MILFORD NECK WILDLIFE AREA

Gray Farm / Hollager / Penuel & Coverdale Tracts

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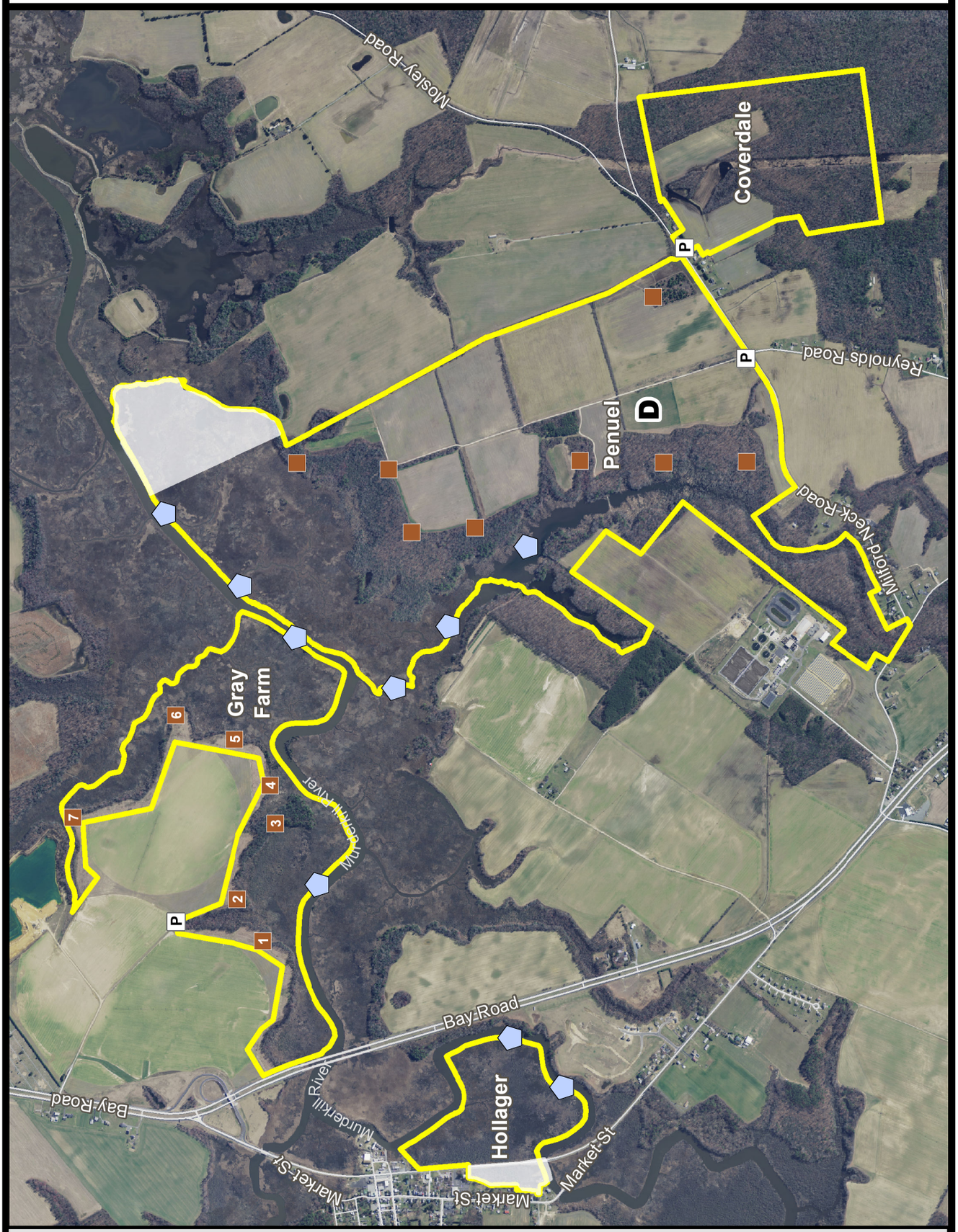

Wildlife Area

P Parking

Refuge

Deer Stand

Blind Site

D Dove Field

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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

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 and safety zones).
2. Archery hunters wishing to hunt the Gray Tract must do so by boat, no access from Route 113 is permitted. Archery hunting on the Gray Tract permitted through the Little Creek Check Station, see B.2 below.
4. 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.
5. 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.

B. Firearm – Muzzleloader, Shotgun, Handgun

1. Deer hunters may hunt anywhere (excluding posted refuges and safety zones and under special regulations for the Gray Tract, see below) in season.
2. The Gray Tract is only open for the November shotgun deer season and stands are issued through a daily lottery held at the Little Creek Check Station. Drawings are held 2 hours before sunrise and at 12:00 PM. A Wildlife Area Deer Stand / Waterfowl Blind Lottery Permit is required to hunt the Gray Tract stands during the November shotgun season.
3. All tracts are open for the special October antlerless firearms season except for the Gray Tract and the Dog Training area, which are archery only during this season.
4. On all areas other than the Gray Tract 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 January muzzleloader season. Any stands remaining after this date will be removed and become property of the Division of Fish and Wildlife.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Handguns are permitted during any season where a shotgun is legal and also 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 (except for the Gray tract where all small game hunting is prohibited) 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.
6. Dog training is permitted within the designated training area all year, except closed during November shotgun season and turkey season. Firearms not permitted for training outside of official hunting 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 (except for the Gray Tract where dove hunting is prohibited) in season.

C. 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 permitted without special permit except for the Coverdale tract where waterfowl hunting is prohibited.
2. All waterfowl hunting on creeks and marshes must occur within a 35 yard radius of designated blind sites only, and is on a first come first serve basis. The only exception is south of the dirt bridge on Beaver Dam Branch, where jump shooting is permitted.
3. Layout blinds are permitted to be used in upland fields provided no excavation of ground occurs. Vehicles may not be driven into upland fields or anywhere off of established roadways.
4. No waterfowl hunting from the hedgerow which serves as the eastern boundary of the Penuel Tract.
5. Airboats are prohibited.
6. Hunters must vacate all hunting areas by one hour after sunset.
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 further information contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife at (302) 739-9912 or the Kent County HQ at (302) 284-4795.

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