

december 2018

@ 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

Last Chance (in 2018) Bird Walk

Register for location and parking information

The parade of migrating waterfowl at Fresh Pond continues into early winter. By December, the long-distance flyers such as canvasbacks and redheads have arrived, and all three merganser species may be present. We'll use a telescope to identify birds on the water, and we'll use binoculars to look at over-wintering songbirds in the trees. Dress warmly; it can be very cold and windy near the water! Beginners are welcome. We have binoculars to lend and will show you how to use them. Led by Nancy Guppy. To register and for parking and meeting information, e-mail Catherine Pedemonti at friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com.

Historical Photo Walk: Kingsley Park

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

Have you ever wanted to look through a window back in time? With over 300 years of documented history, Fresh Pond has quite the storied past. Join the Cambridge Rangers as we walk around Kingsley Park at Fresh Pond Reservation and learn from the perspectives of several historic photos. Open to all audiences, service dogs only please. For questions or more information contact Ranger Tim at tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov.

Seasonal Walkabout @ 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. Service dogs only, please.

more on the back...

Wednesdays
Noon to
1:30pm

Saturday
Dec. 1st
1pm to 3pm

Sunday
Dec. 9th
Noon to 1pm

Thursday
Dec. 13th
11am to Noon

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**Sunday
Dec. 16th
10am to Noon**

**Sunday
Dec. 23rd
2:30pm to
4:30pm**

**Interested in
Volunteering?**

**December
Nature Notes**

Urban Animal Tracking at Fresh Pond

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

Ever wonder about the tracks you see? Animal tracking contains a lot more than just footprints. Join Ranger Tim as we observe the hidden streets of Cambridge and read the stories written in the earth. Open to all audiences, no experience needed. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes... this walk goes wherever the tracks lead us! Service dogs only, please. Questions? Contact: tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov.

Winter Solstice Celebration: A Farewell to Fall

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

...And a Welcome to Winter! Join Ranger Tim on this guided loop walk around Fresh Pond (2.25-2.5mi) as we explore and take part in the solstice traditions of nature and culture along the way; a great way to jump into the holiday spirit. Open to all audiences. Rain or shine, dress for the weather at hand. tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov for quesitons.

Get hands on and give back to the land! Regular opportunities still available on Tuesdays (9:30-1) and Thursdays (10-Noon) until the weather stops us. Contact Ranger Tim at tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov to find out more!

Birds of Different Feathers Flock Together

At this point in the year, most of our migratory birds have fled south in search of greener pastures. But, that does not mean some didn't stay behind. Many of Massachusetts' winter birds exhibit an interesting behavior called "mixed winter flocking." Our common year-round resident birds form motley gangs that usually consist of a pair of each species.

This behavior is beneficial to the group, as each species has different abilities to offer and in many instances they are foraging for different food types. Our state bird, the Black-capped Chickadee, usually takes leadership of the flock. Downy Woodpeckers and White-breasted Nuthatches are able to leave their comfort-zones knowing that many eyes are looking out for the group's safety; these birds usually forage alone in fairer weather.

Keep your eyes peeled for this cast of characters throughout the winter:

Downy Woodpecker



Black-capped Chickadee



Tufted Titmouse



White-breasted Nuthatch



Northern Cardinal



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