

march 2019

@ 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.

Tuesdays
Noon to
1:30pm

Fresh Air Walks

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

[NOTE: Day change from Wednesdays to Tuesdays]

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

Mondays
March 11th
& March 25th
6pm to
7:30pm

How You Can Help Climate & Wildlife Scientists

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

Climate Change Science & Biodiversity Science need you and the information you can collect. And the good news is that you can easily and really make a difference! This is a crash course about participative science (a.k.a. citizen science), that is the active public involvement in scientific research. In this class, we introduce you to what citizen science is, why it is needed, where it is needed, how you can help (individually or joining some of our local projects including at the Fresh Pond Reservoir), and some of the tools to help.

Join us. It's fun & exciting. Let's make a difference together! For any question, contact Claire at claire.oneill@earthwiseaware.org Learn about Earthwise Aware » <https://www.earthwiseaware.org>

Friday
March 15th
11am to Noon

Seasonal Walkabout at Lusitania Wet Meadow

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

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 postpones to the following Friday.

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Sunday
March 17th
Noon to 4pm

Public Art Exhibit: "Reflections on Fresh Pond"

Inside the Lobby of the Water Treatment Plant, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

As an oasis to the busy city that surrounds it, Fresh Pond creates a creative atmosphere that touches us all in different ways. All are welcome to view the art in multiple forms inspired by Fresh Pond and submitted by visitors like you.

Submission still welcome, contact: tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov for more information. We are calling people of ALL AGES & CREATIVE CAPACITIES to share your Reflections on Fresh Pond. All media welcome –paint, print, a note scribbled on a napkin, photography, poems, a child's drawing, or performance of song or dance. Digital submissions also welcome for our rolling slideshow.

The one caveat-- all works must pertain to or derive inspiration from Fresh Pond.



Wednesday
March 21st
Noon to 1pm

The Vernal Equinox: The Signs of Spring Walk

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

To much of the wild world, the vernal equinox marks the start of the new year. Kick away your feelings of winter and walk with Ranger Tim as we explore about how we can observe the signs of spring with all five senses on our way through the reservation. For questions or more information contact: tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov

Sunday
March 31st
8am to 10am

Welcome Spring Bird Walk

Meeting place given upon registration

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, for important parking information, and for notice of cancellation due to weather, email Catherine Pedemonti at friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com

Monday
April 1st
6pm to
7:30pm

Spring in the City: One Bee, Two Bee, Red Bee, Blue Bee!

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

Once upon a springtime, apples were flowers and bees helped turn them into the sweet fruits that you love to pick and eat. But which bees? There are over 200 species in New England and they're wonderfully diverse in size, color, and behavior. In this talk, Nick Dorian, a second-year PhD student at Tufts, will teach you all about our native bees, with a focus on the spring-emerging bees you'll be able to find in Cambridge. You'll learn about basic bee biology, why our native bees are such efficient pollinators, and how you can provide flowers and shelter to make a difference in the life of a bee.

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