

RULES
&
REGULATIONS

1. All people are welcome to enjoy themselves without charge in these conservation areas of the Town from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.
2. No cars, trucks or other powered vehicles or tools are allowed without the consent of the Conservation Commission or their agent.
3. "No Hunting" or "No Fishing" signs will be posted if such is intended. If not posted, areas may be hunted or fished in season with license and in accord with applicable law.
4. In these areas, no person shall cut, break, remove, deface, defile or ill use any structure, fence, sign, or have possession of any part thereof. No growing trees, bushes, plants or flowers shall be defaced or cut nor shall trails be cut or marked, nor dams built nor any structure such as lean to, bridge, tower, or handrail be constructed without authorization of the Conservation Commission. No vegetation, either live or dead, shall be removed from these areas.
5. Soliciting, advertising and business activities are strictly prohibited within these areas.
6. Overnight camping in these areas may be permitted to organizations having an adult leader present at all times. Every group shall obtain prior written permission from the Conservation Commission, must obtain a fire permit if open fires are planned and must each time notify the Police Department and the Natural Resources Department of both exact dates of occupancy and identity of the accompanying responsible adult.
7. The Conservation Commission cannot assume for the Town, liability for injuries, damage to property or other loss to persons going on such areas, who assume all the risks involved.
8. Littering and/or dumping (leaves, brush, trash, etc.) within these areas is strictly prohibited.
9. Violations of these regulations may result in fines of up to \$300 for each offense. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

PLEASE-DO NOT LITTER
Beware of Poison Ivy & Poison Sumac
ABOVE ALL, LET NATURE MAKE ALL THE CHANGES.

Crab Creek Conservation Area

The Crab Creek Conservation Area is located on North Dennis Road in Yarmouthport. The trail winds its way along the shore of Crab Creek which connects Mill Pond to Follins Pond and eventually Bass River. This land was donated to the Town of Yarmouth by John G. Sears, Jr. in hopes of establishing open space within the town to be enjoyed by its inhabitants and guests.

This area has long been a favorite of crabbing enthusiasts with its abundance of blue crabs, *Callinectes sapidus*. Blue crabs measuring five (5) inches from point to point may be taken without a permit. However, a state permit is required when using traps or pots. There is also a state limit of fifty (50) crabs per person per day. The Town of Yarmouth further requires that all female blue crabs carrying egg masses beneath their belly flap be immediately returned to the waters upon capture. This is to assure that future stocks of blue crab will be available for all to enjoy.

Although the area is primarily used for crabbing, it has also been a good site for fishing. There have even been a few reports of legal striped bass, *Morone saxatilis* being taken. Other fish that are prevalent in the area at certain times of the year are herring, alewife, and white perch.

The Crab Creek Conservation Area also supports a variety of vegetation with an old bog to the north of the trail. This bog is presently undergoing successional changes and supports a great diversity of plant life as it moves toward a climax community. Some of the predominant species include: red maple, blueberry, poison ivy, greenbriar, cranberry and pitch pine. This area has a lot to offer to those who may choose to adventure off the beaten path.

CRAB CREEK CONSERVATION AREA



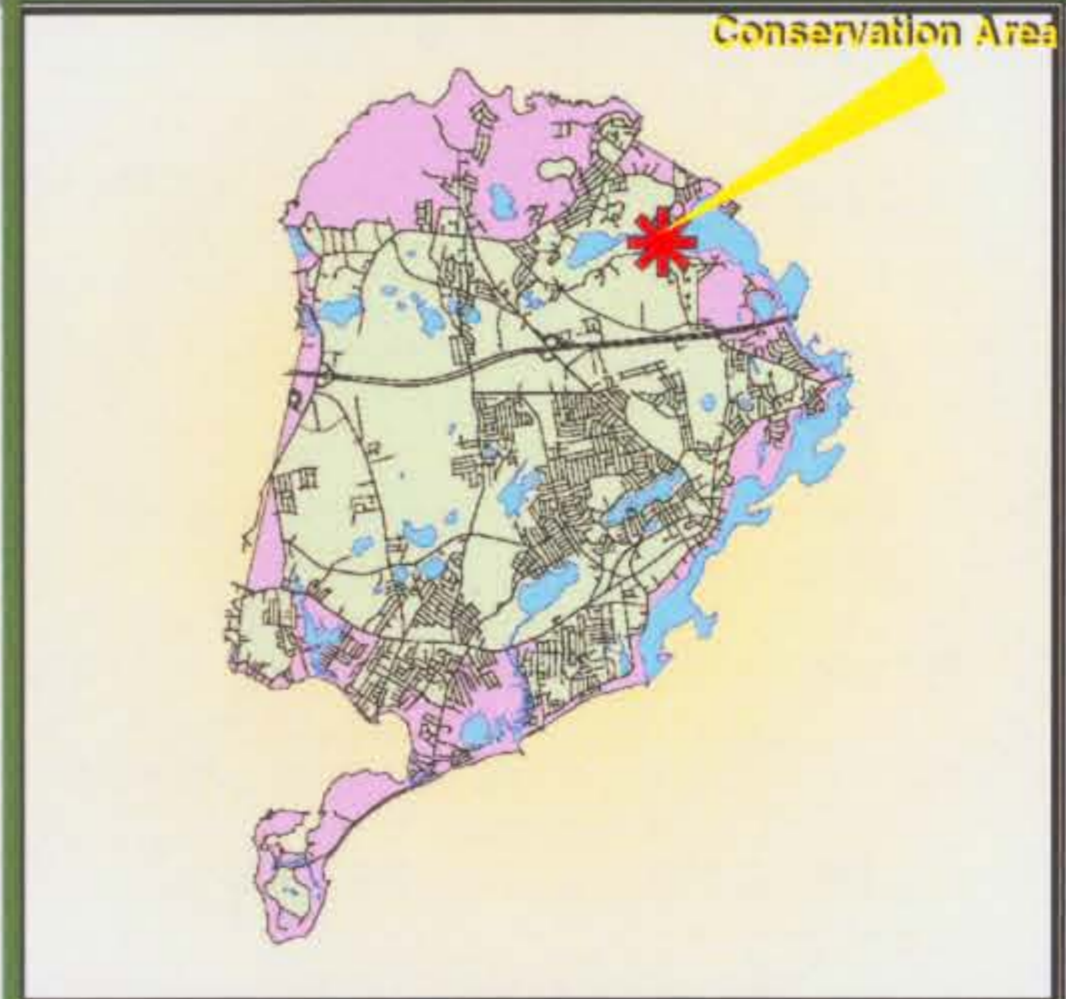
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Location: on North Dennis Road in Yarmouthport.

TOTAL TRAIL DISTANCE: 0.7 miles

- ### Legend
- Walking Trails
 - Lake
 - Hydro
 - Contour
 - Bench
 - Wetlands
 - Political Bounds
 - Parking Area



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