NANTICOKE WILDLIFE AREA

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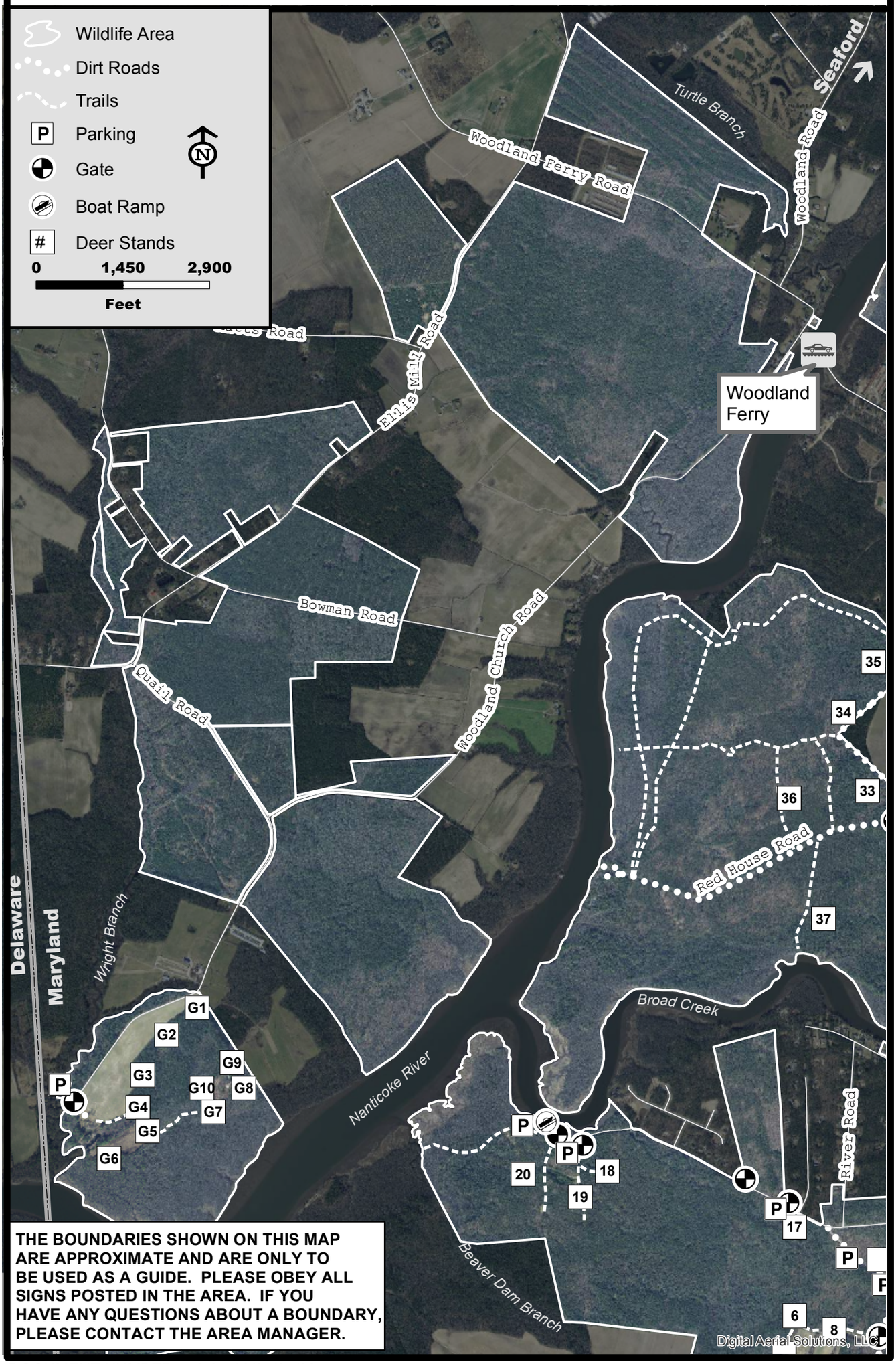

THE BOUNDARIES SHOWN ON THIS MAP ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE ONLY TO BE USED AS A GUIDE. PLEASE OBEY ALL SIGNS POSTED IN THE AREA. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT A BOUNDARY, PLEASE CONTACT THE AREA MANAGER.

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Overview, South, and West Areas

Persons may hunt on the Nanticoke Wildlife Area only as directed by the following rules, which have been established by Regulation 25 of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, pursuant to Section 103, 7 Delaware Code.

Violators of wildlife area regulations may be subject to fines and/or revocation of their hunting privilege on state wildlife areas for up to one year.

NEW IN 2015 – dove fields were not planted due to budgetary shortfalls. Some areas maybe closed to allow mentored hunting opportunities.

A. HUNTING. **No special permits required, except to hunt wild turkey.** Turkey hunters must obtain a permit through a state lottery to hunt Nanticoke Wildlife Area. Properly licensed hunters, including falconers, may hunt during any open season.

B. DEER HUNTING – Deer stands are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. No permanent stands are allowed and all parts of a portable stand must be removed at the end of each hunting day. No screw-in tree steps or stands may be used because they cause damage to the tree. Portable deer stands may be used no closer than 100 yards from an occupied permanent stand. **Deer drives permitted from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. by a maximum of 6 residents only.**

C. WATERFOWL HUNTING - Waterfowl blinds may be built on the Nanticoke River and Broad Creek, but use is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

D. UPLAND GAME HUNTING - During the month of September, *ALL dove* hunting on State Wildlife Areas will require the use of non-toxic shot. Small game hunting closed during the December and January firearm deer seasons. Fox and coyote hunting in season is allowed. Fox chasing prohibited until 1 p.m. during the turkey season. Raccoon hunting is permitted from September 1 – March 31 during legal raccoon hunting seasons. No persons shall hunt dove on any State Wildlife Area in September while possessing shot other than approved nontoxic shot.

E. TRAPPING. No trapping except by valid contract holders. Trapping rights are awarded through competitive bids. Call 739-9912 for bidding information.

F. VEHICLES/BOATS. No off-highway vehicles, either registered or unregistered, permitted. Motorized vehicles are only permitted on established and maintained roads.

G. FIREARMS. Firearms are prohibited on state wildlife areas from March 1 through August 31 of each year, except during legal hunting seasons and special events authorized by the Division in writing. Target shooting is prohibited. Please call Ommelanden Shooting Range for year-round target shooting information at 323-5333.

H. HOURS. Entry limited from sunrise to sunset except to lawfully hunt and fish.

I. TRESPASS. Several roads have been closed to vehicular travel to improve the quality of the hunt, provide more edge for wildlife, and reduce littering. Unless specifically marked as the M**ulti-Use Trail**, these roads are open for pedestrian travel, but off limits to all vehicular travel and horseback riding. Violators will be prosecuted for trespassing. Be certain to stay within the boundaries of state-owned land.

J. CAMPING, SWIMMING. No unauthorized camping or swimming.

K. HORSE RIDING. Horses may be used only the designated multi-use trail and established roads open to vehicular traffic except for activities approved by the Division in writing. Please refer to the map for the **Multi-Use Trail**.

L. DUMPING. Dumping is expressly prohibited. Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

ALCOHOL. The consumption and use of alcohol or illegal drugs while hunting on State Wildlife Areas is prohibited.

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Please observe the courtesies of a good sportsman. Have a safe and enjoyable outing.

For further information, contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife, Dover, Delaware, 19901, (302-739-9912) or the Regional Office at Assawoman Wildlife Area at (302) 539-3160.

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