

# Clapps Pond & Duck Pond Conservation Area

The Clapps Pond/Duck Pond ecosystem is crucial due to its size and opportunity to provide integrated management. The ponds themselves are co-owned by the Cape Cod National Seashore (federal), the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (state), and the Town of Provincetown (40-acres).

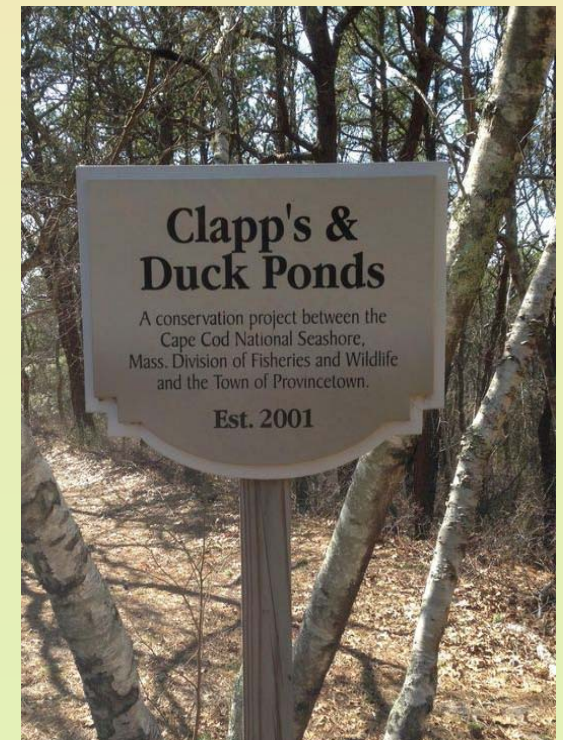
This combined ecosystem is defined by Route 6 on the south and a dune ridge to the north, with freshwater wetlands extending continuously from one pond to the other. The 68.4-acre conservation area on the south side of Clapps Pond is owned by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, but it is largely unmanaged.

According to the Mass Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, the ponds contain chain pickerel, brown bullhead, largemouth bass, and pumpkinseed fish, as well as golden shiner, and possibly red fin pickerel. However, these ponds are not ideal for fishing as they contain many weeds below the water and the fish populations are sparse.

**Directions:** Parking currently takes place along Route 6, East, across from the Shank Painter Wildlife Sanctuary.



Both ponds are currently used as a passive recreational area with great walking trails. An area known as Evans Field was a small ball field located on town land between the ponds but because it was created by converting a wetland, seasonal flooding made it unusable for much of the year. Use of this field as a ball field has been discontinued. Off-road vehicle riding, particularly motocross cycles, for the past 20 years has impacted wetland quality.



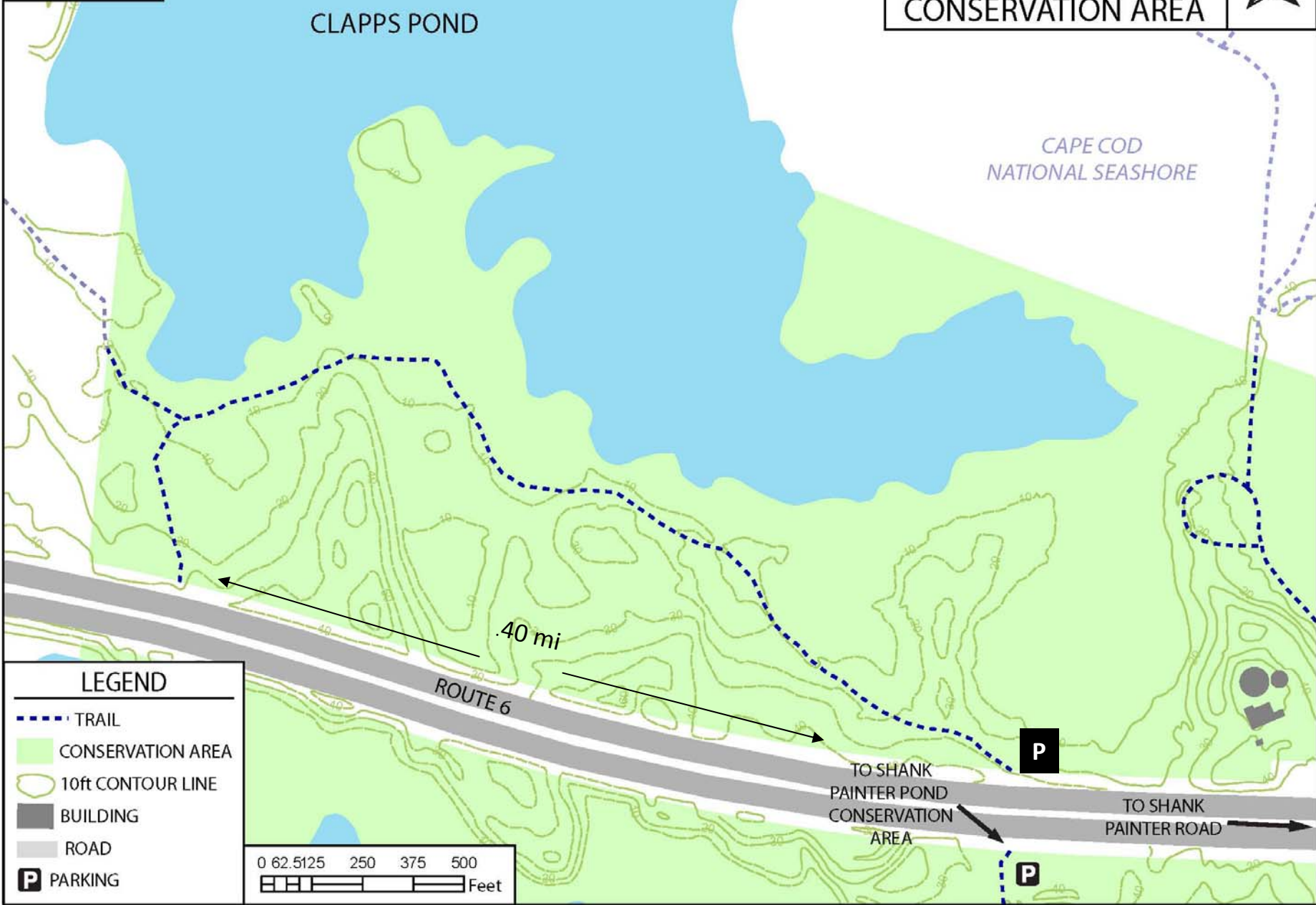
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# CLAPPS POND CONSERVATION AREA



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## LEGEND

- TRAIL
- CONSERVATION AREA
- 10ft CONTOUR LINE
- BUILDING
- ROAD
- P** PARKING

