

**Keep all pee & poop out of the ponds** - they supply nutrients which encourage the spread of invasive plants and harmful microbes (such as *E. coli* and Cyanobacteria).

Keep dogs, other pets, and horses away from the ponds.

Go to the bathroom before swimming.

Use well-fitting swim diapers on babies.

## Take care not to trample plants along pond trails and shorelines

Use only established trails when walking or biking around the ponds.

Stay off vegetated banks and borders - to minimize erosion and storm runoff.

Keep chairs, paddle boards, and other items off shoreline plants.

## Enjoy pond wildlife by watching and observing

Disturbing, feeding, and handling animals and birds can harm them.

#### Leave no trace

Carry out all trash including cigarette butts.

Keep soaps, detergents, and other man-made chemicals out of the ponds.

## Take the Pond Pledge

Avoid chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Commit to using household cleaners without phosphates.

Service septic systems regularly.



# With a Clean, Light Touch We Can Take Good Care of Our Ponds

Friends of Wellfleet Ponds is a new organization of year-round residents, part-time residents, and visitors to Wellfleet,

Massachusetts. Our goal is to preserve and protect the beautiful freshwater ponds of Wellfleet. Please join us! info@wellfleetponds.org

