BRIDGE CREEK CONSERVATION AREA

DIRECTIONS: Two trailhead parking areas, each with limited capacity, provide access to this unique natural area:

-West Barnstable Fire Station: Space for 3 cars is provided in the northeast corner of the lot (next to the kiosk), behind the fire station. Additional parking arrangements may be made by contacting the Fire Station.

-Jenkins Wildlife Sanctuary: From Rt. 149 just north of the Mid-Cape Highway, take Church Street east 7/10 mile. The trailhead parking area is on the left.

SITE DESCRIPTION: The Bridge Creek Conservation Area is notable for its remarkably diverse and accessible wetland habitats. It encompasses 246 acres overall. The area hosts an array of interesting features such as stonewalls, abandoned cranberry bogs, tidal and freshwater streams, open marsh, hardwood swamp and upland. There are 2.5 miles of easy walking trails. If you follow the Northern trail out to Rte 6A you will cross over a broadwalk and 2 bridges that offer a view of Bridge Creek marsh, excellent for bird watching. At this time, hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding are welcome; however, some trails maybe closed to all but hiking during the wet season. Hunting is permitted, with the exception of the Jenkins Wildlife Sanctuary, subject to current rules and regulations. Check the kiosks at the trailhead parking areas for additional information.

