

**Fresh Pond Reservation  
Interim Signage Plan 2012-2013  
Project Summary**

**Goals**

The goals of the Interim Signage Plan are to ensure that signs throughout Fresh Pond Reservation are in good condition and that they clearly communicate necessary information. The plan aims to ensure that all signs are posted in appropriate locations, are an appropriate size, conform to Fresh Pond Master Plan Signage Standards, and provide consistent and current information. This Interim Signage Plan gives the public an opportunity to comment and make suggestions that can be incorporated into the final signage plan.

**Implementation**

Implementation of this plan involved taking inventory of all existing permanent and temporary signs throughout Fresh Pond Reservation and in storage, identifying signs that need to come down, signs in need of replacement, and signs that need to be revised either in content or design. Content, size, material, number and location of new signs were specified and reviewed by the Cambridge Water Department (CWD). Then new signs were made and installed by the CWD's Watershed Division. In addition to signs, new bulletin boards are being installed in three locations: at Black's Nook, behind the gravel shed at Kingsley Park and outside the Welcome Center at the Water Treatment Plant. The purpose of these bulletin boards is to enhance public access to relevant information. Bulletin boards at Black's Nook and the Welcome Center will be used to post relevant information about restoration work, plants and wildlife, public programs offered through the CWD and the Friends of Fresh Pond, public meetings and volunteer opportunities. The space behind the gravel shed at Kingsley Park will be used to post Norms of Behavior, a map of the Cambridge Watershed and a map of Fresh Pond Reservation. Wooden sandwich board signs will be used at all major entrances to announce CWD public meetings and major events.

**Signs**

105 new signs have been installed. Many old signs were removed due to poor quality or inconsistent message. Signs at restoration areas were changed to maintain a consistent message and design. 'Dog Regulations at Fresh Pond' signs posted on Mutt Mitt dispensers were modified in content and design to enhance clarity and readability. 'No Trespassing' signs along the perimeter fence were removed due to poor condition and inconsistent design and content. New signs on the perimeter fence are now all identical. Rules and regulations posted at Black's Nook, Lusitania Meadow and Maher Park have been replaced with Norms of Behavior, which were written as part of the Fresh Pond Reservation Shared Use Process. Additional Norms of Behavior signs will be posted at the bottom of the Golf Course Clubhouse, at the path at the corner of Huron Avenue and Fresh Pond Parkway and behind the gravel shed at Kingsley Park. New temporary signs are in use along the Perimeter Road to alert the public on the day of every high school cross-country race.

**Materials**

Most signs have been made in-house by the CWD. This has allowed flexibility to make changes as needed. Signs at restoration areas have been printed on paper, laminated and mounted on plywood. Remaining signs are printed on waterproof Tyvek and mounted on either plywood or PVC boards. Aluminum 'No Trespassing' signs installed on the perimeter fence were custom made.

**Additional Materials**

Poison Ivy signs posted on the perimeter fence were replaced with information sheets, which are available inside the Welcome Center. Copies of dog regulations posted at Mutt Mitt dispensers are also be available at the Welcome Center.

**Review and Comment Period**

Comments and suggestions from Fresh Pond users are welcome through June 30th, 2013.

Write to [fpr@cambridgema.gov](mailto:fpr@cambridgema.gov) or mail a response to:

Chip Norton, Watershed Manager

Cambridge Water Department

250 Fresh Pond Parkway

Cambridge, MA 02138



# Fresh Pond Reservation Interim Signage Plan Signage Inventory 2012-2013



1 (66) No Trespassing 18"X18"

## Dog Regulations at Fresh Pond

These city ordinances (6.04, 13.12) and state regulations (310 CMR 22.20B) protect the water supply and wildlife habitat, while also ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all. Thank you for observing these rules while visiting Fresh Pond with your dog.

1. Keep your dog on a leash no more than 6 feet long.  
You may walk your dog off-leash *only* if you meet *all* of the following criteria:
  - your dog has a current and visible Cambridge license
  - you keep your dog within your sight at all times
  - your dog responds quickly when called
  - you walk your dog on-leash in parking lots
  - you are walking no more than 3 dogs.
2. Clean up after your dog. Bags and trash barrels are provided throughout the Reservation.
3. Make sure your dog has a current and visible license (if over 6 months old).
4. Keep your dog out of restoration areas as indicated by signs and fences.
5. Do not allow your dog to hurt, harass, or jump on people or other dogs.
6. Do not allow your dog to chase wildlife or other dogs.
7. Report all dog bites to Cambridge Animal Commission and Chief Ranger, if available.

Non-compliance can result in fines of up to \$50 per offense.

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Interim Signage: August 2012

2 (10) Dog Regulations 11.875" X 15"

## Weir Meadow Fresh Pond Reservation

Welcome to the Weir Meadow at Fresh Pond Reservation.

This meadow is a wildlife nesting area, stormwater management system and wildflower restoration area.

 Please enjoy this area while staying on established paths and mowed grass.

Thank you for your help as we work to keep Fresh Pond Reservation beautiful. Questions? Contact Chip Norton at: (617)349-4781 [fnorton@cambridgema.gov](mailto:fnorton@cambridgema.gov)



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3 (1) Weir Meadow 11" X 17"

# Glacken Slope Restoration

This landscape restoration aims to stabilize the slope, improve drainage, reduce runoff and restore habitat.

In order to allow vegetation to get fully established, access will be restricted through the use of temporary fencing.



Please use caution while remaining outside the fence.

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4 (6) Glacken Slope 11" x 17"

# Stream C Woodland Restoration

This woodland has been restored to improve habitat quality. In order to maintain healthy vegetation...



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5 (2) Stream C 11" x 17"

## Welcome to Little Fresh Pond at Fresh Pond Reservation

This area is open for use by **all** visitors with and without dogs.

**Dog Owners:** Please clean up after your dog (bags and trash barrels are provided) and keep your dog under your control at all times.

Dogs may swim off leash at Little Fresh Pond *provided that:*

1. Each dog (no more than 3 per person) has a valid and visible Cambridge license
2. Dogs stay within your sight and quickly obey commands
3. Dogs are kept out of restoration areas as indicated by signs and fences

For further information refer to *Dog Regulations at Fresh Pond* signs posted at all Mutt Mitt dispensers.



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6 (1) Little Fresh Pond 24" X 24"

# Black's Nook Site Improvements

This area has been restored for use as an outdoor classroom and a place for quiet contemplation and wildlife

Please observe the following rules during your visit:

**No dogs allowed in this area except for service dogs**

**Stay on pathways and platforms**

**Cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited**

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7 (2) Black's Nook 11" x 17"

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8 (2) Black's Nook Dogs 8.5" x 14"

## Welcome to Fresh Pond Reservation

JOIN US IN MAINTAINING A HEALTHY HABITAT FOR OUR WATER SUPPLY, WILDLIFE, PEOPLE AND DOGS:

Be aware of and considerate of others

Stay on trails, roadways and designated grassy areas

Keep right, pass left and give way to the slowest user

When stopped on the path, move to the side

When part of a group, make room for others to pass

**Cyclists** Bike slowly, at jogging speed or less  
Let others know when you are passing

**Dog owners** Clean up after your dog  
Off-leash dogs must stay within your sight and quickly obey commands  
Keep dogs on leash in designated areas

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**Runners** Give a wide berth to others



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9 (2) Fresh Pond Reservation 24" X 24"

## Welcome to Black's Nook at Fresh Pond Reservation

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## Welcome to Maher Park at Fresh Pond Reservation

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**10** (1) Black's Nook Entrance 24" X 24"

**11** (1) Maher Entrance Park 24" X 24"

## Welcome to Butterfly Meadow at Fresh Pond Reservation

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**12** (1) Butterfly Entrance 24" X 24"

# Butterfly Meadow Fresh Pond Reservation

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# Lusitania Meadow Fresh Pond Reservation

Welcome to Lusitania Wet Meadow at Fresh Pond Reservation.

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**13** (2) Butterfly Meadow 11" x 17"

**14** (3) Lusitania 11" x 17"

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**15** (1) Lusitania Entrance 11" x 17"

# Stream C Woodland Restoration

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## Lusitania Woodland Habitat Restoration Project

This section of the woods is the site of a Friends of Fresh Pond Reservation volunteer project.



One goal of the project is to demonstrate that volunteers on a limited budget can restore a degraded woodland to a healthy condition. The long-range goal is to create woodland ecosystems that can support and sustain populations of native plants and animals.

Participants, with the support of the Cambridge Water Department, are removing invasive weeds and diseased trees 50 to 80 feet into the woods. They will soon begin planting native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers, some of which are in the small nursery along the side of the Water Department facing the Pond. Many other plants have been started from seeds, rooted from cuttings, or produced by dividing mature plants.



Young trees and understory plants are easily damaged: we ask that you enjoy this area from the road and that dogs be kept under control and not allowed to run in the woods.



**A** future Bulletin Board:  
Ranger Station, Water Department



**B** future Bulletin Board:  
Gravel Shed, Kingsley Park



**C** new Bulletin Board:  
Black's Nook



**D** Bulletin Board:  
Maher Park

