



HELP PROTECT FARM POND

Thank you for purchasing a sticker to park at the Farm Pond Reservation. The Pond is a unique body of water of exceptional quality and users are asked to help preserve and protect this treasure. All Farm Pond operations are funded by parking sticker sales and permits.

Boaters must obtain an annual boat permit from the Town and staff must be at the main gate to check boat permits and ensure that boats are washed before entering the pond. If staff is not present and the inner gate to the landing is closed, boats may not be launched into the pond. The reservation is staffed with Rangers to accommodate boaters on a limited basis during the months of April, May, September, and October, primarily between 6-9AM. Boats must be washed before entering the pond to prevent invasive plants and motors of any kind are never allowed.

In late May when the season officially opens, staff will be on the property from 9AM to 8:30 PM (dusk). All gates will be closed when staff leaves the premises. Parking Stickers/Passes will be needed to park in the Reservation during this "Official Season" timeframe.

When gate staff is present, please STOP at the main gate to get checked in and then follow the Reservation Rules, printed on the back of this sheet. Reservation Rules are in effect all year round.

Food is not allowed anywhere on the Reservation. Water is allowed but empty bottles and all trash must be removed from the Reservation.

A fully staffed waterfront is on duty during the summer season for the safety and protection of swimmers. Long distance swimmers are required to leave from the boat landing but no swimming is allowed in that area due to the danger of the boat traffic.

Fishing, catch and release, is allowed in the designated area near the boat landing. Be sure that bait and the contents of bait buckets are disposed of off site and are not dumped into Farm Pond, especially if they contain waters from other Ponds. Remove all fishing gear, lines and hooks and dispose of properly.

The access road to the boat landing should be kept clear at all times. No sitting, lounging or sunbathing is allowed in the paved driveway. It must be kept clear for emergency vehicles, handicapped parking and launching boats. This area is part of the Reservation and no food is allowed.

The Farm Pond Advisory Committee (FPAC) is a group of Select Board appointed volunteers who work year round to protect and preserve the Pond. Check the Town website (sherbornma.org) for more information about the group and how you can get involved.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Sincerely, your FPAC.