

April Words of Wisdom

april 2018
@ Fresh Pond Reservation
all events are free & open to the public!



Robert Frost at his desk on Brewster St. here in Cambridge (1944)

Nothing Gold Can Stay by Robert Frost

Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.

Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to greif,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.

Save the Date: Fresh Pond Day 2018 Saturday, June 9th from 11:00am to 3:00pm



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. Join in the festivities! Live wildlife presentations, parade, live music, facepainting, truck climb-boards, tours and more will abound, and - it's free and open to all!

News from the Cambridge Animal Commission: 2018 Dog Licenses Valid 4-1-2018 to 3-31-2019

State law requires that all dogs over 6 months have a current dog license. The dog license period in Cambridge runs from April 1 of current year to March 31 of following year. Cambridge residents can apply for or renew their dog's license online or download the paper application and renew via mail or in person, following instructions on the respective form.

The fee for a dog license for a spayed/neutered dog is \$10, or \$30 for a dog that is not spayed or neutered. Dog licenses are renewed annually. The fine for an unlicensed dog is \$50.

In order to obtain a dog license, owners must have a current rabies vaccination. Dogs can be vaccinated at the veterinarian's office, at clinics held at some pet stores, or low cost clinics held periodically.



Mondays
10am to 11am

Tuesdays
Between
9:30am and
1pm

Wednesdays
Noon to
1:30pm

Thursdays
10am to Noon
&
Mondays
April 16th,
23rd, and 30th
5:30pm to
7:30pm

Ongoing Weekly Opportunities

Weekly Walk for Health

Meets at the Ranger Station, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

Start your week off right with a weekly fitness walk! Join us as we walk the perimeter of the pond (2.25 miles). Meet other park goers, get some exercise, and together notice what's happening on the Reservation. All ages and abilities are welcome! Feel free to contact Catherine Pedemonti at friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com with any questions.

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 Air Walks

Meets at the Ranger Station, 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! Rain or shine. Questions? Contact: tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov

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.



= Open Volunteer Opportunity

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Public Programming

**Friday
April 6th
10am to 11am**

Nature Storytime with Cambridge Public Library

Meets at Country Kitchen, lower level of Neville Place (back building), 650 Concord Ave.

Join us as we welcome Cambridge Public Library's children's librarian Margaret Macri for nature story time at Fresh Pond! We will read about what humans and wildlife do during this time of year. Bring warm clothes and go for a walk after story time is over. The Fayerweather Street School (265 Concord Ave.) has kindly offered us the use of their parking, allow an extra 10 minutes to walk from this location. Please feel free to contact Catherine Pedemonti at friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com to RSVP or for parking information.

**Saturday
April 7th
9am to 11am**

Migratory Bird Walk #1

Meeting place given upon registration

Among the migrating birds that are passing through at this time of year, we might see several species of waterfowl as well as songbirds, including a variety of warblers. In addition, many of our summer residents will have returned: tree swallows, catbirds, phoebes, vireos, orioles, grackles and red-winged blackbirds. Beginning birders are welcome. We have binoculars to lend and will show you how to use them. Led by Nancy Guppy. Register with Catherine Pedemonti at friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com

**Monday
April 9th
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
April 13th
10:30am to
11:30am**

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

**Thursday
April 19th
11am to 3pm**

Fresh Ponding: A Look at Pond Life

Meets on-location at Black's Nook

Take part in the Cambridge Science Festival and come to Black's Nook, a section of Fresh Pond Reservation, to take a closer look at water. Rangers will be there to help look for and identify the macro- and micro-wildlife that inhabit our city waters. Drop in for a bit or stay as long as you like, maybe even complete the 2.25mi stroll around Fresh Pond! Contact tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov for questions or directions.

Science in the City

Happening at Cambridge City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue

Join City of Cambridge departments as we take over City Hall and turn it into a Science Fair for the day! Play, learn, and create with us from noon to 3pm on Friday, April 20th. All participants in our scavenger hunts will get a prize! All you adults, participate and you'll be entered to win a Fitbit! Contact Cambridge Community Development (617) 349-4600 for more information.

Migratory Bird Walk #2

Meeting place given upon registration

Part of the thrill of birding is that every bird walk is unique and an opportunity for surprise sightings. We can only guess in advance what we might see and hear. At this time of year many of the birds at Fresh Pond are courting and claiming territories, so we will probably hear plenty of bird song. We welcome beginners, and we will lend you binoculars. Led by Nancy Guppy. Register with Catherine Pedemonti at friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com.

Animal Detectives: Frogs

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

April's spotlight is on the frog. Come this Earth Day and see what it takes to be a frog as we explore 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 prior to Thursday, April 19th.

City Nature Challenge 2018 BioBlitz

Meets on-location at Lusitania Wet Meadow & Black's Nook

Join Earthwatch scientists for our kickoff event for the Boston Area City Nature Challenge at Fresh Pond in Cambridge, MA! Drs. Stan Rullman and Mark Chandler will guide us through an exploration of the urban wildlife of Fresh Pond Reservation's Black's Nook and Lusitania Meadow. We'll comb through and document the flora and fauna of Black's Nook and the Lusitania Meadow using the iNaturalist app. Wear sturdy shoes and bring your smartphone! Contact jrogers@cambridgeMA.gov for more information.

Kids, Bugs, Art

Meets at Maynard Ecology Center, basement level of Neville Place, 650 Concord Ave.

Join us for a fun afternoon of art and citizen science! Come and make a puppet of a local insect - younger kids can make hummingbird and clearwing moth finger puppets, while older kids or adult/child pairs can help to make parade butterflies and moths for Fresh Pond Day and other local parades. We will also look for wildlife species and upload whatever we find to iNaturalist on the spot as part of a global citizen science project. Co-sponsored by Cambridge Wildlife Puppetry Project and funded by Cambridge Arts Council. To RSVP or for question email CambridgeWildlifePuppets@gmail.com (We still need volunteers! Visit <https://goo.gl/forms/NEPntI7qAsBcUEoi2> if you're interested!)

**Friday
April 20th
Noon to 3pm**

**Saturday
April 21st
8am to 10am**

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

**Saturday
April 28th
9am to 10:15am
@Lusitania
10:30am to Noon
@Black's Nook**

**Sunday
April 29th
1pm to 3pm**



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Questions? Volunteers?

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