

April 2023 Public Programming at Fresh Pond

Monday, April 3rd

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.

Thursday, April 20th

11:00am to 2:00pm

Fresh "Ponding"

Meets on-site at Black's Nook, drop in any time during the span!



What is "ponding"? Ponding is the act of looking through a scoop of "pond muck" to find all the beautiful things living in it! Every square inch of a healthy pond should yield something alive. Tadpoles and turtles and nymphs, oh my!

Part of the Cambridge's Earth Month celebrations, meet the Cambridge Rangers on-site at the boardwalk of Black's Nook (trail map here: <https://bit.ly/2G1b3DE>) at Fresh Pond Reservation. We'll have the buckets, bins, nets, microscopes, magnifying glasses, and nature guides... you just need to show up and see what you can find living in these waters. It's a (micro) jungle out there! Contact Ranger Tim at tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov

Sunday, April 23rd

11:00am to 1:00pm

Earth Week Fresh Pond Cleanup

Meets at the Water Treatment Plant (front door), 250 Fresh Pond Parkway – then we'll head out on-foot



This Earth Week give back to the places you love! It's time for a "spring cleaning" and we'll need all the volunteers we can get. Join Ranger Tim and Ranger Omar by the Ranger Station at Fresh Pond and gear up with some gloves and bags (provided), and then we'll set out walking the edge of the property cleaning up the winter's litter to make way for plants and baby animals. All ages and abilities welcome, groups and families encouraged! This land isn't only important to the wildlife, it also protects our drinking water supply.

Questions? Contact Ranger Tim at tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov

Fresh Pond Reservation: Protecting Cambridge's Drinking Water Supply since 1889

All events free & open to the public!

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Fresh Pond Reservation is managed by the Cambridge Water Dept.
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Monday, April 24th

Noon to 1:30pm

Intro to Fresh Pond with Ranger Omar

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



Join our newest Ranger for a lunch time walk around the reservoir to familiarize yourself with all the natural and man-made features that make up Fresh Pond. Includes off trail areas. Come dressed to be outside.

For questions or more information contact: omejia@cambridgeMA.gov

Wednesday, April 26th

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 winter weather walk so clothing for cold temperatures (like hats and boots) are suggested.

For more information or with any questions, please contact Lucy at LFlamm@CambridgeMA.gov

Thursday, April 27th

9:00am to 9:45am

Forest Babies at Fresh Pond

Meets at the Kingsley Park Children's Nature Playscape



This free 6-week program (4/27 – 6/1) running on Thursdays is intended for children aged newborn to 20 months (siblings welcome) and their caregivers. Meet up each week to introduce babies to the great outdoors through songs, picture books, and a brief animal lesson show-and-tell with Ranger Tim. Parking passes available to those without Cambridge Resident Parking stickers. Contact Ranger Tim at tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov with questions.

Sunday, April 30th

1:00pm to 3:00pm

2023 City Nature Challenge at Fresh Pond

Meets at the Water Treatment Plant (front door), 250 Fresh Pond Parkway – then we'll head out on-foot



We're Getting Ready for the 2023 City Biodiversity Challenge! Between April 28th and May 1st, many cities across the world will be competing to see who can make the most observations of nature, find the most species, and engage the most people in the worldwide 2023 City Nature Challenge (CNC). All you need to bring is yourself and a smartphone with the free iNaturalist app downloaded. In partnership with Earthwise Aware, we will help document the diversity of species at Fresh Pond's Lusitania Meadow for researchers to use nationwide. We're also looking for groups of volunteers to help out! Contact Ranger Tim at

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