

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

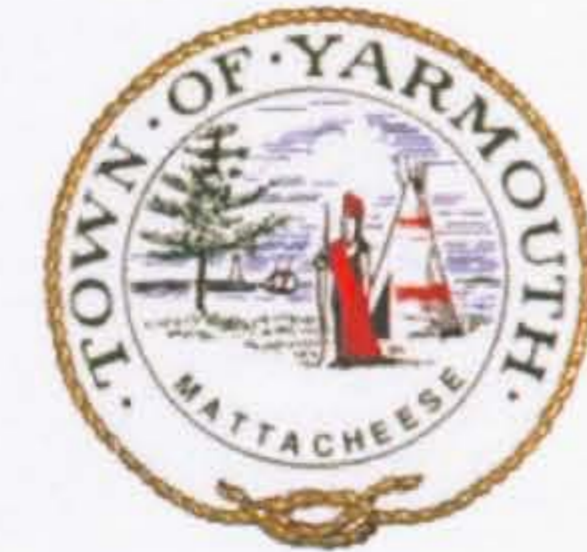
ABOVE ALL, LET NATURE MAKE ALL THE CHANGES.

Raymond J. Syrjala Conservation Area

The Raymond J. Syrjala Conservation Area is located on Winslow Gray Road in West Yarmouth and was named after one of the "charter members" of the Yarmouth Conservation Commission. The land was farmed, owned and conveyed to the town by the Kittila family of West Yarmouth. The Conservation Area is 15 acres in size and was acquired by the Town in June of 1981. The trail is approximately 3500 feet in length and forms a loop that passes through a rather wet environment. A man-made reservoir occurs to the east of the trail. The reservoir was created in order to store water for the now abandoned cranberry bogs to the south, adjacent to Parkers River. The "flume" is still operational today and is used to maintain the water levels within the reservoir. The reservoir also constitutes a portion of Plashes Brook which originates near the landfill and terminates at Parkers River. The trail traverses through Red Maple swamps as well as forested upland that exhibits successional Pitch Pine and Oak vegetation. Other vegetation includes Highbush Blueberry, Sweet Pepperbush, Gray Birch, Tupelo, Maleberry, Sheep Laurel, Huckleberry, Inkberry and Fetterbush. Greenbriar is abundant and is an excellent food source for deer. An occasional American Holly can be seen from the trail. Ground covers such as Canadian Mayflower, Teaberry and Starflower dot the herbaceous layer. Bracken Fern and Cinnamon Fern add greenery to the forest floor. Wildlife is abundant throughout the area. Migratory waterfowl often stop and rest in the reservoir during their seasonal treks. Upland species seen in the area include deer, fox, coyote, raccoon, skunk, opossum, rabbit, squirrels and various songbirds. Raptors such as hawks and osprey are often seen soaring high above the forest canopy. Wood ducks can sometimes be spotted in the reservoir. Wood duck nesting has occurred in this area over a number of years.

A connector trail to the large town owned cranberry bogs originates along the western portion of the main trail. The bogs are easily accessed for longer hikes and offer links to other Conservation trails such as Horse Pond and Little Sandy Pond.

# RAYMOND J. SYRJALA CONSERVATION AREA



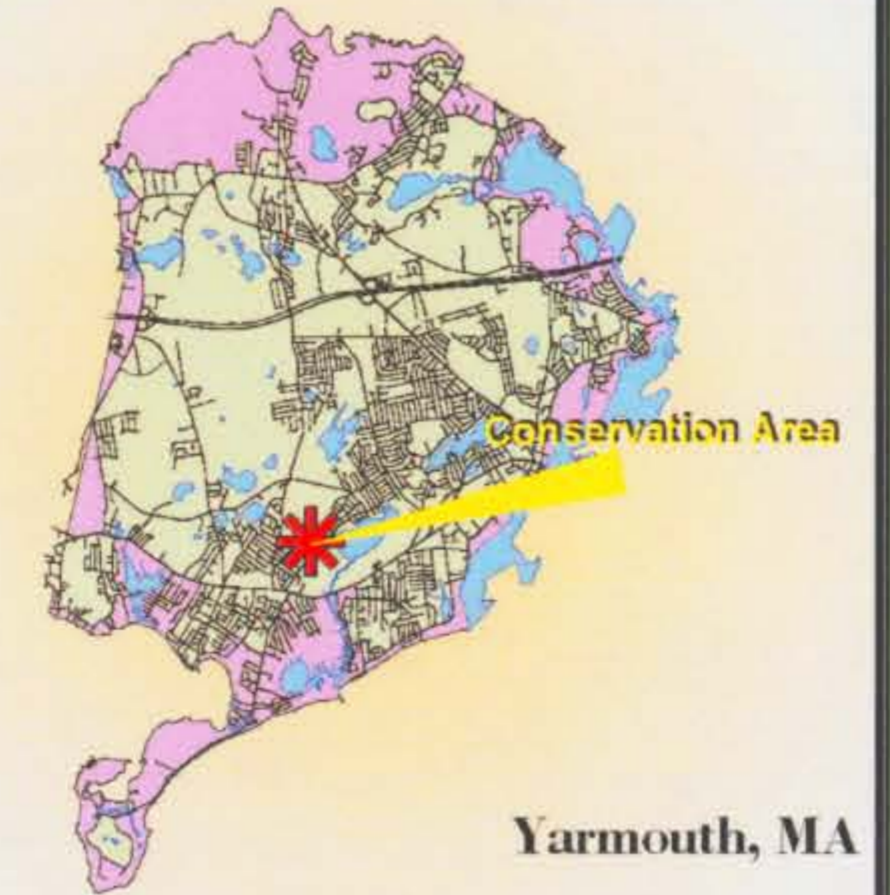
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Location: on Winslow Gray Road in West Yarmouth.

TOTAL TRAIL DISTANCE: 1.75 miles

## Legend

- Walking Trails
- Habtrail
- Hydro
- Lakes
- Contour
- Wetlands
- Food Plot Habitat
- Town Bounds
- Parking Area



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