SANDY NECK BARRIER BEACH ECOSYSTEM

DIRECTIONS: Follow Rt. 149 north toward Rt. 6A. Turn left onto Rt. 6A and continue for approximately 3 miles. Turn right onto Sandy Neck Road and continue down to the Ranger Station. Parking is on a space-available basis. Beach sticker or payment of an eight dollar fee is required during summer months.

SITE DESCRIPTION: This popular resource is intensively managed to optimize "multiple uses" by the public, with an emphasis on preserving the existing natural environment. Sandy Neck is a six mile long barrier beach system rich in cultural history. It is comprised of vast dune systems, vernal pools, maritime forests, and other rare and significant resources. The beach shelters the eight thousand-acre "Great Marsh" and Barnstable Harbor, and is nourished by sands eroded from the shores of Plymouth and points north. Observers may find many species of rare and endangered plants and animals at Sandy Neck. Special restrictions may apply to organized visits or other specific activities. Hunting is permitted during the appropriate seasons, subject to special rules and regulations. Additional information is available from staff at the Ranger Station.

