

august 2018

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

 = Open Volunteer Opportunity

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.


**Visit our Monarchs
in the Ranger Station!**
Release Aug. 19th

Evening 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.

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

*Does not meet on Wednesday August 1st

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

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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.

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Wednesday
August 15th
9:30am to
Noon

Birds' World by Earthwise Aware

Meets outside the Ranger Station at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

What are birds really? Discuss birds' classification, behavior, their ecology, and importance. Learn how to sketch and describe birds in a Nature journal (and where to share our observations). Observe and practice how to spot (including how to master binoculars and scope), and how to identify our local birds by sound, shape, flight, behavior and more... Learn how to sketch and describe the birds that we see, without forgetting to observe and record the other species around. Recommended 14+, it's an RSVP event. We favor event quality over attendance quantity, so this is a limited size participants event. To reserve your spot, email Claire (at Claire.Oneill@earthwiseaware.org) or register directly to this event here » <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ewa-at-fresh-pond-birds-world-tickets-48176890376>

Friday
August 17th
11am to Noon

Seasonal Walkabout at Black's Nook

Meets at Maher Park (650 Concord Ave)

Come out for a seasonal walkabout with Ranger Jean at Black's Nook. 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.

Friday
August 17th
6:30pm to
8:30pm

Fresh Pond Bat Walk

Registration Required (Rain date: Sat. Aug 18th)

*Does not meet on Wednesday July 4th

At dusk, bats leave their roosts to feed on flying insects. Join Pete Mellor and park staff for an indoor talk followed by a walk at Fresh Pond Reservation. Aided by a detector that amplifies the bats' otherwise inaudible high-frequency chirps, bat watchers can monitor and catalogue the species that call the City of Cambridge home. Group size is limited, please send reservation request to citybatwalk@gmail.com All Ages. Service dogs only.

Sunday
August 19th
2pm to
3:30pm

5th Annual Monarch Butterfly Release Celebration



Meets at the Ranger Station, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

Reservation staff are raising Monarch butterfly caterpillars for release at Fresh Pond! This butterfly species is under threat, and we're acting to raise awareness about the importance of habitat protection and ecological stewardship at Fresh Pond. Join us to celebrate the growth of our monarch caterpillars into beautiful butterflies, and wish them luck on their long migration to Mexico. A family-friendly parade, open to all (costumes and noisemakers welcome) will take us from the Water Treatment Facility to a native meadow, where we'll send our butterflies off into the flowers. Feel free to just meet us at the meadow too! Volunteers needed to help with decorations, crafts, and costumes. Contact Ranger Tim at (617) 349-6489 or tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov.

Tuesday
August 21st
5:30pm to
7:30pm

A Walk on the Wild (Edibles) Side: Fresh Pond Edition with Russ Cohen

Meets at the front door, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

The area in and around Cambridge is home to over 50 species of edible wild plants, some of which are more nutritious and/or flavorful than their cultivated counterparts. Many of these species grow within the Fresh Pond Reservation. While gathering wild edibles is not permitted within the Reservation, it is a good place to learn about them. Many of these same species can readily be found elsewhere in Cambridge, perhaps even in your own backyard. Join Russ Cohen, expert forager and author of *Wild Plants I Have Known...and Eaten*, for a two-hour ramble at Fresh Pond to learn about at least 18 species of edible wild plants. Please email tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov to RSVP.

Sunday
August 26th
11am to
Noon

Animal Detectives: The Insect Olympics

Meets at the front door, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

August's spotlight is on the world of insects. They're everywhere and full of hidden talents, let's explore together 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, August 23rd.

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