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov](mailto:tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov) prior to Thursday, July 19th.

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