

THE BUD CARTER
MEMORIAL TRAIL

1. BUD CARTER CONSERVATION AREA

The Bud Carter Memorial Trail is located on 300 acres of conservation land bounded by North Dennis Road in the east and West Great Western Road in the west. These trails are considered moderately difficult due to the tough terrain of loose rocks, narrow paths, and side trails that are unmarked and unmaintained. The trail is open to the public for walking, hiking, and mountain biking, so please use caution while visiting. To assist with navigation the main trail has been marked with red trail markers, and loop trails to the north and south have been marked with orange markers.

The conservation area is home to the highest point in Yarmouth, 118 feet above sea level. On clear days, Manomet Point in Plymouth is visible from the sandpit overlook. The trail is situated on the Sandwich Moraine, a significant glacially formed accumulation of unconsolidated glacial debris left over from the last ice age 20,000 years ago. Many large granite rocks dot the landscape and a history of granite mining is evident by the drill holes made for blasting.

The trail was named in memory of Bud Carter who spent many years walking the area and volunteering for various conservation projects. A memorial bench is located approximately 600 feet from the North Dennis Road trailhead, overlooking Reservoir Pond.

Wildlife in this area include turtles, frogs, birds, squirrels, chipmunks, deer and other animals. Please be cautious of ticks and poison ivy on the trail, as well as fallen branches and trees. Leashed dogs are welcome on the trails.



N. DENNIS ROAD PARKING: W. GREAT WESTERN ROAD PARKING:

Pull-off for 1-2 vehicles at Reservoir Pond, just south of Weir Road.

Pull-off for 1-2 vehicles 0.1 miles west of Deb's Way, on the right.

2. SANDY POND CONSERVATION AREA

Sandy Pond Conservation Area—off Buck Island Road between Camp Street and Higgins Crowell Road—is adjacent to the popular Sandy Pond Recreation Area. A walking trail around the pond connects to other trails to the north, west, and east, which go for miles and lead to Buck Island Road, the water tower, Horse Pond Conservation Area, Chandler Grey Cemetery, Mill Creek, the power lines, and Higgins Crowell Road. Most of the trail weaves through forest; many unmaintained side trails lead to private roads or homes.

Sandy Pond is a classic "kettle" pond (a depression left when glacial ice melted and filled with fresh water) with steep slopes; it covers approximately 12 acres. The maximum depth of the pond is about 35 feet. Town Brook originates at the northwest perimeter of the pond, winds its way through Robbins Swamp, and empties into Baxter Grist Mill Pond along Route 28 in West Yarmouth.

The conservation property was acquired by the Town in the early 1980s from the Braggington-Smith Family. Sandy Pond Recreation Area has something for everyone (no sticker or fee required), with features including playing courts and fields, a dog park, a playground, and a sandy beach at the pond, with a lifeguard on duty May to September.

Leashed dogs are welcome on the trails any time of year and on the beach between September 15 and March 15.

