

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.

Sandy Pond Conservation Area

The Sandy Pond property was acquired by the Town in the early 1980's from the Bragington-Smith family. The property is managed by the Conservation Commission, Park Department and Water Department. The pond is approximately 12 acres in area and presents itself as a classic "kettle" pond with steep slopes. Maximum depth is approximately 35 feet. Town Brook originates at the northwestern perimeter of the pond and winds its way through Robbins Swamp and eventually empties into Baxter Mill Pond along Rt. 28 in West Yarmouth.

A nature trail leads around the entire pond and connects to other trails to the north, west and east. Additionally, Town Brook has a trail that parallels the stream between the pond and Old Mill Way. Historically, Alewives and River Herring used Town Brook to enter Sandy Pond for spawning. Presently, efforts are underway to restore the fishery. Vegetation along the trails is typical for Cape Cod south of the glacial moraine. Sandy, upland soils support Pine and Oak while organic, silty wetland deposits support Red Maple, Atlantic White Cedar, Tupelo and Gray Birch. Dense understories of shrub thicket provide rich protective habitat for the many species of mammals, amphibians and reptiles. Hawks and Ospreys patrol the pond's margin for prey. Robbins Swamp exhibits state listed rare plants and birds. The southern portion of the pond contains a swimming beach area.

Access to Sandy Pond is from Buck Island Road, just east of Town Brook Road. Parking at the pond is restricted in the winter but the area may be accessed from the ball field parking near Buck Island Road.

SANDY POND
CONSERVATION AREA



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Location: off Buck Island Road in West Yarmouth, east of Town Brook Road, west of Higgins Crowell Road.

TOTAL TRAIL DISTANCE: 1.29 miles

Legend

- Walking Trails
- Pond
- Hydro
- Contour
- Wetlands
- Parking Area



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