

RULES  
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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.

Meadowbrook Conservation Area

The Meadowbrook Conservation Area is located at the southern end of Meadowbrook Road in West Yarmouth. The area consists as brackish marsh, salt marsh and relic Atlantic white cedar swamp fronting on Swan Pond. A 310 foot boardwalk leads from the parking area to the north shore of Swan Pond. A large expanse of phragmites yield to salt water cattails and eventually salt marsh grasses. An ancient Atlantic white cedar stand occurs to the east of the boardwalk. The cedars died off long ago when the ebb and flow of Swan Pond was changed due to the re-construction of the Rt. 28 bridge at Parker's River. Longer periods of salt water residence time within Swan Pond had a profound effect upon most of the vegetation along the pond's perimeter.

The seaward end of the boardwalk offers a unique vista of the surrounding area. The boardwalk is completely handicapped assessable after a federal grant allowed the town to rebuild it in the late 1990's. River Herring and Alewives enter the pond from Parker's River and eventually climb fish ladders into Long Pond to the east for spawning. The Ospreys follow the migrating herring and nest near the pond. Striped Bass and Bluefish also follow the herring northward along the east coast into rivers and streams. Waterfowl are quite abundant. The change of the seasons brings migratory waterfowl and birds to the area. One of the first signs of spring is the familiar squeal of the red-winged blackbirds who love to roost within the cattails. The first signs of fall appear when the Tupelo trees along most of the pond's margin begin to turn crimson red. One of the most abundant plants within this area is Poison Ivy so please be careful.

# MEADOWBROOK CONSERVATION AREA



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Location: at the end of Meadowbrook Road, on the north shore of Swan Pond in West Yarmouth.

**BOARDWALK DISTANCE: 310 feet**

Note: The boardwalk is handicap accessible

## Legend

- Hydro
- Boardwalk
- Pond
- Contour
- Wetlands
- Parking Area



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