ASSAWOMAN WILDLIFE AREA

Miller Neck Tract

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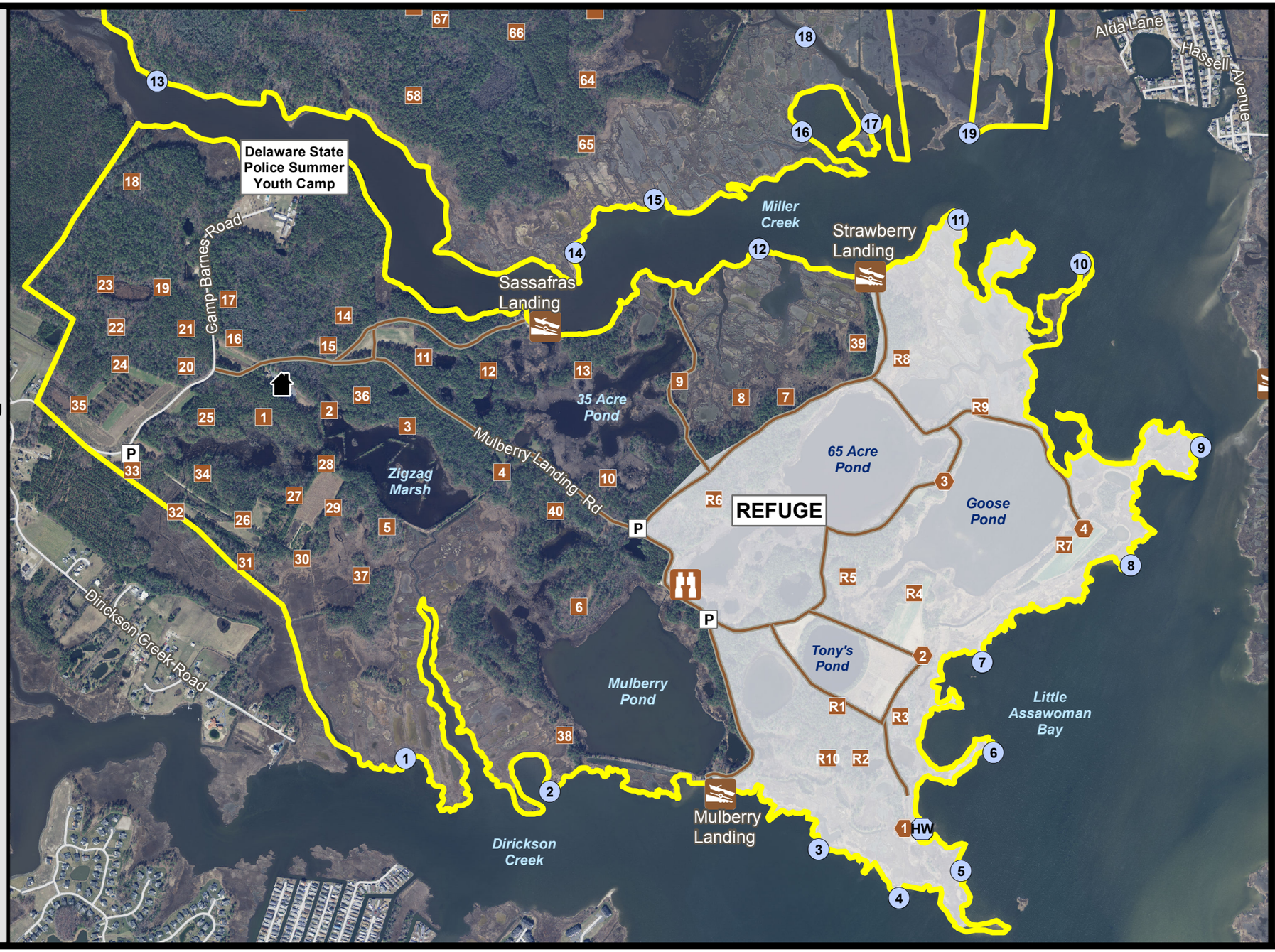

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Miller and Muddy Neck Tracts

Persons may use state wildlife areas only as directed by the following rules, which have been established by Wildlife Regulations 3900 of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, pursuant to Section 103, 7 Delaware Code. Please refer to **Wildlife Area Regulations** map for general information.

GENERAL

1. Violators of wildlife area regulations may be subject to fines and/or revocation of hunting privileges on state wildlife areas for up to one year.
2. Persons who possess, consume, or are under the influence of drugs or alcoholic beverages are prohibited from hunting or possessing firearms on Division Lands.
3. Failure to accurately complete and return harvest data cards may result in loss of hunting privileges.
4. Firearms prohibited on state wildlife areas from March 1 - August 31 except during legal hunting seasons or authorized in writing by the Division. Target shooting is prohibited.

DEER HUNTING

A. Archery

1. Archery hunters may hunt anywhere (excluding refuges, safety zones, and impoundment dikes) but must register for a zone at the designated tag boards and indicate which stand they will be hunting closest to.
2. Archery hunters must register through the daily lottery and hunt from the state built stands during any overlapping firearm deer season.
3. Archery hunting is closed on the Miller Neck Tract on the special Youth Deer Hunt day.
4. Archery hunters may use temporary portable stands. No permanent deer stands, platforms, ladders, or blinds may be constructed. No screw-in steps, tree spikes, screws, or nails are allowed. All parts of temporary portable deer stands must be removed at the end of each days hunt.

B. Firearm – Muzzleloader, Shotgun, Handgun

1. A Wildlife Area Deer Stand / Waterfowl Blind Lottery Permit is required to hunt during all deer firearms seasons.
2. Stands issued by lottery at the Assawoman Check Station.
3. Drawings held 1 1/2 hours before sunrise (2 hours before sunrise during November shotgun season). Stands not issued through lottery are available on a self-signup basis.
4. This area IS NOT OPEN for the special October antlerless firearms season. Archery hunting is allowed during this season in accordance with state and area laws.
5. Refuge stands (R1-R10) are open on Mondays and Fridays of all firearm seasons beginning on the first Monday of November shotgun season.
6. Only one firearm is permitted per deer stand.
7. Deer drives are permitted on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM by parties of 6 or fewer resident hunters. Non-resident hunters may not participate in deer drives.
8. Handgun hunting permitted during the January handgun season. Refuge stands will not be open.
9. Disabled deer hunting locations are available for non-ambulatory hunters authorized to hunt from a vehicle (HD1-HD4). These locations will not be open on days when refuge stands are being hunted. To reserve these locations in advance call 539-3160. All non-ambulatory hunters must be accompanied by an assistant.
10. Disabled deer stands equipped with stairs (4, 16, 33, 56) are available for hunters possessing a Disabled Hunter Permit. If not filled by disabled hunters these stands are available during general lottery.

UPLAND HUNTING

A. Small Game

1. Small game hunters must display at least 250 square inches of blaze orange while hunting on State Wildlife Areas.
2. All small game hunters must sign in and return a completed harvest data card available at the Assawoman Check Station.
3. Squirrel hunting permitted in season.
4. Rabbit hunting closed the week before and the week of December antlerless deer season and during the January shotgun deer season.
5. Hunting prohibited within posted refuges and safety zones and dogs are not permitted to enter refuges for any reason.
6. Rabbit dogs may be trained on Sundays during September, October, and November except during open deer firearms seasons.

B. Dove

1. No person shall hunt doves on state wildlife areas during the early season while possessing shot other than approved nontoxic shot.
2. Dove hunting on Saturdays only during the early season from 1:00-6:00 PM. Sign in required at the Assawoman Check Station at 12:00 p.m.
3. Dove hunting permitted anywhere (excluding posted refuges and safety zones) during late seasons, obtain permit from the Assawoman Check Station.

C. Turkey

1. Turkey hunting by permit only. Permits awarded through preseason lottery. See Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide for application.

D. Furbearers

1. No trapping except by valid contract holders. Trapping rights awarded through competitive bids. Call (302) 739-9912 for bidding information.
2. Raccoon hunting is permitted from Sept 1 – March 31 during legal raccoon hunting seasons.
3. Fox and coyote hunting permitted in season while hunting other game species per these map regulations. No fox chasing permitted during any deer firearm season or prior to 1:00 PM during turkey season.

WATERFOWL HUNTING

1. Hunting by permit only, issued by a daily lottery held at the Assawoman Check Station.
2. Drawing held 2 hours before sunrise. Blinds not issued during the drawing are available on a self-signup basis until 1:00 P.M.
3. All hunting from state built blinds only.
4. No more than 3 persons may occupy one blind.
5. No airboats.
6. No waterfowl hunting from upland fields except from state built blinds.
7. This area will be open during the Snow Goose Conservation Order. See official seasons and regulations. No permit or sign-in required during the conservation order.

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For emergencies or to report wildlife or wildlife area violations please call the Department Communications Center toll free at 1-800-523-3336.

For further information contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife at (302) 739-9912 or the Sussex County HQ at (302) 539-3160.

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