

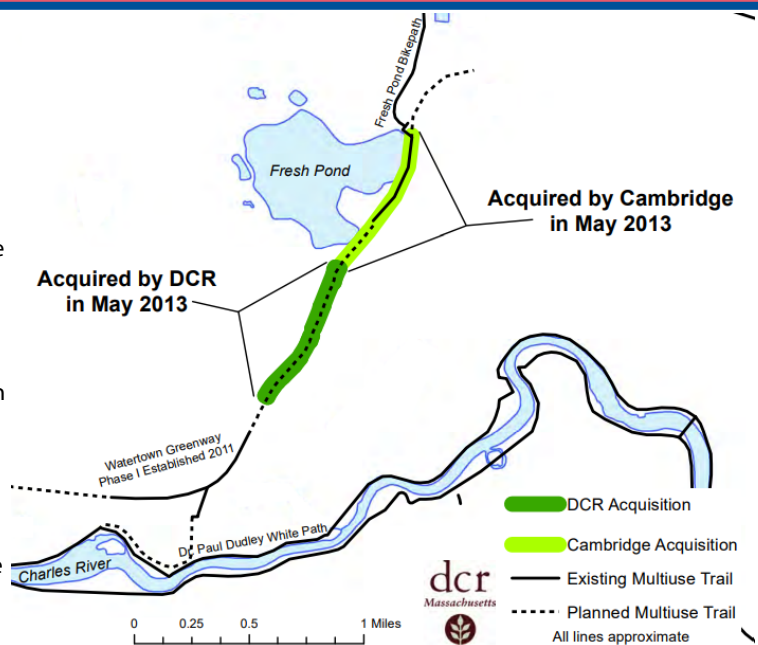
The Greenway Project

Full information and updates can be found at:
<https://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Projects/Transportation/watertowncambridgegreenway>

The Watertown-Cambridge Greenway is an effort launched with the joint purchase in June 2013 of a former B&M Railroad line, the Watertown Branch, by the City of Cambridge and the state's Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to create a multi-use pathway and greenway. The design for the project is complete and construction is ongoing through 2019.

The project area includes former railroad right-of-way from Concord Avenue in Cambridge, through the Fresh Pond Reservation, under Huron Avenue and into Watertown, and will be developed into a landscaped greenway with a pedestrian and bicycle path. This greenway will help complete the important regional connection linking the Charles River path system and the Minuteman Bikeway.

Full replanting plans are available to view in the Ranger Station. Please be respectful of the workers and avoid crossing the retired railbed until completion. This will add to the beauty and accessibility of Fresh Pond when it reopens to the public for the 2020 summer season.



Available online at:
cambridgema.gov/water/freshpondreservation/publicprogramming

June 2019
 @ Fresh Pond Reservation
 all events are free & open to the public!

PUBLIC PROGRAMMING

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

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 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 for more information.

Interested in Volunteering?

Now seeking groups of 10-25 people!

Corporate groups, school groups, and neighborhood groups unite! If you can get a group (minimum 10) together, you can reach out to us and find out what opportunities are available. Fresh Pond Reservation is visited weekly by thousands of local visitors and much of the natural upkeep is managed with the help of volunteers like you. Seasonal projects may include: working with the public, clean-ups, plantings, habitat management and more! Contact Ranger Jean at jrogers@cambridgeMA.gov with any inquiries and to find out more.

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June Words of Wisdom



June's Wildlife Activity: Canada Geese Grounded

Canada geese are a common sight in Massachusetts and these adaptable fowl not only migrate over 1,000 miles, they go through a yearly molting process where they lose their flight feathers and grow new ones. During the molt, there is a period of a couple weeks in late June / early July when **geese can't fly**. In addition to being momentarily flightless, they will most likely have goslings in tow.

For your safety please do not approach the geese, they will be defenseless. For animal safety please keep dogs away from wildlife, these geese are without their primary means for escape and can be injured or killed by pets.



Turtle Power

Birds aren't the only nesting animals with beaks this time of year! Turtle mating season has recently completed under the pond waters and now it is time for the females to venture out on land to dig a nest and lay their eggs— their final task as a parent.

Painted turtles (pictured) and snapping turtles, the two most common, rarely stray far from their body of water to nest but have been known to travel over a quarter-mile to find an ideal location. Please do not disturb any turtles you may find plodding along the trails of the reservation, we try to keep this a natural and safe place for all.

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Public Programming

Tuesdays
Noon to
1:30pm

Fresh Air Walks

Meets at the Ranger Station (under the clock tower), 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! Parking passes available. Rain or shine. Questions? Contact: tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov

Sunday
June 2nd
8am to 10am

Nesting Bird Walk

Register for parking and meeting information and for notice of cancellation due to inclement weather

Many birds choose to build their nests and raise their young at Fresh Pond Reservation because there is an abundance of insect food and plenty of safe habitat. We may hear birds singing their territorial songs and see others gathering food for their hungry babies. Walk leader Nancy Guppy will help us look for Baltimore orioles, yellow warblers, warbling vireos, redwing blackbirds, and other migratory birds which spend the breeding season at the Pond. Beginning birders are welcome! If you don't have binoculars you may borrow a pair from us. Register with Catherine Pedemonti at friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com.

Monday
June 3rd
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.

Friday
June 7th
2pm to 4pm

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.

Two dates!

Tuesday
June 11th
1pm to 3pm
&
Tuesday
June 25th
1pm to 3pm

Pollinator Survey at Fresh Pond

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 @ Lusitania Wet Meadow

Meets at the "Meeting Rocks" [where the meadow meets the main trail]

Come out for a seasonal walkabout with Ranger Jean at the Lusitania Wet Meadow. 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.



FRESH POND DAY 2019

Takes place at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

Parking at the Tobin School 197 Vassal Lane, Cambridge MA

Fresh Pond Reservation is truly Cambridge's green gem - an urban wild that protects Fresh Pond, Cambridge's in-city drinking water reservoir. Fresh Pond Day is the Cambridge Water Department's annual tribute to this unique Reservation that is a vital natural resource, an invaluable sanctuary for wildlife, and a beloved recreational escape in the City. So, let's give Fresh Pond the celebration, jubilation and love it deserves; join in the festivities! Attendees will enjoy live wildlife presentations, live music and dancers, facepainting, truck climb-boards, tours, and more.

Free and open to all, activities will take place around the Water Treatment Facility located at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway, Cambridge - at Kingsley Park, and the two parking lots. For those arriving by car, please plan on parking at the Tobin School (197 Vassal Lane). There are plenty of green transit options: the bikeway, bus routes 72, 74, 75 & 78; and Alewife T Station is 1 mile away. On-leash dogs are welcome. Please note that rain cancels this event.

Summer Solstice Bird Walk

Register for parking and meeting information and for notice of cancellation due to inclement weather

If you can't bear to get up at dawn to look at birds, this evening walk is for you! Just as people take advantage of the longest days of the year to continue their outdoor activities, so do birds: They spend the extra hours of daylight foraging for food for their hungry babies. Led by Nancy Guppy. 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.

Night (Insect) Life at Fresh Pond

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

Take part in this Earthwise Aware citizen science event with a knowledgeable project entomologist. The Lusitania Meadow is full of life and is regularly surveyed during daylight hours. This is a chance to collect meaningful scientific data and learn about the nocturnal insect life that inhabits our urban reservoir. This program meets on-site at the entrance to Lusitania from Concord Ave. RSVP is required to citizenscience@earthwiseaware.org for communication about what to wear, bring, and if there is any change in plan due to weather.

Friday
June 14th
11am to Noon

Saturday
June 15th
11am to 3pm

Friday
June 21st
6pm to 8pm

Saturday
June 29th
8pm to 10pm



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Questions? Volunteers?

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