C&D CANAL CONSERVATION AREA

Overview

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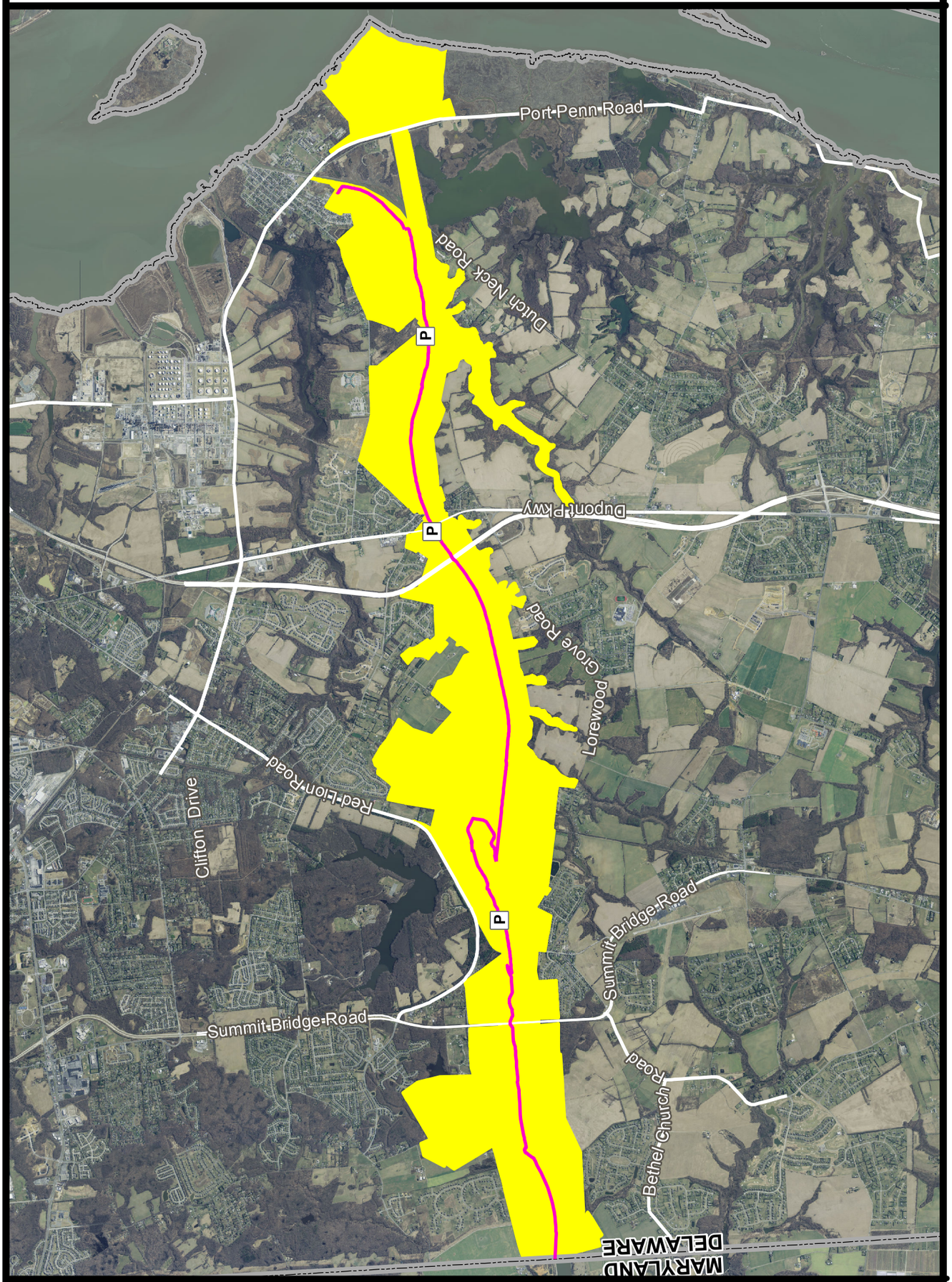

Wildlife Area

Mike Castle Trail

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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 RULES

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. Firearms prohibited on state wildlife areas from March 1 - August 31 except during legal hunting seasons or as authorized in writing by the Division of Fish and Wildlife. Target shooting is prohibited.

DEER HUNTING

1. Deer hunters may hunt anywhere (excluding posted refuges and safety zones including Scotts Run) in season. See Dog Training section for special rules for these areas.
2. This area IS OPEN for the special October antlerless firearms season (except within the Summit Retriever Training Area).
3. Deer 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 within 48 hours of the last day of the last deer season. Any stands remaining after this date will be removed and become property of the Division of Fish and Wildlife.
4. The Division is not responsible for theft or damage to any temporary stand and placement of a temporary stand does not give the stand owner any exclusive hunting rights to that area.
5. Deer drives are permitted between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. No more than 6 resident hunters may participate in deer drives. Non-resident hunters are prohibited from participating in deer drives.
6. Handguns are not permitted during any season and this area is NOT open during the January handgun season.

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. Small game hunting permitted anywhere (excluding posted refuges and safety zones including the Scotts Run and Summit Retriever Training Areas) in season.
3. Rabbit hunting closed the week before and the week of December antlerless deer season and during the January shotgun deer season.
4. Hunting prohibited within posted refuges and safety zones and dogs are not permitted to enter refuges for any reason.
5. 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 permitted anywhere (excluding posted refuges and safety zones which include the Scotts Run and Summit Retriever Training Area) in season.

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. Waterfowl hunting is permitted anywhere within this area (excluding posted refuges and safety zones including Scotts Run and the Summit Retriever Training Area) in season.
2. Layout blinds are permitted to be used in upland fields provided no excavation of ground occurs. Vehicles prohibited in upland fields or anywhere off of established roadways.
3. 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.

DOG TRAINING

SUMMIT RETRIEVER TRAINING AREA

1. The Division has established a retriever training area along the north side of the canal between Route 896 and Guthrie Run. This area is restricted to the training of sporting dogs in the act of retrieving.
2. In a cooperative stewardship agreement, the Delaware Bay Retriever Club is assisting the Division in the management of this area. Except during permitted field trial and organized training events, the club does not maintain any exclusive use of the area and the area is open to all members of the public engaged in the act of retriever training.
3. The Summit Retriever Training Area is closed to hunting except during the archery and firearm deer seasons, however this area IS NOT open for the special October Antlerless firearm season.
4. No dog training is permitted during any firearm deer seasons, except on Sundays.
5. It is unlawful to enter the Summit Retriever Training Area for any purpose other than to train dogs in the act of retrieving or to hunt deer during the firearm or archery deer seasons.

THE BOWL SPORTING DOG AREA

1. The Bowl Sporting Dog Area is located immediately west of the Summit Retriever Training Area, along the northside of the canal between Guthries Run and the Maryland State Line. The training of all sporting dogs is permitted within this area.
2. Legal hunting and falconry are permitted within this area.

MIKE CASTLE RECREATION TRAIL

1. Hunters may use the Mike Castle trail and parking areas to access the conservation area, however all firearms must be unloaded, including bolt removed from crossbow and cap / primer removed from muzzleloader, while on the trail or within any of the trail parking areas.
2. No person shall discharge any firearm while on or within 15 yards of the recreation trail or within any posted safety zone associated with the trail.
3. All dogs must be leashed while on the recreation trail or within any of the trail parking areas. Dog owners shall be responsible for cleanup and removal of any feces deposited by the animal.
4. For more information please consult the **Mike Castle Trail** map.

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For further information contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife at (302) 739-9912 or the New Castle County HQ at (302) 834-8433.

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

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