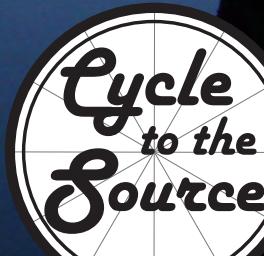


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Cambridge drinking water is collected from our watershed: a region of land spreading across Lincoln, Lexington, Weston, and Waltham. Rainwater that falls within the boundaries of the watershed is carried through a series of tributaries that flow into the Hobbs Brook and Stony Brook Reservoirs. The larger reservoir, Hobbs Brook, serves as Cambridge's main source of water during the summer and fall. Water is released from the Hobbs Brook Dam into Hobbs Brook, which joins Stony Brook in Weston and travels to the Stony Brook Reservoir, located along the Weston-Waltham town line. From there, water flows by gravity through an underground conduit (a large pipe) to Fresh Pond in Cambridge, where it is pumped into the Water Purification Facility for treatment. The finished (purified) water is pumped to the covered Payson Park reservoir in Belmont, from where it is gravity-fed to the residents and businesses of Cambridge, MA.

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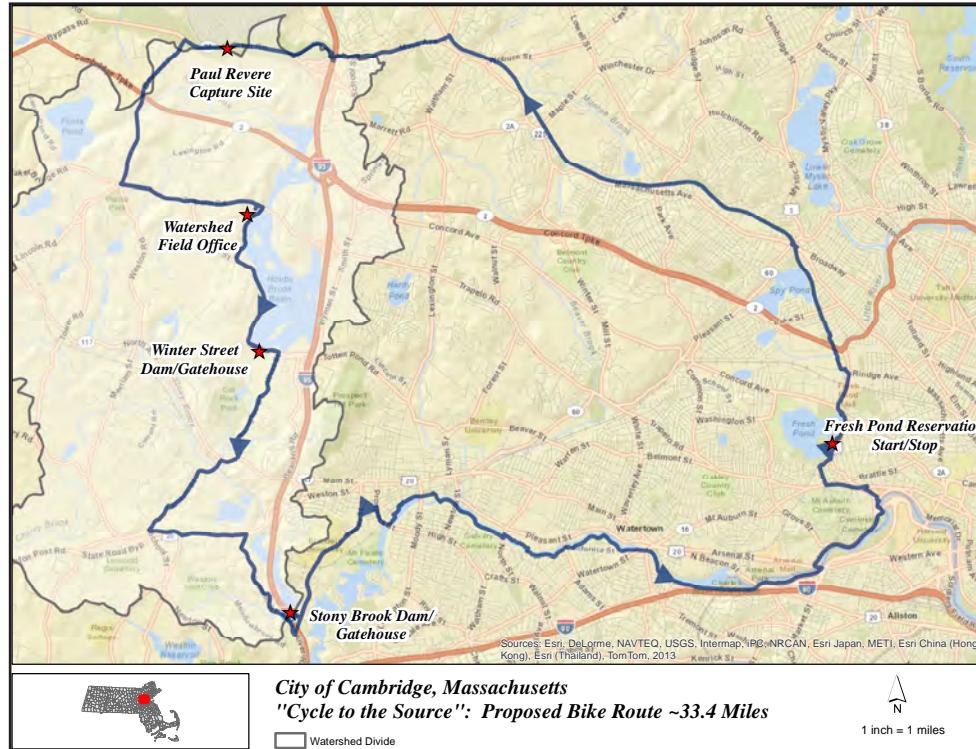
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*Cambridge Watershed Bike Tour
Saturday, October 19, 2013
8 am - 4 pm
250 Fresh Pond Parkway
Cambridge, MA 02138*

What is it?

The Cycle to the Source Cambridge Watershed Bike Tour is an athletic-style interactive tour of the Cambridge watershed (the region of land that the Cambridge Water Department [CWD] collects water from for treatment and distribution to the City of Cambridge). The approximately 33.4 mile bike tour loops through the watershed, with stops at the CWD Field Office, Winter Street Dam and Gatehouse, Stony Brook Dam and Gatehouse, and Paul Revere Capture site. At the stops, CWD staff will give short presentations and answer questions regarding where the water comes from, how it is collected, and what steps and precautions the Department takes to ensure its safety.



How do I register?

Advanced registration is required for all tour participants.

To register, please contact Katie at kbooras@cambridgema.gov or call 617-349-7712. Space is limited, so sign up early to make sure that spots are available.

Participants **must** be comfortable with the 33.4 mile distance and must provide their own bike (road or hybrid), helmet, and lunch.

Discounted bike rentals will be available from Urban AdvenTours. As a matter of safety, participants without the proper equipment will not be allowed on the tour. Participants who are not capable of completing the entire distance are strongly discouraged from attending.

Registration closes on **October 15, 2013**. Participants will be sent detailed information regarding tour logistics upon registration. The tour is free and open to the public.

Where is it?

The tour will take cyclists from the Walter J. Sullivan Purification Facility at **250 Fresh Pond Parkway** in Cambridge, MA, to the watershed lands and reservoirs in Lincoln, Lexington, Weston, and Waltham. The tour will end back at the Purification Facility in Cambridge.

The tour will take place on **Saturday, October 19, 2013** from **8 am - 4 pm**. In the event of rain, the tour will be held on **Sunday, October 20th**.

Technical support for the tour will be provided by Urban AdvenTours.

