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

PUBLIC PROGRAMMING

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.

Fresh Air Walks

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

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

Hike & Sketch

Register for meeting location (different target area each month)

In this fun series we share 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 and 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; because space is limited, please RSVP on Eventbrite (<https://bit.ly/33Zo23a>)

Seasonal Walkabout at the Lusitania Meadow

Meets at the "meeting rocks" [where the meadow meets the main trail]

[Note the change of day] 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. Service dogs only, please. To RSVP, please contact Ranger Jean at (508) 562-7605 or email jrogers@cambridgeMA.gov, heavy rain/snow postpones to the following Thursday.

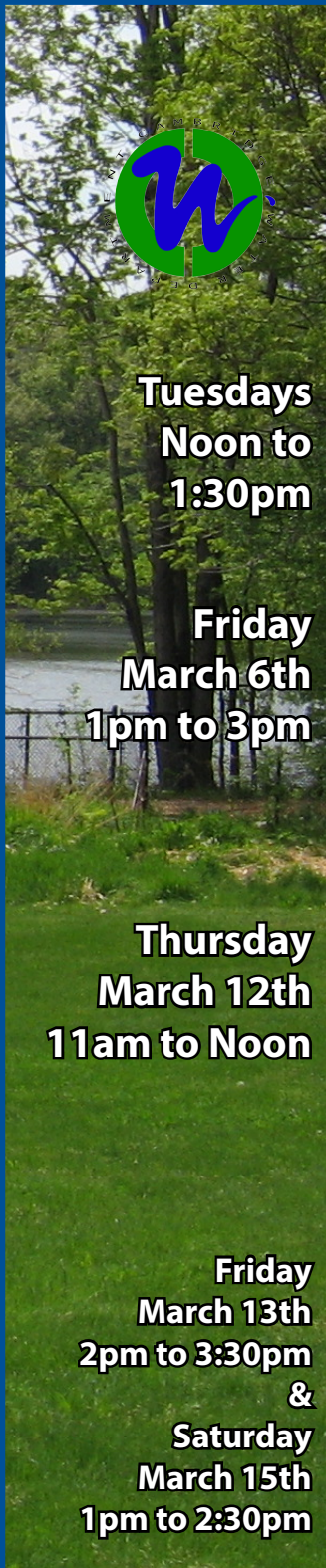
TREES in Meadows!

Two Dates!

Register for meetin glocation and details

Join Ranger Jean for an activity-based exploration of trees and the role they play in a meadow habitat. Notice their winter characteristics and what to look for as spring unfolds. Includes off trail areas. Come dressed to be outside and actively participate. Bring binoculars if you have them. Limited to 12 adults. Service dogs only please. Register to jrogers@cambridgeMA.gov for location, parking and rain plan details.

more on the back...



Tuesdays
Noon to
1:30pm

Friday
March 6th
1pm to 3pm

Thursday
March 12th
11am to Noon

Friday
March 13th
2pm to 3:30pm
&
Saturday
March 15th
1pm to 2:30pm

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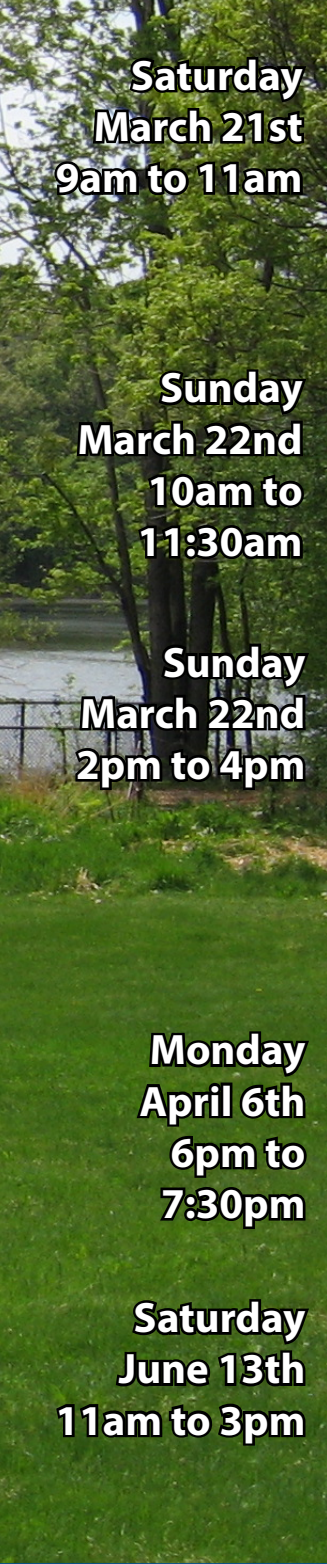
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Reservation**
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**Saturday
March 21st
9am to 11am**

Welcome Spring Bird Walk

Register for parking and meeting information, and for notice of cancellation due to weather

Spring is here, and migrating birds are arriving at Fresh Pond. Some will stay for the breeding season, others will rest and eat before continuing their northward journey. The new arrivals and our year-round residents soon will be busy building nests and defending territories. We may see a variety of migrating waterfowl on the ponds as well as songbirds in trees. Beginners are welcome! We have binoculars to lend and will show you how to use them. To register, email Joanne Mullan at friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com

**Sunday
March 22nd
10am to
11:30am**

The Signs of Spring, Big and Small

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

The Vernal Equinox is officially on March 19th and even if it does not feel Spring-like outside, the evidence is all around us. Walk with a ranger and notice the proof that indeed Spring has Sprung. This walk will go on and off-trail. Service dogs only, please. For questions please contact Ranger Tim at tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov

**Sunday
March 22nd
2pm to 4pm**

Citizen Science Findings at Fresh Pond 2019: Gearing up for 2020

Meets at the Water Treatment Plant (front door), 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

It's in the news: our insects are the quiet victims of both the climate and the ecological crises. Also revealed this past year is how their decline badly affects Earth's ecosystems and the species that depend upon them (including humans). Come see what volunteer citizen scientists saw, discovered, and recorded at Fresh Pond this past year. Because insects are understudied, this also means that there is a ton that we can do to help. The good news is that you can really make a difference (yes, you!). Our growing community of citizen scientists and volunteers demonstrate this continuously and we are continuing the program this year. Join us and learn how you can help. For questions contact Claire at citizenscience@earthwiseware.org.

**Monday
April 6th
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.

**Saturday
June 13th
11am to 3pm**

Fresh Pond Day 2020

Save the Date!

This is our annual celebration of water, sustainability, and community. Come to Fresh Pond to see live entertainment, hands-on activities, tours, crafts, music, and more! Questions about the event? Want to help out? Contact Ranger Tim at tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov.

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