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

PUBLIC PROGRAMMING



Tuesdays
Noon to
1:30pm

Tuesdays
Between
9:30am
and 1pm

Thursdays
10am to
Noon

Friday
Oct. 4th
11am to Noon

Sunday
Oct. 6th
8am to 10am

Sunday
Oct. 6th
10am to Noon

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

Woodland Restoration Area Gardening

Meets at the Woodland Habitat (Near the Lusitania Wet Meadow)

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 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.

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

Migratory Bird Walk

Register for location and parking information

We will look for migrating songbirds and waterfowl that have stopped at Fresh Pond to rest and feed on their way south for the winter. We also may see a variety of year-round avian residents. Beginners are welcome! We have binoculars to lend and will show you how to use them. Led by Nancy Guppy. To register, for important parking information, and for notice of cancellation due to weather, email Catherine Pedemonti at friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com.

Get Ready to Fly in the Honk! Parade with Green Cambridge

Meets at the Ranger Station, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway (crafting will take place indoors)

Come build, sew or construct a costume, mask, or puppet of a local species of animal or plant, in preparation for marching with Green Cambridge in the Honk! Parade. Make your own to keep, or contribute to our "stable" of wildlife that Green Cambridge invites families to wear in festivals and parades to celebrate our habitats and ecosystem in Cambridge. For ALL ages: children, grandparents, caregivers, parents, unaccompanied adults. No unaccompanied children under 12, please. Free registration at getreadytofly.eventbrite.com

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October 2019

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Monday
Oct. 7th
6pm to
7:30pm

Friday
Oct. 11th
1pm to 3pm

Saturday Oct. 12th
&
Sunday Oct. 13th
Noon to 4pm

Sunday Oct. 20th
&
Monday Oct. 28th
6:30pm to 8pm

Saturday
Oct. 26th
1pm to 3pm

Sunday
Oct. 26th
2pm to
4:30pm

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.

Hike & Sketch

Register for meeting location (different areas each month)

This is a fun series! We share together how to create, illustrate and maintain a Naturalist & Field journal. This includes practicing sketching, nature illustration skills, recording field observations, and simply writing about what we see, including how we feel. The series runs the first Friday of the month. Over the year, we explore a few sites of the reservoir and cover ecology, phenology, birds, insects, mammals and the many critters that make the different habitats of Fresh Pond. Please bring your own (portable) art supplies, and RSVP on Eventbrite (<https://bit.ly/2HNcR6r>) because space is limited.

Milkweed "Blowout" Giveaway Weekend

Meets at the Ranger Station, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

Two dates!

In addition to annually raising and releasing monarch butterflies, Fresh Pond's Monarch Butterfly Project also promotes healthy monarch habitat. From Noon to 4:00PM on the weekend of October 12th & 13th, stop by the ranger station to pick up FREE milkweed seeds to take home and plant or to give to a friend. Seeds scattered in the fall will germinate over the winter and begin sprouting in the spring. This is something that anyone can do to help the butterflies. Remember: save the milkweed, save the monarchs!

The Night Shift at Fresh Pond - Great-horned Owls

Meets in the main lobby (front door), 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

Two dates!

Fresh Pond is frequented by many different people and animals, but our owls have garnered the most curiosity. In this indoor presentation hear the story of the famous owlet of 2018, learn what happened to the two owlets of 2019, see some rare owl artifacts, and find out what Fresh Pond is doing to keep our resident Great-horned owls happy and healthy. No pets, please. Parking passes available. Contact Ranger Tim for more details at tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov

Do the Duck Walk

Register for parking and meeting information

Fresh Pond Reservation is an attractive resting place for a variety of birds – especially waterfowl – during the fall migration. We will use a telescope to get good looks at ducks on the water, and binoculars to look at songbirds. We have binoculars to lend and will show you how to use them. Beginners are welcome. To register, for important parking information, and for notice of cancellation due to weather, email Catherine Pedemonti at friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com.

Fascinating Fungi of Fresh Pond

Register for parking and meeting information

Mycologist Lawrence Millman has identified over 320 mushroom species at Fresh Pond Reservation alone. For the past 13 years he has led Fresh Pond mushroom forays that give participants the chance to add to this list as well as learn more about the world of fungi. Fresh Pond Reservation's "no harvesting" regulation will be emphasized at this event. Mr. Millman is the author of Fascinating Fungi of New England, the first guidebook devoted exclusively to New England mushrooms. To register and for important parking information, email Catherine Pedemonti at friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com.

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