

Auburn Valley State Park

2023-24 Hunting Seasons/Hunting Rules

Refer to map for approximate locations of indicated areas.

1. In addition to the rules and regulations found in the “Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide: 2023-2024”, specific rules that apply to Auburn Valley State Park are listed below. **Registration of all hunters participating in the Delaware State Park Hunting Program is required. There is an annual \$10 hunting program charge. This charge is waived for Delaware Resident hunters 65 or over or under 16.** Hunters may register at the Auburn Valley State Park Office or any other Delaware State Park where hunting is permitted.
2. If you plan to hunt at Auburn Valley State Park, regardless of where you purchase your State Park Hunting Permit, you must appear in person at the Auburn Valley State Park office at 630 Benge Road, Yorklyn - (302) 729-4278 - during business hours prior to hunting to sign the archery hunting registration form.
3. Deer hunting, as described below, is the only hunting permitted at Auburn Valley State Park.
4. **General Hunting Rules**
 - a. There is **NO SUNDAY HUNTING** in Delaware State Parks
 - b. Failure to comply with any state laws, rules, regulations, and/or policies may result in arrest and/or suspension of all hunting privileges in Delaware State Parks.
 - c. Handguns, rifles with straight-walled ammunition and Sharps rifles are non permitted for deer hunting in Delaware State Parks.
 - d. Use of trail cameras in Delaware State Parks is prohibited.
 - e. Driving deer into and/or through hunting areas is prohibited.
 - f. The clearing/cutting of vegetation to form shooting lanes or for any other purpose is prohibited.
 - g. Baiting is prohibited in Delaware State Parks.
 - h. Use of buckshot is prohibited in Delaware State Parks.
 - i. No motorized hand carts or ATVs are allowed to recover harvested deer. E-bikes may be used on state park trails that allow bicycles. Bicycles, including E-bikes may not be ridden on paths from state park trails to the deer stand, pin or archery zone. Manual deer carts are authorized for use.
 - j. Park only in designated parking areas (refer to map for approximate locations).
 - k. Hunters are allowed to harvest deer of either sex in Auburn Valley State Park.
 - l. State Parks are carry-in, carry-out areas. Please take any trash you accumulate with you.
5. **Deer Hunting – Archery/Crossbow Seasons**
 - a. Permitted in season and in accordance with Delaware state laws, regulations, and rules **ONLY** at the Oversee Farm unit of Auburn Valley State Park, Friday, September 1, 2023 through Wednesday, January 31, 2024.
 - b. Hunters must hunt from metal ladder stands A – I, or with their own portable stand, not less than ten (10) feet off the ground within the painted perimeter around each metal ladder stand.
 - c. There is a single wooden PD stand that is available to hunters who have in their possession a valid disabled hunter card issued by the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife.
 - d. Archery stands, including the PD stand will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis using the self-registration tag board system. The tag board is located in the trailhead parking lot on Yorklyn Road. No tag may be removed prior to 5am. Tags must be returned to board anytime a hunter vacates a stand and leaves park premises.
 - e. Hunter orange must be worn by archery hunters at all times when dates overlap with any Statewide Gun Seasons.
 - f. No arrows or bolts may be nocked prior to hunting in the stand. No cocked crossbows are allowed prior to hunting in the stand. Spot and stalk hunting is prohibited.

6. General Firearm Hunting

- a. Permitted in season and in accordance with Delaware state laws, regulations, and rules, **ONLY** at the Auburn Heights Unit of Auburn Valley State Park, November 10 – November 18, 2023; December 9 – December 16, 2023 Special Antlerless and January 13, 15 – January 21, 2024.
- b. Hunters must hunt from one of six wooden stands only.
- c. Stands will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis using the self-registration tag board system. The tag board is located in the trailhead parking lot on Yorklyn Road. No tag may be removed prior to 5am. Tags must be returned to board anytime a hunter vacates a stand and leaves park premises.
- d. Muzzleloaders and shotguns may be used to hunt during General Firearm Seasons.
- e. There is no shotgun hunting during the October season. There is no gun hunting at Auburn Valley State Park during the Delaware Muzzleloader seasons.
- f. Guns shall not be loaded until hunter is in the stand. Spot and stalk hunting is prohibited.

7. Reporting Harvested Deer at Auburn Valley State Park

- a. All deer harvested at Auburn Valley State Park must be reported on the sign-in/sign-out sheet located at the tag board.
- b. All deer must also be registered via the on-line or toll-free telephone reporting system as required by the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife. Deer should be registered as follows:

Land Type:	Public
County:	New Castle
Zone:	1A
Location Type:	State or County Park
Location Description:	Auburn Valley State Park

MESSAGE TO ALL HUNTERS:

- Please be careful, discrete and considerate around other park visitors. Understand that many park patrons are NOT hunters and some may feel threatened by your presence.
- By hunting in this park, you are a vital part of our “deer management team.” White-tail deer have been shown to ecologically damage their habitat when they reach 20 deer per square mile. In the majority of our parks, the deer herds have much greater densities than this.
- Your harvest information is very important to us. Please submit your data accurately. Have a safe and successful hunt.

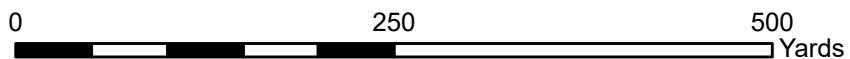
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Auburn Valley State Park Hunting Map - Auburn Heights 2023-24

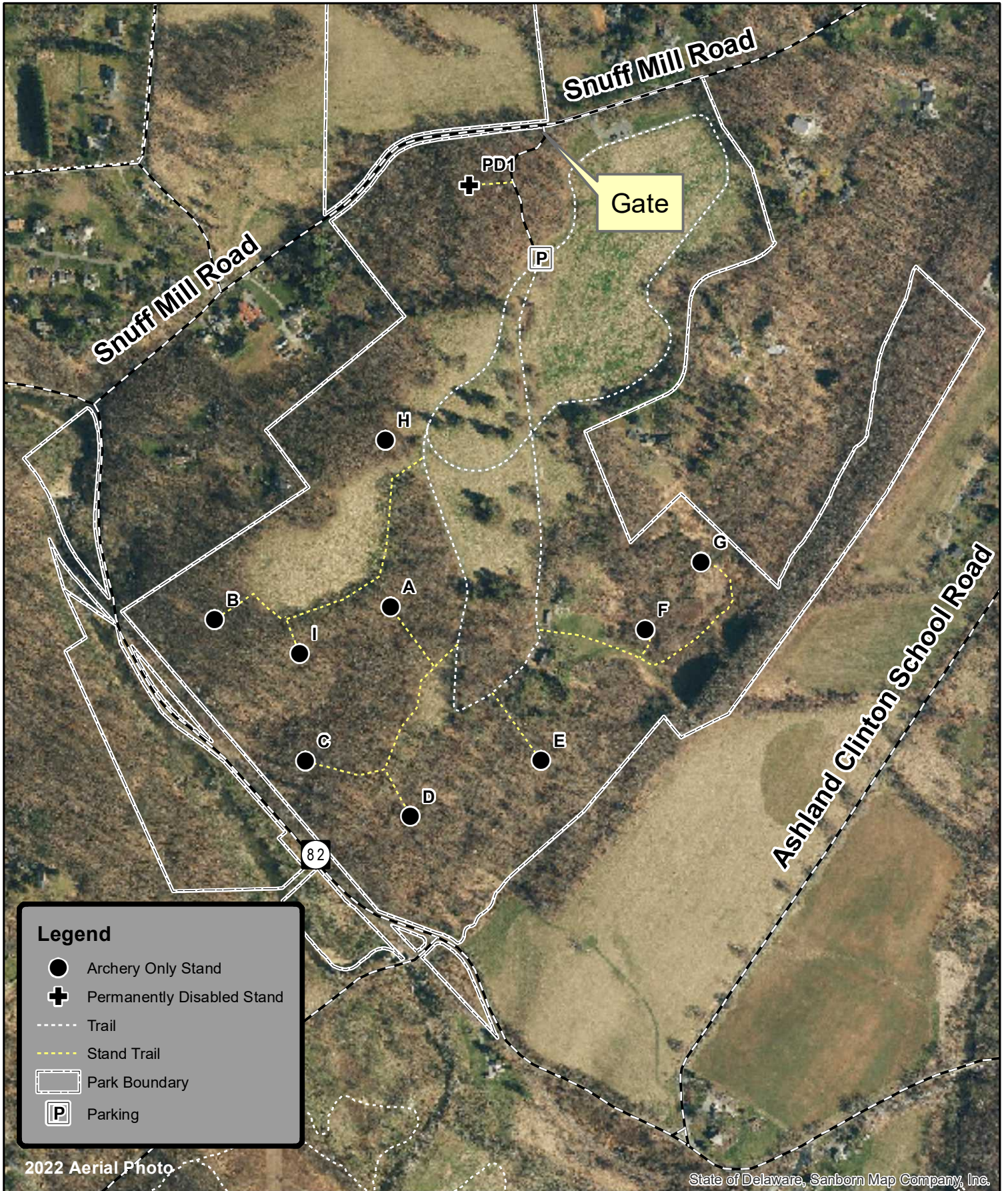


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Auburn Valley State Park Hunting Map - Overseer Farm 2023-24



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Brandywine Creek State Park

2023-24 Hunting Seasons/Hunting Rules

Refer to map for approximate locations of indicated areas.

1. In addition to the rules and regulations found in the “Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide: 2023-2024”, specific rules that apply to Brandywine Creek State Park are listed below. **Registration of all hunters participating in the Delaware State Park Hunting Program is required. There is an annual \$10 hunting program charge. This charge is waived for Delaware Resident hunters 65 or over or under 16.** Hunters may register at the Brandywine Creek State Park Office or any other Delaware State Park where hunting is permitted.
2. **General Hunting Rules**
 - a. There is **NO SUNDAY HUNTING** in Delaware State Parks.
 - b. Failure to comply with any state laws, rules, regulations, and/or policies may result in arrest and/or suspension of all hunting privileges in Delaware State Parks.
 - c. Use of any firearms other than compound bows, recurve bows and crossbows is prohibited.
 - d. It is illegal to use or build a nailed or permanent tree stand or ladder.
 - e. Use of trail cameras in Delaware State Parks is prohibited.
 - f. Driving deer into and/or through hunting areas is prohibited.
 - g. The clearing/cutting of vegetation to form shooting lanes or for any other purpose is prohibited.
 - h. Baiting is prohibited in Delaware State Parks.
 - i. Please park in the designated parking areas (refer to map for approximate locations).
 - j. Hunters are allowed to harvest deer of either sex at Brandywine Creek State Park.
 - k. State Parks are carry-in, carry-out areas. Please take any trash you accumulate with you.
3. **Deer Hunting – Archery/Crossbow Seasons**

- a. Archery/crossbow hunting **ONLY** is permitted for deer, in season, Friday, September 1, 2023 through Wednesday, January 31, 2024.
- b. There is **NO SUNDAY HUNTING** in Delaware State Parks.
- c. If you plan to hunt at Brandywine Creek State Park, regardless of where you purchase your State Park Hunting Permit, you must appear in person at the Brandywine Creek State Park office

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- during business hours prior to hunting to sign the archery hunting registration form. The park office is open daily April 1 – October 31, 8 am to 4 pm, and Weekdays November 1 to March 31, 8 am to 4 pm.
- d. Hunter orange must be worn by archery hunters at all times when dates overlap with any Statewide Gun Seasons.
 - e. There are thirteen archery pin sites, three archery only metal tree stands, one archery only tripod stand (17) and one stand for Permanently Disabled hunters. Permanently disabled hunters must possess a State of Delaware Certified Hunter with Disabilities Card. For information on obtaining this card call the Division of Fish and Wildlife at (302) 739-9912.
 - f. Hunting at the thirteen pin sites is only allowed from a portable non-damaging tree stand (provided by the hunter), not less than 10 feet above ground level, within the perimeter marked with paint on trees around a central numbered pin. Some archery pin perimeters may contain a state-owned metal ladder stand installed for the special shotgun hunts. Hunters are welcome to use the state-owned stands, at their own risk. State-owned stands may not be moved or modified in any way. Archery pins where state-owned stands are located will be indicated at the park’s hunter information and tag board.

- g. Pin and stand sites will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis using the self-registration tag board system. The tag board will be located in the Thompson Bridge Parking Lot for the 2023-24 hunting season. Stands 6 – 13, 17 and PD1 may be unavailable on some days during the hunting season with little advance notice. On those days the tags will be removed from the tag board by park staff.
- h. Hunters are allowed to harvest a deer of either sex in Brandywine Creek State Park. The primary goal of the hunting program in Delaware State Parks is to reduce the overall deer herd and equalize the doe to buck ratio closer to 1 to 1 to reduce the negative impact of the herd on the natural plant and animal communities in the park. We encourage all hunters to harvest at least one doe during the season at Brandywine Creek State Park.

4. Reporting Harvested Deer at Brandywine Creek State Park

- a. All deer harvested at Brandywine Creek State Park must be reported on the sign-in/sign-out sheet located at the tag board. Please complete all columns on the sign-in/sign-out sheets. This data
- b. All deer must also be registered via the on-line or toll-free telephone reporting system as required by the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife. Deer should be registered as follows:

Land Type: Public
County: New Castle
Zone: 1A
Location Type: State or County Park
Location Description: Brandywine Creek State Park

MESSAGE TO ALL HUNTERS:

- Please be careful, discrete and considerate around other park visitors. Understand that many park patrons are NOT hunters and some may feel threatened by your presence.
- Please immediately report any medical emergencies by calling 911. Report non-emergency accidents or violations of any hunting laws, rules or regulations to a park ranger or the park office.
- By hunting in this park, you are a vital part of our “deer management team.” White-tail deer have been shown to ecologically damage their habitat when they reach 20 deer per square mile. In the majority of our parks, the deer herds have much greater densities than this.
- Your harvest information is very important to us. Please submit your data accurately. Have a safe and successful hunt.

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Brandywine Creek State Park Hunting Map 2023-24



- Archery Only Pin
- ⬠ Archery Only Temp Stand
- ⊕ Permanently Disabled Stand
- P Parking
- Trail
- ▭ Brandywine Creek State Park
- First State National Park

Less steep
Moderate Trail

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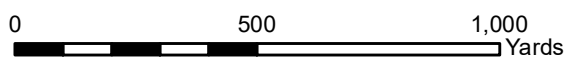
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Brandywine Creek State Park – Flint Woods Nature Preserve 2023-24 Hunting Seasons/Hunting Rules

Refer to map for approximate locations of indicated areas.

1. In addition to the rules and regulations found in the “Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide: 2023-2024”, specific rules that apply to Flint Woods Nature Preserve are listed below. **Registration of all hunters participating in the Delaware State Park Hunting Program is required. There is an annual \$10 hunting program charge. This charge is waived for Delaware Resident hunters 65 or over or under 16.** Hunters may register at the Brandywine Creek State Park Office or any other Delaware State Park where hunting is permitted.

2. General Deer Hunting Rules

- a. There is **No Sunday Hunting** in Delaware State Parks.
- b. Failure to comply with any state laws, rules, regulations, and/or policies may result in arrest and/or suspension of all hunting privileges in Delaware State Parks.
- c. Use of any firearms other than compound bows, recurve bows and crossbows is prohibited.
- d. It is illegal to use or build a nailed or permanent tree stand or ladder.
- e. Use of trail cameras in Delaware State Parks is prohibited.
- f. Driving deer into and/or through hunting areas is prohibited.
- g. The clearing/cutting of vegetation to form shooting lanes or for any other purpose is prohibited.
- h. Use of Bait is prohibited in Delaware State Parks.
- i. Driving motorized vehicles off-road into fields, woods, or along trails is prohibited. No motorized hand carts or ATVs are allowed to recover harvested deer. Manual hand carts are permitted.
- j. Park only in designated parking areas (refer to map for approximate locations).
- k. Hunters are allowed to harvest deer of either sex at Flint Woods Nature Preserve.
- l. State Parks are carry-in, carry-out areas. Please take any trash you accumulate with you.

3. Deer Hunting – Archery/Crossbow Seasons

- a. Archery/crossbow hunting **ONLY** is permitted for deer, in season, Friday, September 1, 2023 through Wednesday, January 31, 2024.
- b. If you plan to hunt at the Flint Woods Nature Preserve, regardless of where you purchase your State Park Hunting Permit, you must appear in person at the Brandywine Creek State Park office

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during business hours prior to hunting to sign the archery hunting registration form. The park office is open daily April 1 – October 31, 8 am to 4 pm, and Weekdays November 1 to March 31, 8 am to 4 pm.

- c. Hunter orange must be worn by archery hunters at all times when dates overlap with any Statewide Gun Seasons.
- d. Hunting is only allowed from five archery-only metal ladder tree stands.
- e. Stand sites will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis using the self-registration tag board system. The tag board will be located in the Thompson Bridge Parking Lot for the 2023-24 hunting season.

4. Reporting Harvested Deer at the Flint Woods unit of Brandywine Creek State Park

- a. All deer harvested at Flint Woods must be reported on the sign-in/sign-out sheet located at the tag board.
- b. All deer must also be registered via the on-line or toll-free telephone reporting system as required by the

Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife. Deer should be registered as follows:

Land Type:	Public
County:	New Castle
Zone:	1A
Location Type:	State or County Park
Location Description:	Brandywine Creek State Park

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- Please immediately report any medical emergencies by calling 911. Report non-emergency hunting accidents or violations of any hunting laws, rules or regulations to a park ranger or the park office.
- By hunting in this park, you are a vital part of our “deer management team.” White-tail deer have been shown to ecologically damage their habitat when they reach 20 deer per square mile. In the majority of our parks, the deer herds have much greater densities than this.
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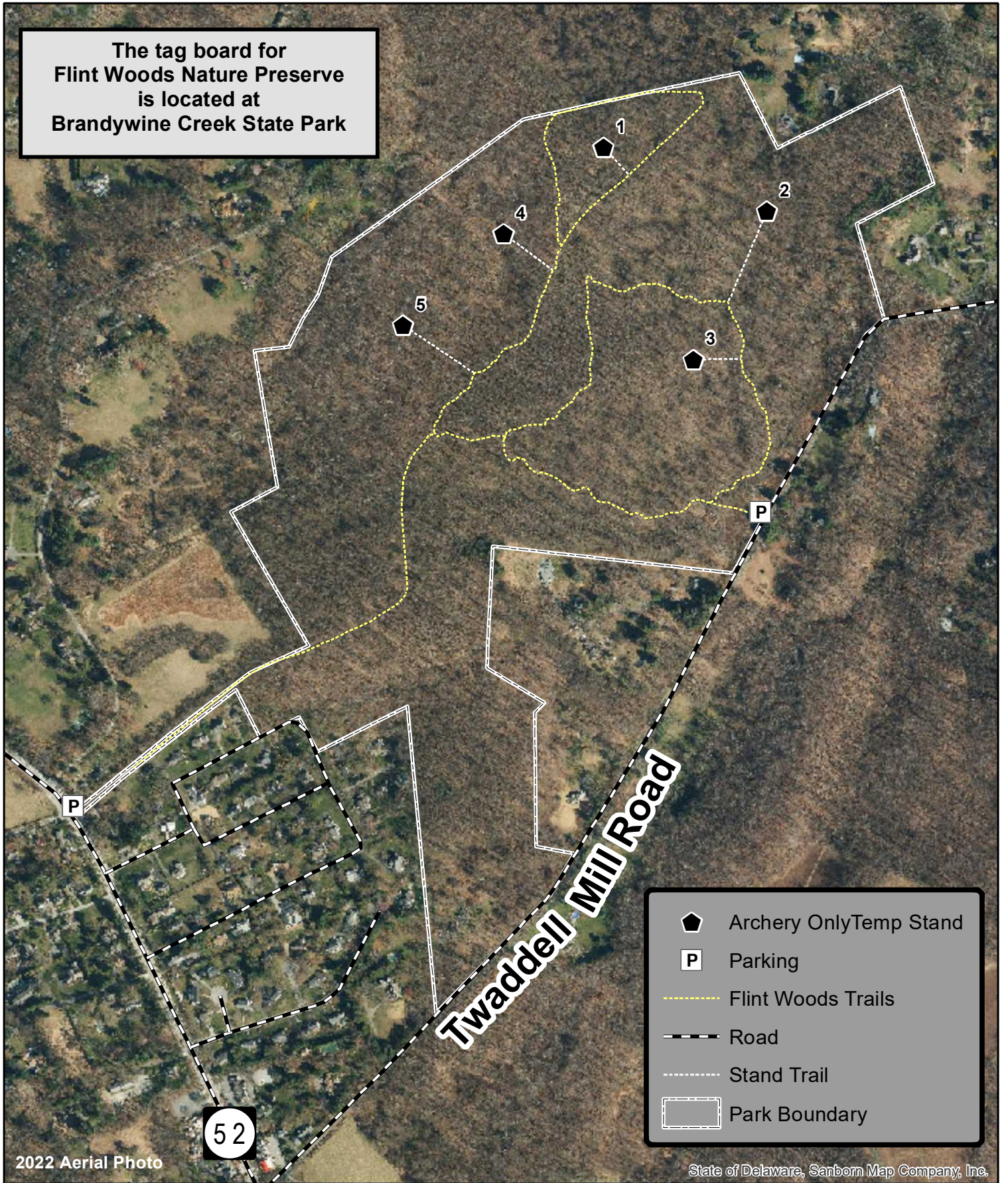
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Brandywine Creek State Park Hunting Map 2023-24 - Flint Woods



The tag board for
Flint Woods Nature Preserve
is located at
Brandywine Creek State Park



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Lums Pond State Park

2023-24 Hunting Rules

Archery and Shotgun

Refer to attached map for approximate locations of indicated areas.

1. In addition to the rules and regulations found in the “Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide: 2023-2024”, specific rules that apply to Lums Pond State Park are listed below. **All hunters must register at Lums Pond State Park hunting prior to hunting in the park.** There is an annual \$10 hunting registration fee charge. This fee is waived for Delaware hunters 65 or over. If you intend to hunt at Lums Pond, hunters must register, in person, at the park office. A valid 2023/2024 Delaware hunting license is required to register. **NOTE:** Once obtained, this registration will be valid for hunters participating in the Delaware State Park Hunting Program at any Delaware State Park that has hunting. **However, it is the hunter’s responsibility to become familiar with each park’s specific rules and regulations.**
2. There is no small game, dove or waterfowl hunting at Lums Pond State Park.
3. There is *no* early (October) muzzleloader or general firearm seasons, January handgun season, or January muzzleloader season at Lums Pond State Park.
4. Mentored hunting is permitted, with no more than one hunter and one mentor for any single stand or zone tag. Only one bow, crossbow or firearm is permitted with each stand or zone tag.
5. General State Park Hunting Rules
 - a. There is **No Sunday Hunting** in Delaware State Parks
 - b. Failure to comply with any state laws, rules, regulations, and/or policies may result in arrest and/or suspension of all hunting privileges in Delaware State Parks.
 - c. Handguns, rifles with straight-walled pistol-caliber ammunition and Sharps rifles are not permitted for deer hunting in Delaware State Parks.
 - d. It is illegal to use or build a nailed or permanent tree stand or ladder. Portable stands must be of a type that will not damage trees. **Unattended stands will be confiscated.**
 - e. Use of trail cameras in Delaware State Parks is prohibited.
 - f. Driving deer into and/or through hunting areas is prohibited.
 - g. The clearing/cutting of vegetation to form shooting lanes or for any other purpose is prohibited.
 - h. Use of Bait is prohibited in Delaware State Parks.
 - i. Use of buckshot is prohibited in Delaware State Parks.
 - j. Driving motorized vehicles off-road into fields, woods, or along trails is prohibited. No motorized hand carts or ATVs are allowed to recover harvested deer. E-bikes may be used on state park trails that allow bicycles. Bicycles, including E-bikes may not be ridden on paths from state park trails to the deer stand, pin or archery zone. Manual deer carts are authorized for use.
 - k. Park only in designated parking areas (refer to map for approximate locations).

1. State Parks are carry-in, carry-out areas. Please take any trash you accumulate with you.

6. Deer Hunting – Archery/Crossbow Season
 - Permitted, in season, in Zones A, B, C, W, X, Y, and Z, from September 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024.
 - Within Zone Z, five stands (Z1 – Z5) are available on a first-come, first-serve basis for hunter safety and convenience. **Use of these stands is mandatory.** Hunting outside of the stands in Zone Z is not permitted. Refer to the Lums Pond State Park Hunting Map for the approximate locations of the trails to the archery stands. Only archery/crossbow hunting is permitted in Zones W, X, Y, and Z.
 - Within Zone D, four stands (D1 – D4) are available on a first-come, first-serve basis for hunter safety and convenience. **Use of these stands is mandatory.** Hunting outside of the stands in Zone D is not permitted.
 - Within Zone B eight stands (B1 – B8) are available on a first-come, first-serve basis for hunter safety and convenience. **Use of these stands is mandatory.** Hunting outside of the stands in Zone B is not permitted.
 - During archery/crossbow seasons, hunting is prohibited within 50 yards of any park trail due to increased visitor usage throughout the park. As a rule of thumb, hunters should not be visible from trails.
 - Hunter orange must be worn by archery hunters at all times when dates overlap with any Statewide Gun Seasons.

7. Deer Hunting—General Firearm Season
 - Permitted, in season, in Zones A, B, C, and D. Seasons are as follows:
 - November 10 - November 18, 2023
 - December 9 - December 16, 2023 (Antlerless)
 - January 13, January 15 – January 20, 2024
 - Within Zone B eight stands (B1 – B8) are available on a first-come, first-serve basis for hunter safety and convenience. **Use of these stands is mandatory.** Hunting outside of the stands in Zone B is not permitted.
 - Within Zone D, four stands (D1 – D4) are available on a first-come, first-serve basis for hunter safety and convenience. **Use of these stands is mandatory.** Hunting outside of the stands in Zone D is not permitted. Only archery/crossbow hunting is permitted in Zones W, X, Y, and Z.
 - All hunters must hunt from an elevated portable stand, provided by the hunter, not less than 10 feet above the ground during all gun seasons. Ground hunting during gun seasons is no longer permitted.

8. Hunters (both archery/crossbow and shotgun) must register at the tag board in the R. C. Field. All hunters are required to sign out a tag for the area or stand he/she will be hunting in, before entering the hunting area. The tag must be displayed on the dashboard of the hunter's vehicle. Tags must be returned and the hunter must sign out when the hunter leaves their hunting area for any reason. Tags may not be removed from the board until 5:00 AM daily. Failure to comply with these rules will result in revocation of park hunting privileges.

9. Two locations have been created for Permanently Disabled Hunters (PD) to use during deer shotgun seasons. One ground blind designated as PDB and one Accessible Stand designated as PDA are designated for hunters who possess a valid disabled hunter certification card issued by the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife. You must be registered as Permanently Disabled to use the blind or stand. To register you must contact the Lums Pond Park Office (302) 368-6989.

10. Hunting or shooting from Lums Pond or over the pond is strictly prohibited.
11. During general firearm seasons hunting is prohibited within 15 yards of any park trail. While trails are closed during all shotgun deer seasons, other park users sometimes enter upon the trails. **Be aware of your target and what is beyond it.**
12. All deer harvested at Lums Pond State Park must be reported on the sign-in/sign-out sheet at the tag board at the R.C. Field and registered, via the on-line or toll-free reporting system, as required by the Division of Fish and Wildlife. Deer should be reported as follows:

Land Type:	Public
County:	New Castle
Zone:	1B
Location Type:	State or County Park
Location Description:	Lums Pond State Park

13. The possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs are strictly prohibited.
14. The main park entrance gate on Howell School Road opens to the public at 8:00 a.m. and closes at sunset. Dependent upon ongoing construction, weather, or other factors, one or more areas may be closed. For updated information, contact the park office at (302) 368-6989 or visit the Delaware state parks website at www.destateparks.com.

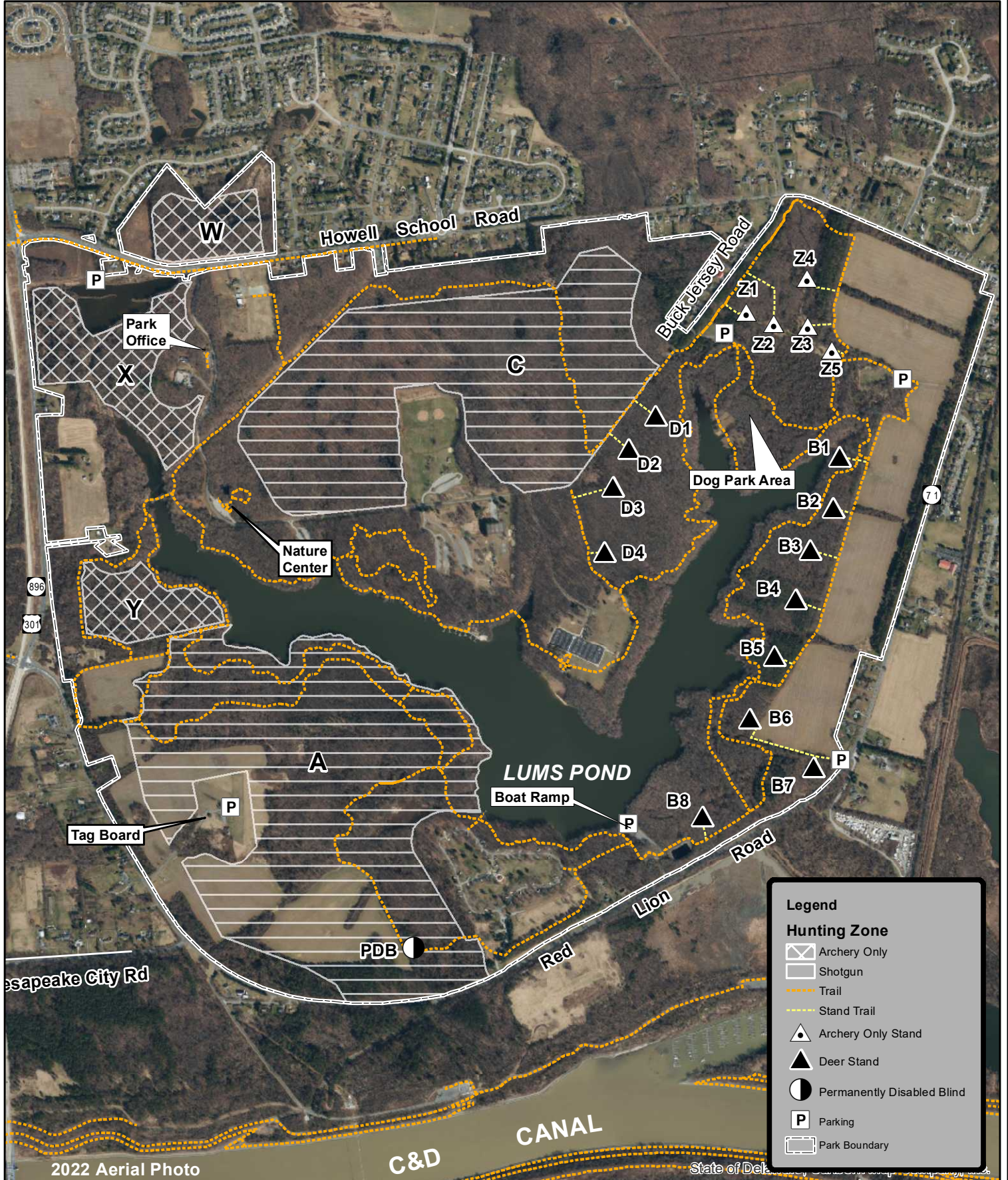
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- Deer remain in moderate numbers in the park. By hunting in Lums Pond, you are a vital part of our “deer management team”.
- Proper management of Lums’ deer herd is simple: we must harvest does and let more yearling and button bucks walk away to balance the herd’s sex ratio to increase the number of mature males. Make a proper management decision before you shoot.
- Your harvest information is very important to us. Please submit your data accurately.
- No Trespassing on neighboring private property.
- Have a safe and successful hunt.

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Lums Pond State Park Hunting Map 2023-24



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Lums Pond State Park – Sunset Lake

2023-24 Hunting Rules

Archery Only

Refer to attached map for approximate locations of indicated areas.

1. In addition to the rules and regulations found in the “Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide: 2023-2024”, specific rules that apply to Lums Pond State Park are listed below. **All hunters must register at Lums Pond State Park hunting prior to hunting in the park.** There is an annual \$10 hunting registration fee charge. This fee is waived for Delaware hunters 65 or over. If you intend to hunt at Lums Pond, hunters must register, in person, at the park office. A valid 2023/2024 Delaware hunting license is required to register. **NOTE:** Once obtained, this registration will be valid for hunters participating in the Delaware State Park Hunting Program at any Delaware State Park that has hunting. **However, it is the hunter’s responsibility to become familiar with each park’s specific rules and regulations.**
2. Hunting is prohibited until September 1, 2023.
3. There is no small game, dove or waterfowl hunting at Sunset Lake.
4. General State Park Hunting Rules
 - a. There is **No Sunday Hunting** in Delaware State Parks
 - b. Failure to comply with any state laws, rules, regulations, and/or policies may result in arrest and/or suspension of all hunting privileges in Delaware State Parks.
 - c. Use of any firearms other than compound and recurve bows and crossbows is prohibited.
 - d. It is illegal to use or build a nailed or permanent tree stand or ladder.
 - e. Use of trail cameras in Delaware State Parks is prohibited.
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 - c. If you plan to hunt at Sunset Lake, regardless of where you purchase your State Park Hunting Permit, you must appear in person at the Lums Pond State Park

office during business hours prior to hunting to sign the archery hunting registration form. The park office is open daily April 1 – October 31, 8 am to 4 pm, and Weekdays November 1 to March 31, 8 am to 4 pm.

- d. Hunter orange must be worn by archery hunters at all times when dates overlap with any Statewide Gun Seasons.
 - e. There are ten archery pin sites. Hunting at the ten pin sites is allowed from a portable non-damaging tree stand (provided by the hunter), not less than 10 feet above ground level, or from the ground within the perimeter marked with paint on trees around a central numbered pin during archery hunting seasons. During the regular state gun-hunting seasons hunters shall only hunt from an elevated tree stand. Ground hunting is not permitted during gun seasons. Unattended portable stands shall be confiscated.
 - f. **NOTE:** Pin #8 will be closed due to nearby construction for the duration of the 2023-24 hunting season.
 - g. Pin sites will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis using the self-registration tag board system. The tag board is located at the parking lot located off of RT 72 just south of Reybold Road .
 - h. To access Pins 1- 4 and 10 hunters must park in the parking lot where the tag board is located.
6. All deer harvested at Sunset Lake must be reported on the sign-in/sign-out sheet at the tag board at Sunset Lake. When registering your deer via the on-line or toll-free reporting system, as required by the Division of Fish and Wildlife, deer should be registered as follows:

Land Type:	Public
County:	New Castle
Zone:	1B
Location Type:	State or County Park
Location Description:	Lums Pond State Park

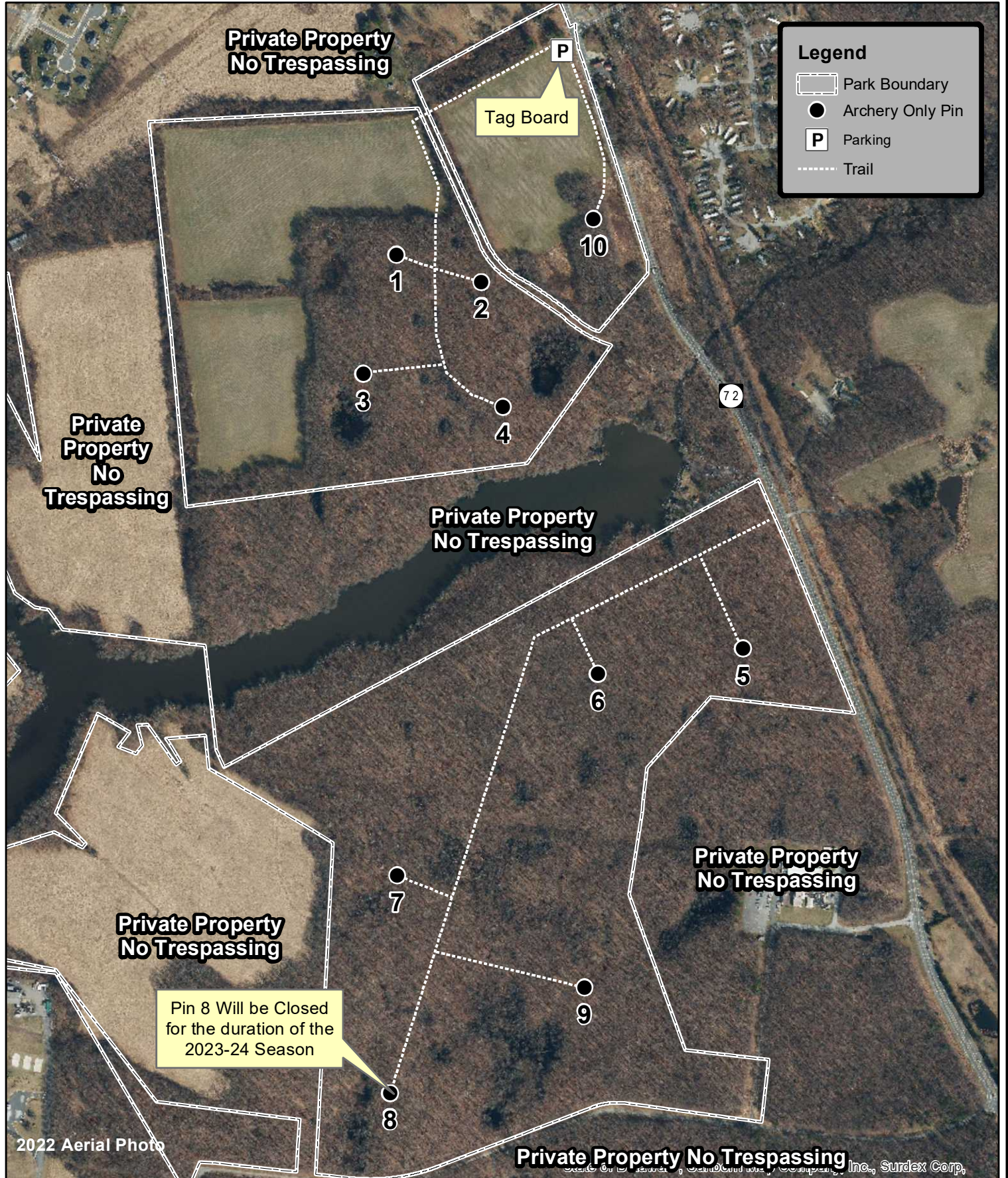
7. The possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs are strictly prohibited.

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- Deer remain in moderate numbers in the park. By hunting in Lums Pond, you are a vital part of our “deer management team”.
- Proper management of Lums’ deer herd is simple: we must harvest does and let more yearling and button bucks walk away to balance the herd’s sex ratio to increase the number of mature males. Make a proper management decision before you shoot.
- Have a safe and successful hunt.



Lums Pond State Park Sunset Lake Preserve - Hunting Map 2023-24

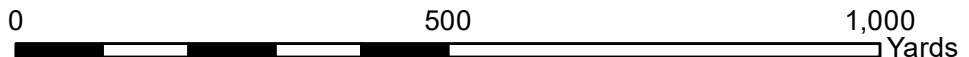


Legend

- Park Boundary
- Archery Only Pin
- Parking
- Trail

2022 Aerial Photo

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White Clay Creek State Park

2023-24 Hunting Rules

Refer to map for approximate locations of indicated areas.

In addition to the rules and regulations found in the “Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide: 2023-2024”, specific rules that apply to White Clay Creek State Park are listed below. **Registration of all hunters participating in the Delaware State Park Hunting Program is required. There is an annual \$10 hunting registration fee. This charge is waived for Delaware hunters age 65 or over and for juvenile hunters age 10 - 15.** Registration will take place at the White Clay Creek State Park Office.

1. General Deer Hunting Rules

- a. There is **NO SUNDAY HUNTING** in Delaware State Parks
- b. Failure to comply with any state laws, rules, regulations, and/or policies may result in arrest and/or suspension of all hunting privileges in Delaware State Parks.
- c. Handguns, rifles with straight-walled pistol-caliber ammunition and Sharps rifles are not permitted for deer hunting in Delaware State Parks.
- d. It is illegal to use or build a nailed or permanent tree stand or ladder.
- e. Use of trail cameras in Delaware State Parks is prohibited.
- f. Driving deer into and/or through hunting areas is prohibited.
- g. The clearing/cutting of vegetation to form shooting lanes or for any other purpose is prohibited.
- h. Baiting is prohibited in Delaware State Parks.
- i. Use of buckshot is prohibited in Delaware State Parks.
- j. Park only in designated parking areas (refer to map for approximate locations).
- k. Driving motorized vehicles off-road into fields, woods, or along trails is prohibited. No motorized hand carts or ATVs are allowed to recover harvested deer. E-bikes may be used on state park trails that allow bicycles. Bicycles, including E-bikes may not be ridden on paths from state park trails to the deer stand, pin or archery zone. Manual deer carts are authorized for use.
- l. **Note that for the 2023-24 season you must harvest a female deer (adult or fawn doe qualify) in White Clay Creek State Park first, before harvesting a buck.** To become ‘Buck Eligible’ you must have your female deer confirmed by contacting a Park Ranger (302)368-6900, (302)387-3515, (302)354-1386, (302)270-7316 and (302)943-0125. Archery hunters who harvest a female deer during archery season will be qualified to harvest a buck (by bow or gun) during the shotgun seasons.
- m. For safety reasons, only one adult and only one firearm (shotgun/muzzleloader/bow/crossbow) is permitted at each stand/post site.
- n. Dependent upon ongoing construction, weather, or other factors, one or more areas may be closed. Hunters are encouraged to carry a cell phone while they are scouting, hunting, and tracking. For updated or additional information, contact the park office at (302) 368-6900 or visit the Delaware State Parks website at www.destateparks.com. The White Clay Creek State Park office is located at the intersection of Chambers Rock Road and Thompson Station Road. Park office is open daily 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through October. The office will be open Monday through Friday 8am to 4 pm beginning in November. Please immediately report any medical emergencies by dialing 911. Report non-emergency hunting accidents, or violations of any hunting laws, rules, or regulations to a Park Ranger or the park office.

2. Archery Deer Hunting Seasons

September 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024

- a. If you plan to archery hunt at White Clay Creek State Park, regardless of where you purchase your State Park Hunting Permit, you must appear in person at the White Clay Creek State Park office (during business hours) prior to hunting to sign the archery hunting registration form. There is no additional fee to archery hunt.

- b. Archery hunting is permitted only from elevated stands or from a portable non-damaging (without screw pegs) tree stand, or on the ground within the painted radius around each elevated stand/pin. When an elevated stand does not have a painted radius, archer must hunt from the elevated stand.
- c. Hunting in **Archery Zones** shall be from a portable non-damaging (without screw pegs) tree stand placed within the zone boundaries. Only one hunter is permitted in each zone. Hunting from ground level is permitted within the archery zones.
- d. Archery Zone 1 is now located on the south side of Chambers Rock Road west of White Clay Creek. The zone is bordered by Chambers Rock Road on the north side and an open field on the west. The boundary is marked by a painted perimeter. Hunters must be posted in an elevated stand when hunting Zone 1. Stands can be placed no closer than 20 yards from Chambers Rock Road. Shooting at deer outside of the painted perimeter is prohibited. Shooting at deer in the field in the interior of the zone is permitted from an elevated stand posted on a tree on or within the edge of the tree line surrounding the field.
- e. Archery Zone 2 is located in the wooded area southwest of the Upper Pike Creek Road bridge pull off. Zone 2 is bordered by Pike Creek and Upper Pike Creek Road. Zone 2 hunters must be posted in an elevated climber stand at least 20 yards away from Upper Pike Creek Road. Shooting at deer that are either in the creek or across the creek is prohibited.
- f. Archery Zone 3 is located in the wooded area at the south end of the Judge Morris property. This area is bordered by fields and by a private parking area. **Hunters are not allowed to park in the private parking area on the south side of this zone.** Hunters must be posted in an elevated climber stand at least 20 yards away from the private parking area. **Zone 3 is ONLY open to archery hunting on Saturdays, on Thanksgiving Day, and on the day after Thanksgiving.** *This area is subject to closure on Saturdays when the mansion grounds are being used.
- g. Archery Zone 4 is located in the wooded area north of Smith Mill Road, downhill from the Silent Knights flying field. Access to this zone shall be from the Smith Mill Road parking lot along the hedgerow along Paper Mill Road. Do not walk across the Silent Knights mowed runway.
- h. Archery Zone 5 is located in the wooded area bounded by White Clay Creek to the east, Thompson Station Road to the west, Chambers Rock Road to the south and a point 50 yards south of the Charles Bailey Trail to the north. Zone 5 hunters must be posted in an elevated climber stand at least 20 yards away from the bordering Roads and at least 50 yards from the Charles Bailey Trail. Shooting at deer that are either in the creek or across the creek is prohibited. Access to this zone will be from any of the three designated parking areas adjacent to this zone.
- i. Stands and pins will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis using the self-registration tag board system. Self-registration will take place at the tag board in the Smith Mill parking lot which is located off Paper Mill Road. The tag must be placed on the dashboard of the hunter's vehicle and be visible at all times when hunting. Reminder: Tags are not to be removed before 5:00 AM prior to the end of Daylight Saving Time. After DST ends, tags are not to be removed prior to 4:30 AM. As stated on the Self-Registration form, this applies to all stands including the Permanently Disabled Stands. During shotgun seasons tags may be removed 2½ hours prior to legal hunting time to avoid congestion in the Smith Mill parking lot during shotgun lotteries.
- j. When leaving the area for any reason (e.g. lunch, work, coffee, deer kill, etc.), hunters must sign out and return the tag to the bulletin board.
- k. Hunters that fail to sign out and return the tag to the bulletin board when leaving the area or that have another person sign in and pick up a tag for them will lose their hunting privileges for the rest of the season.
- l. The archery-only stations or 'pins' (Stations A-Z, AA-HH, UU-YY, J-PD, M-PD) and Archery Zones (1-5) will be open for archery hunting during both the archery season listed above and during legal firearm seasons, in accordance with all applicable regulations. Each of these stations is indicated by a labeled post. Hunting is permitted from within the painted radius around the labeled post.
- m. PD stands 1, 2, 19, 26, 38, 50, 51, J and M are only to be used by PD archery hunters during the archery season.
- n. Hunter orange must be worn by archery hunters at all times when dates overlap with any Statewide Gun Seasons, including early October gun seasons and November Youth/Non-ambulatory Disabled Hunt.

3. General Firearm Deer Hunting Seasons

November 10 - November 18, 2023

December 9 – December 16, 2023 – Special Antlerless Season

January 13, 15 - January 21, 2024

- a. Stands will be assigned by an on-site shotgun lottery each day of the hunt at the Smith Mill Parking Lot two hours prior to legal shooting time on the day of the hunt and again at 12:00 noon on the day of the hunt. Hunters are allowed only one entry in any lottery.
- b. Use of single-barrel muzzleloaders is permitted during the Shotgun Seasons. There are no Muzzleloader Seasons in White Clay Creek State Park.
- c. Hunters are required to hunt from their assigned elevated deer stand. All hunters picked for a stand in the morning must hunt in the morning and remain in their stand until 9 a.m. Afternoon hunters must be in their assigned stand by 3 p.m. With the exception of a personal emergency, a hunter may only leave their stand before 9 am in the morning or before the end of legal shooting time in the afternoon or evening to dispatch a downed deer that the hunter wounded provided that downed deer can be seen by the hunter from their stand.
- d. When shotgun hunters are finished hunting for the day, they must return their daily hunting permit to the permit box in the Smith Mill Road parking lot. Daily permits must be filled out completely before returning them.
- e. During the daily shotgun season lottery, if stand M-PD, PD1, PD2, PD19, PD26, PD38, PD50 or PD51 has not been assigned to a Permanently Disabled Hunter, then they will be included in the normal daily lottery drawings. If a PD stand is issued to a non-PD hunter in the morning lottery, the permit for the PD stand must be turned in prior to the noon drawing.
- f. During shotgun seasons, archery hunters wishing to hunt from the archery-only stations can use the self-registration tag board system as they do during the regular archery hunting seasons.
- g. Possession of a loaded firearm, except while lawfully hunting from an assigned deer stand, is prohibited.
- h. Use of buckshot is prohibited in Delaware State Parks.

4. November 4, 2023 Shotgun Youth Hunt

- a. There will be a Youth Shotgun Deer Hunt at White Clay Creek State Park on Saturday, November 4, 2023. This one-day hunt will be open to juvenile hunters ages 10-15 who have completed a Hunter Education course, possess a Division hunting permit, and (when age required) possess a Delaware junior hunting license.
- b. The buck eligibility requirement is waived for youth shotgun hunters during this one-day hunt. Only lottery selected shotgun youth hunters may harvest an antlered buck on this date without first harvesting a female deer.
- c. Each juvenile hunter must be accompanied by an adult mentor who is at least 18 years of age. The mentor must have the lawful right to hunt in the State of Delaware, possess a valid Division of Parks & Recreation hunting permit, and either possess a valid Delaware hunting license or be hunting license exempt.
- d. The accompanying mentor is not allowed to shoot. Only one youth and one adult will be allowed to occupy each deer stand. Youth hunters may use a shotgun or a single-barrel muzzleloader.
- e. Gun hunting, by juveniles or by adults, in other areas of White Clay Creek State Park on November 4 is prohibited. Juvenile archery hunters are still required to be “buck eligible” to harvest an antlered deer with a bow on November 4.
- f. Selected youth hunters, and their adult mentor, will participate in a traditional on-site stand lottery drawing at the Carpenter Recreation Area on November 5. The stand lottery drawing will take place two hours prior to legal shooting time. Once stands are assigned, youth hunters may keep their stands for the entire day. There will be no noon stand lottery drawing. A deer stand permit cannot be transferred to another youth hunter.

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White Clay Creek Hunting Opportunities for Permanently Disabled Hunters

Permanently Disabled Hunters are a small but important segment of our hunting population that is likely to grow larger in coming years. As we have increased hunting opportunities for all hunters, we have been increasing opportunities for Permanently Disabled Hunters. The rules that follow below are meant to accomplish these goals.

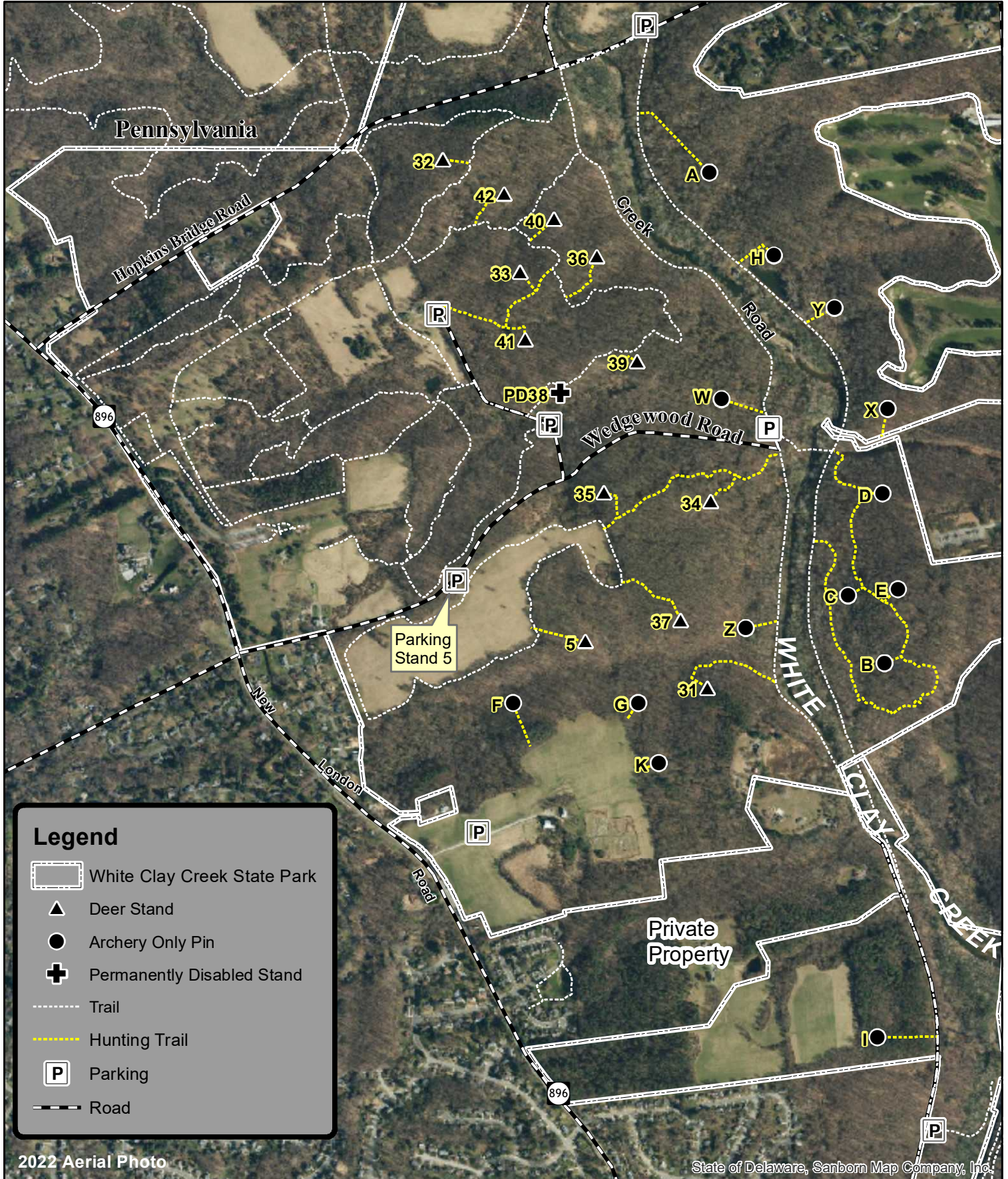
Before you consider registration as a Permanently Disabled Hunter, understand that this **will limit your hunting opportunities within the park to just a few stands or pins**, and you will still have to participate in the daily lottery for these limited opportunities with other Permanently Disabled Hunters. This is strictly intended for those hunters that are physically unable to access the majority of the stands in the park because of difficult terrain and long walking distances. Read the instructions below. **All of the White Clay Creek Hunting Rules in the park will also apply to the Permanently Disabled Hunter as well.**

- 1) **A hunter wishing to participate** must obtain a disabled hunter certification card to use all facilities and opportunities made available to disabled hunters on State Wildlife Areas and State Parks. For more information on obtaining this card, call the Division of Fish and Wildlife at (302) 739-9912
- 2) **Once registered, Permanently Disabled Hunters will be limited to the following stand/pin locations: Archery Stand J-PD, Archery Stand M-PD, as well as stands PD1, PD2, PD19, PD26, PD38, PD50 and PD51. By registering as a Permanently Disabled Hunter you are limiting your hunting to these locations.** These seven sites are for Permanently Disabled Hunters not confined to a wheelchair (Category 2). They will be equipped with stairs instead of ladders to facilitate access to the stands.
- 3) During the morning shotgun lottery, if Stands M-PD, PD1, PD2, PD19, PD26, PD38, PD50 and PD51 are not assigned to Permanently Disabled Hunters, these six stands become available to non-Permanently Disabled Hunters. If a PD stand is issued to a non-PD hunter in the morning lottery, the permit for the PD stand must be turned in prior to the noon drawing so that the stand once again becomes available to an afternoon lottery PD hunter.
- 4) During the archery season, stands M-PD, PD1, PD2, PD19, PD26, PD38, PD50 and PD51 are only available to permanently disabled hunters. PD archery hunters may hunt from the ground within the painted radius of any pin.
- 5) Stand J-PD is for Permanently Disabled hunters only. J-PD is not available at any time to hunters who are not permanently disabled.
- 6) Park staff will not be available to help the Permanently Disabled Hunter retrieve game or otherwise provide assistance except in the case of an emergency. **Permanently Disabled Hunters must make arrangements with a friend or family member to help them.**

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White Clay Creek State Park Hunting Map - Carpenter Area 2023-24



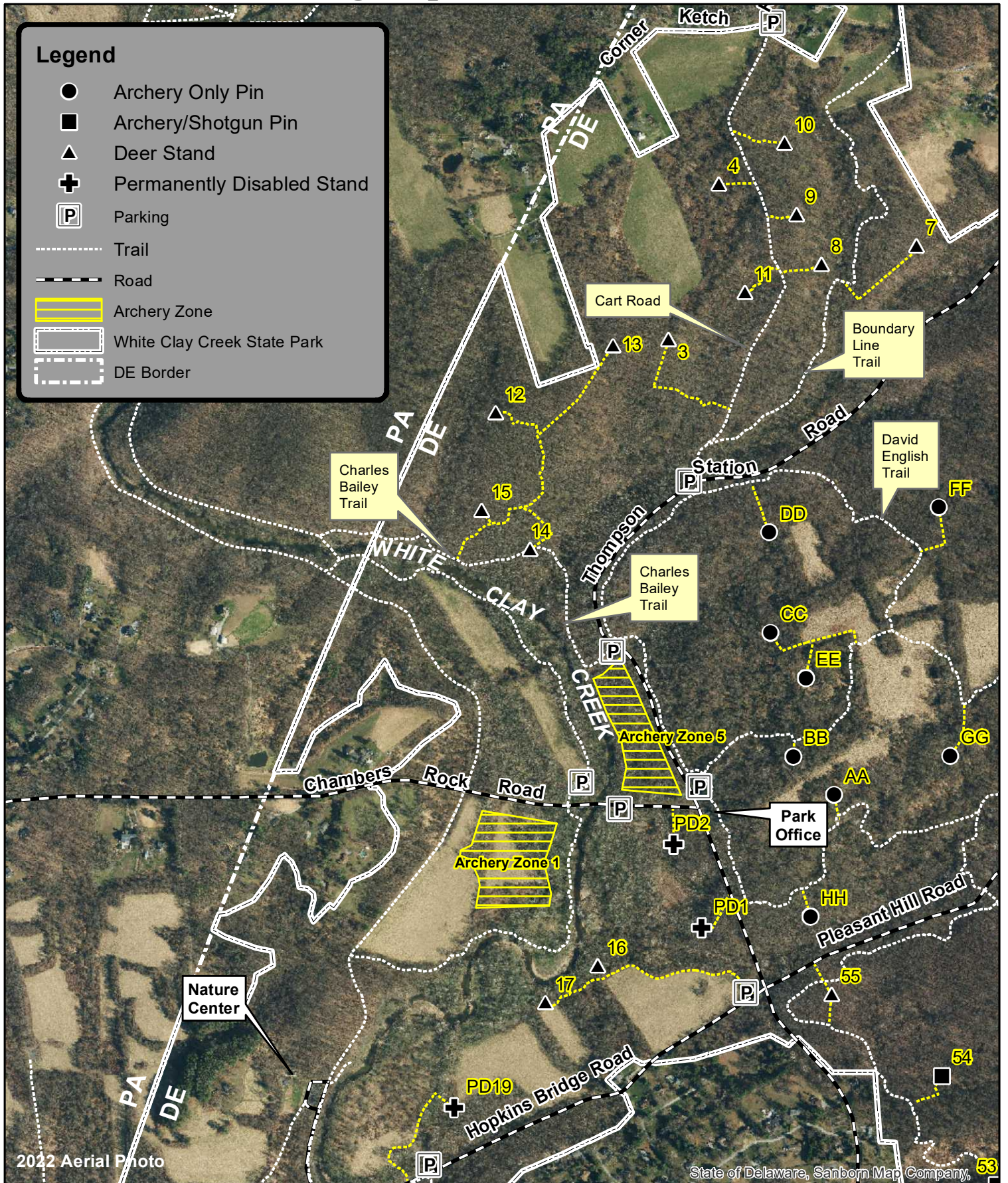


White Clay Creek State Park Hunting Map - Preserve 2023-24



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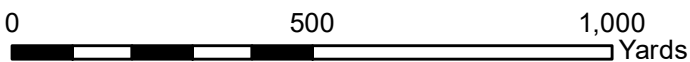
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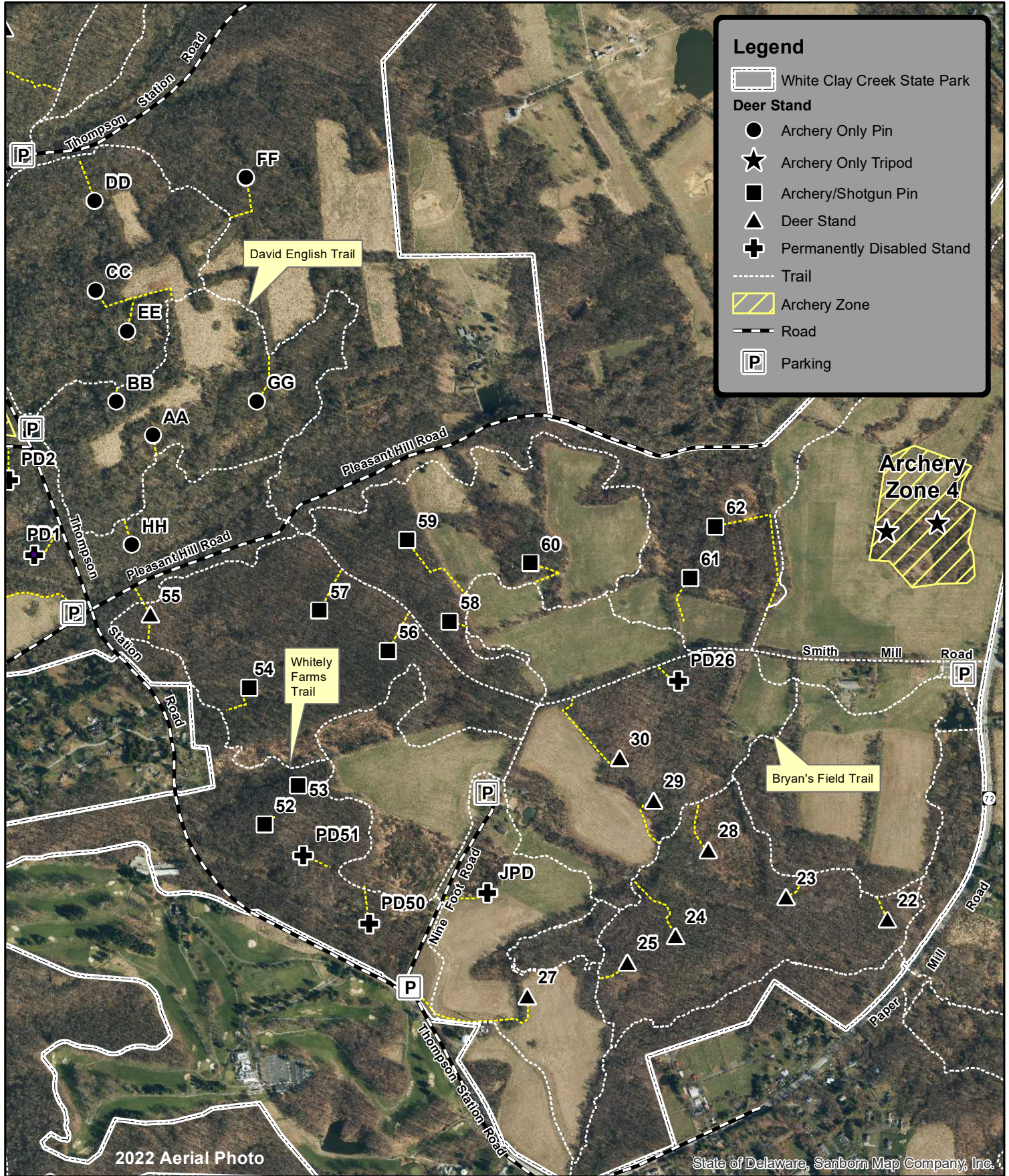




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Hunting Map - Whitely Farms/Possum Hill 2022-23



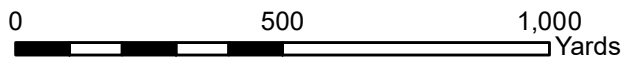
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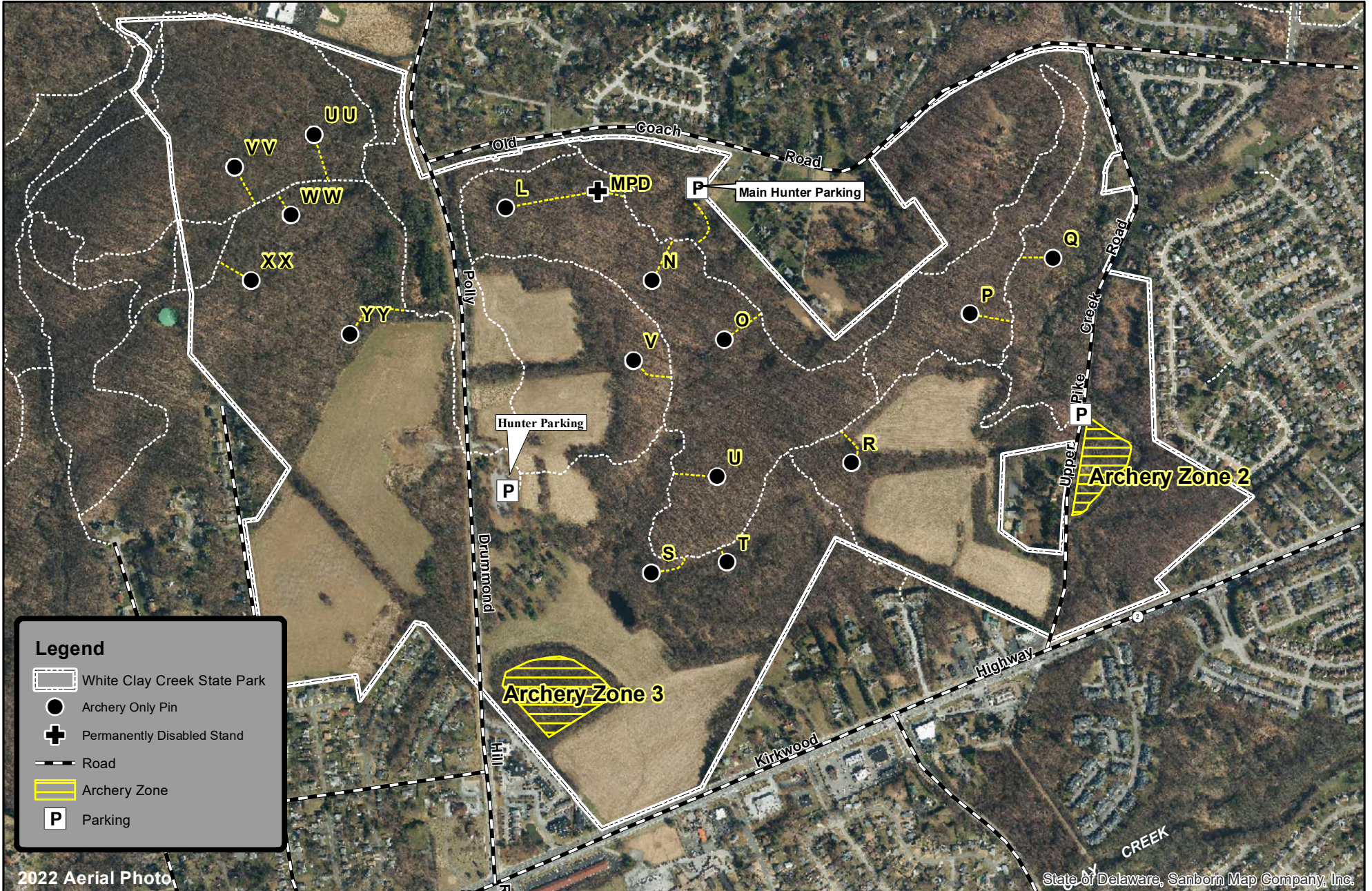
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White Clay Creek State Park Judge Morris Estate Hunting Map 2023-24



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- Permanently Disabled Stand
- Road
- Archery Zone
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