

**Lakeville Parks and Recreational Areas** – managed by the Park Commission

**Ted Williams Camp** on the shores of Loon Pond

Entrance on Precinct Street and Rte. 18/Bedford Street opposite the Police station

Size 124.5 acres

Resources/activities:	6 athletic diamonds	2 basketball courts
	3 tennis courts	16 horseshoe courts
	3 sand volleyball courts	3 soccer fields
	hiking trail with rest stops	concession stand
	function hall	gazebo
	playground	flagpole

Ted Williams Camp was purchased by the town in 1986. Since then it has developed into a premier recreational facility for all ages. It not only is the home of organized sports such as Lakeville Little League, Pop Warner football, Babe Ruth and Freetown-Lakeville soccer, but also offers many leisure activities such as horseshoes, fishing, hiking, basketball, and tennis for everyone's enjoyment. At this time the Alexander Gamache Memorial Playground is under renovations to update all the equipment. When completed it will consist of swings, slides, park benches, and picnic tables and will be suitable for children ages two to ten. Motorized boats are prohibited from Loon Pond. Swimming is not permitted except during prearranged and supervised outings when a lifeguard is hired. There are permanent accessible convenience facilities located in the function hall. The function hall is available for rental.

Within the past few years, a new Lakeville Public Library has been built on a portion of Ted Williams Camp and is accessed from Precinct Street and located behind the Town House. Also, a new Council on Aging building was built off Precinct Street on the back portion of the Camp's land. Planned development at Ted Williams Camp at this time consists of a new Police Station.

**Clear Pond Park** sandy beach and parkland that surrounds Clear Pond

Entrance on Clear Pond Road

Size 57 acres

Resources/activities:	diving raft	playground
	picnic sites	concession stand
	barbecue grills	9 hole mini golf
	comfort facility	water fountain
	flagpole	beach volleyball
	horseshoes	

Clear Pond Park is a sandy beach open to Lakeville residents and non-residents who purchase a family season pass or daily pass. Staff consists of a Director, lifeguards, maintenance crew, and concession workers who are hired for the season (mid-June to end





recreations facilities. Passive recreation activities include hiking, non-motorized biking, cross-country skiing, hunting, fish, canoeing, and nature study.

**Assawompset Pond Complex (APC) including Betty's Neck** – managed by the APC Management Team and the APC Manager.

The overriding purpose of the APC is to protect and improve public water supply resources, yet, allow for public access and recreation that is consistent with water supply protection.

**The Assawompset Pond Complex** covers 4,000 acres in Lakeville, Middleborough, Rochester and Freetown. The APC acts as a buffer for the Taunton and New Bedford drinking water supply. After being closed to the public for more than a century, specified portions of the APC are open to the public for passive recreational activities. Public access is restricted in certain areas—including the privately owned cranberry bog adjacent to Betty's Neck, the 250 acres surrounding the New Bedford Water Works Facility on Little and Great Quittacas, and land abutting the gravel operation and the islands in Great Quittacas. No water activities of any sort are allowed on Little Quittacas and Great Quittacas. The APC is predominately owned in fee by Lakeville, New Bedford and Taunton.

**Betty's Neck**, the heart of the APC, is access off Long Point Road. Turn left at the foot of the hill to Island Terrace, follow signs across the cranberry bog. The cranberry bogs are privately owned with no public access except for the roadway to Betty's Neck. Through a joint effort of non-profit, state and local government, and private parties, Betty's Neck, a 350 acre parcel on Assawompset and Pocksha Ponds, has been permanently protected from development and is owned by the Town of Lakeville.

**RULES & REGULATIONS for RECREATIONAL USE of the APC and Betty's Neck**

**Open seven days a week from Dawn to Dusk.**

**Obey all signage, public access areas may be temporarily closed due to special conditions**

**Certain areas are permanently closed to the public**

**Respect the rights of abutting private property owners**

**Allowed Uses:**

Walking, Running, Hiking

Nature study, Sightseeing

Photography, Artistic work

Cross country skiing, snowshoeing on designated trails

Horseback riding on designated trail only

Hunting in accordance with State Regulations.

Hunting deer on Betty's Neck by **special permit** subject to a lottery

Shoreline fishing in accordance with State Regulations, absolutely no wading  
Mountain biking, non-motorized, on designated trails  
Picnicking - pack in/pack out, no fires  
Dog walking, dogs are required to be leashed, pooper scooper requested.

**Special Permits Required for:**

Competitive or any other special event  
Fox hound running  
Night use, e.g. owl survey, stargazing  
Scientific research

*Special Permits are available from: Office of the APC Manager, 346 Bedford Street,  
Lakeville 02347*

**Prohibited:**

Alcoholic beverages  
Boating (except for grandfathered property owners with a special permit, those owners shall not use canoes or kayaks)  
Boating of any sort by anyone on Great Quittacas, Little Quittacas, or Elder's Ponds  
Camping  
Canoes or kayaks  
Collecting artifacts  
Commercial dog walking/training  
Digging in the ground of any type  
Ice skating, Ice fishing  
Metal detectors  
Motorized vehicles, any type e.g. dirt bikes, ATVs, and snowmobiles  
Paint Ball, Target practice  
Rollerblading, skateboarding  
Skiing or snowshoeing on ice  
Sled dog running  
Swimming, Wading, water activity of any sort

**Please:**

Observe the rights of others, including adjacent property owners

Inform the APC Manager of any concerns at 508-498-4347

Color topographical maps are available for purchase at the Lakeville Town Clerk's Office for \$2.00 donation.

A free APC brochure is also available