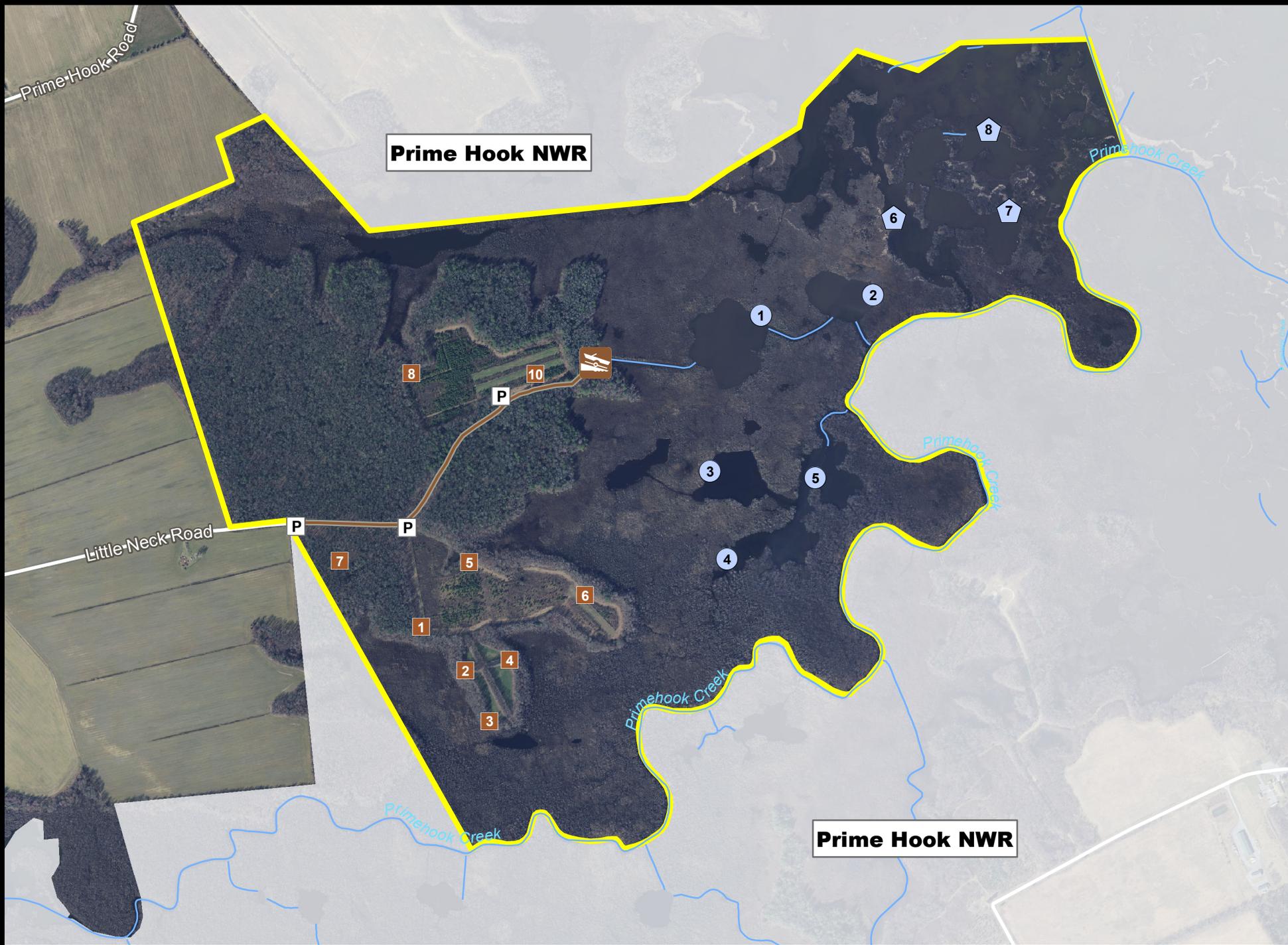


-  Wildlife Area
-  NWR Refuge
-  Parking
-  Deer Stand
-  Duck Blind
-  Blind Site
-  Dirt Road
-  Boat Ramp



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# PRIME HOOK WILDLIFE AREA



**2016-2017  
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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. 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) during all archery and firearms seasons including the firearms season.
2. This area **IS OPEN** for the special October antlerless firearms season.
3. Ten permanent deer stands are available on a first-come first-served basis; hunters should use the tag board at the entrance to select a permanent deer stand.
3. Deer hunters may use temporary portable stands; however no temporary stands may be used within 100 yards of a permanent deer stand. 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.

**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 in season, no permit required.
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 on the entire area during all seasons (excluding posted refuges, safety zones), no permit required.

**C. Turkey**

1. Turkey hunting by permit only. Permits awarded through pre-season 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. Blinds and blind sites issued by lottery held at the Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge checking station 2 1/2 hours before sunrise. Blinds can be signed out until 12:00 PM.
2. Hunting permitted on opening day, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday during all regular waterfowl seasons.
3. All hunting from state and federal blinds and blind sites only.
4. Hunting permitted from ½ hour before sunrise until 3:00 PM. Hunters must vacate the area by 4:00 PM.
5. No more than 3 persons per pit, blind, or blind site.
6. This area **IS OPEN** for the early teal season, however only State blinds and blind sites are open, no Federal blind sites are open for early teal.
7. During waterfowl hunting seasons, no boats are allowed at access ramps or in impoundments without a valid waterfowl hunting permit for that day.
8. Airboats are prohibited.
9. Hunters using marsh and river blinds and blind sites must have a boat and required safety equipment.
10. 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.



David E. Saveikis, Director

**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, Sussex County HQ: (302) 539-3160, or Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge: (302) 684-8419.

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