



# Town of Sherborn

Sherborn, Massachusetts 01770

## Visiting Farm Pond during the COVID-19 Emergency

Farm Pond is one of Sherborn's greatest treasures and these difficult times make it even more precious.

The Town of Sherborn's Board of Health and Sherborn's Emergency Management want to encourage people to learn how to use our wonderful outdoor spaces safely.

- Social distancing must be maintained at all times at the reservation – in the parking lot, on the boat ramp, on the beach.
- Visitors can walk on the beach but no one should be sitting or staying on the beach for any period of time.
- There is NO SWIMMING of any kind – the Town of Sherborn is waiting for State guidance or other information on virus survival in open water.
- In addition, all the rules of the Sherborn Reservation must be observed.

### **Please be aware that unsafe social behavior will result in the closing of the Farm Pond Reservation.**

The ONLY boat access to Farm Pond is through the Reservation at the boat ramp **when staff is present.** When the boat ramp is closed, no boats are allowed in the water.

The Town of Sherborn has been making every attempt to hire staff who can safely work to allow the boat ramp to be open for some hours in May; however, establishing a safe environment and process has taken time and we ask everyone's patience and cooperation.

Please help protect Farm Pond from invasive species!

- Boats and Trailers must be clean and free of vegetation and other living matter.
- All boats and trailers must be washed by a Sherborn Staff Member in the designated area prior to launching.
- **Motor boats of any kind are prohibited on Farm Pond.** Craft powered only by sail, oar, or paddle are allowed. This prohibition extends to all electrically powered boats.

### **HOW TO OBTAIN A 2020 FARM POND BOAT PERMIT**

- A boat permit allows for the use of a boat(s) on Farm Pond in Sherborn. Because Town Hall is currently closed to the public, the easiest way to obtain the permit is to pay for it on line and the boat permit will be mailed to you. The link to pay is:

<https://www.sherbornma.org/home/pages/online-payments>