

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.

Thacher Shore Conservation Area

Located on Thacher Shore Road in Yarmouth Port, the Thacher Shore Conservation Area consists of mostly salt marsh with a short trail through a wooded thicket. The marsh end of the trail boasts commanding scenic views of the salt marshes and island thickets. Sandy Neck is also visible to the west. The Pilgrim Monument in Provincetown can be seen to the north on an exceptionally clear day.

The Thacher name comes from one of Yarmouth's first inhabitants; Anthony Thacher, who first settled in the area in the early 1600's. Short Wharf Creek ebbs and flows from Cape Cod Bay to the north. The mouth of Short Wharf Creek was once a bustling seaport for the north side of the Cape. "Central Wharf" as it was called hosted many of the historic "Packet" vessels that passed between Boston and Providence and eventually New York.

Small island type landforms are visible from the trail. They provide unique habitat for deer, fox and other animals that depend upon the marshes for forage. Remnants of old hunting camps can be found on the islands. Waterfowl hunting was and still is very popular along the northern portions of the Cape. The area also provides excellent bird-watching opportunities. Birds of prey such as hawks, owls, ospreys and falcons are common as well as wading birds, ducks, geese and numerous shore birds. It's not uncommon to find local Cape artists capturing the natural beauty of the sea and marsh within the area.

# THACHER SHORE CONSERVATION AREA

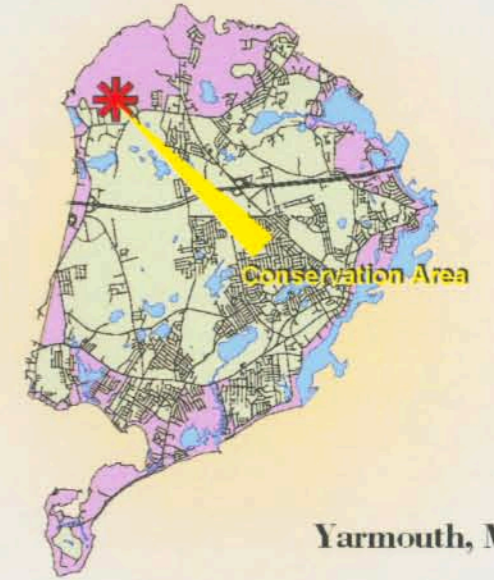


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# Thacher Shore

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Location: on Willow Street in Yarmouthport, adjacent to Dennis Pond.

**TOTAL TRAIL DISTANCE: 0.14 miles**

## Legend

- Contour
- Walking Trails
- Hydro
- Wetlands
- Town Bounds
- P Parking Area



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