## **Carver Beaches**

You must have a current Beach Sticker to park at our beaches. They are available to residents at the Permitting Department at the Town Hall. Cost is \$10.

## John's Pond 26 Silva Street, Carver

This 21-acre natural pond features a small sandy beach and a forested shoreline. Suitable for swimming, fishing, paddling and seasonal ice skating. This land is within the region of the Pokanoket Wampanoag tribe. John's Pond has an average depth of 12 deep, with a maximum of 22 feet. It is an unstratified warmwater pond with



sand and gravel at its bottom. The forested beach area includes some pine, oak and maple trees. Anglers may find largemouth bass here, as well as yellow perch. John's Pond is a headwater to the Winnetuxet River. The Winnetuxet River originates in Carver, near the Cole Mill site, and flows west through Plympton and Halifax to the Taunton River.

## Sampson's Pond 40 Lakeview Street, Carver

This large pond in South Carver is a great spot for fishing, paddling and swimming. Features include a paved town ramp and a sandy beach, at separate locations on Lakeview Street. According to the Carver Re-development Authority, in its early days, the town of Carver was known for the iron ore in its swamplands. There was an iron works at or near



today's Sampson's Pond. This land is within the region of the Pokanoket Wampanoag tribe. According to the Town of Carver website, a trail used by the Pokanokets "ran along the southeast side of Sampson's Pond, where the historic Ridge Road is located. Archeological artifacts show that the shore of Sampson's Pond was used as a campground for thousands of years." A short paved walkway leads from the parking area to the waterfront. This warm water pond has an average depth of 8 feet (16' maximum). Mass Wildlife surveys indicate the presence of the following fish species: largemouth bass, chain pickerel, yellow perch, white perch, bluegill, golden shiner, brown bullhead, pumpkinseed, banded killifish, and American eel. According to Mass Wildlife, this is a natural pond that was enlarged after the construction of a dam for an iron foundry. It is fed Tillson Brook, as well as drainage from cranberry bogs. It is surrounded by pine, oak, and pitch pine trees. Sampsons Brook (also known as Indian Brook) flows from the southern end of Sampsons Pond, joining with Crane Brook. Crane Brook continues south and eventually flows into the Weweantic River, which flows through Wareham and empties into the Buzzards Bay estuary. Boaters: be aware of numerous dangerous boulders in the shallow areas of the pond.