

december 2019

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

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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.

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 Air Walks

Meets at the Ranger Station, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

[Note: we will not meet on the weeks of 12/24 and 12/31]

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! Parking passes available. Rain or shine. Questions? Contact: tpuopolocambridgeMA.gov

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.

Last Chance (in 2019) 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.

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**Sunday
Dec. 8th
Noon to
1:30pm**

**Friday
Dec. 13th
11am to Noon**

**Saturday
Dec. 21st
2:30pm to
4:30pm**

**December
Nature Notes**

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. In case of inclement weather this program will be run indoors. Stop in for hot chocolate afterward! 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.

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 questions.

Coyotes are active at dawn and dusk

The Eastern Coyote is a predator native to this area of Massachusetts. They are by nature crepuscular (not nocturnal or diurnal) which means they are most active at dawn and dusk. As opportunists and omnivores, a coyote's diet consists of acorns, berries, mice, rats, rabbits, squirrels, raccoons, and potentially house cats and small-breed dogs. Coyotes do not regularly attempt to hunt large animals.

Fresh Pond Reservation is open to the public year-round from dawn to dusk. Please be aware of changing sunrise/sunset times when planning your visit. For your safety we request that all dogs are supervised closely along sections of unfenced woodlands.



Photo: an Eastern Coyote on the Fresh Pond Golf Course

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