

# Carver's Pond

## Description

Most of the land in Bridgewater has been formed by a variety of glacial deposits. These include two major aquifers that underlie the entire town center in a continuous layer of fresh water. The 35-acre pond is part of the recharge area above one of those aquifers, which in turn supports five wells as part of the town water supply.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, before refrigeration was common, Carver's Pond was valuable for its ice. In fact, the pond was created for the purpose by connecting two glacial deposits (small hills known as kames) with a low berm. As late as the 1940s, ice houses such as McNeeland's would "farm" the pond by cutting out blocks to be sold to local homes.

Today Carver's Pond is a valuable part of water-quality protection in Bridgewater. The surrounding wetlands help to purify the surface water, which in turn contributes to good water quality in the aquifer below.

(Description from the Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater brochure, 2001.)

## Directions

To reach Carver's Pond from Bridgewater Center:

- Follow School Street past Fire Department to end
- Turn right onto Summer Street; continue .7 mile
- Parking lot and signs for Carver's Pond are on the right

## Parking Location

