students at the Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School.

Older children and others may prefer the adventure park on the other side of the road. Ziplines and five aerial trails on rope and cable bridges snake through the treetops; there's also an interpretative nature trail at ground level. (Plan ahead: reservations for this popular attraction are a must.) The bandstand in a natural amphitheater holds summer concerts, from jazz to rock 'n roll. And anyone who shows up for Family Fun Fridays gets to ride the carousel for free. “I like to think of this place as the ‘Museum of Summer,’” says Spear. “People are relaxed, visiting friends and family. They can take the time to think about things and explore their passions.”