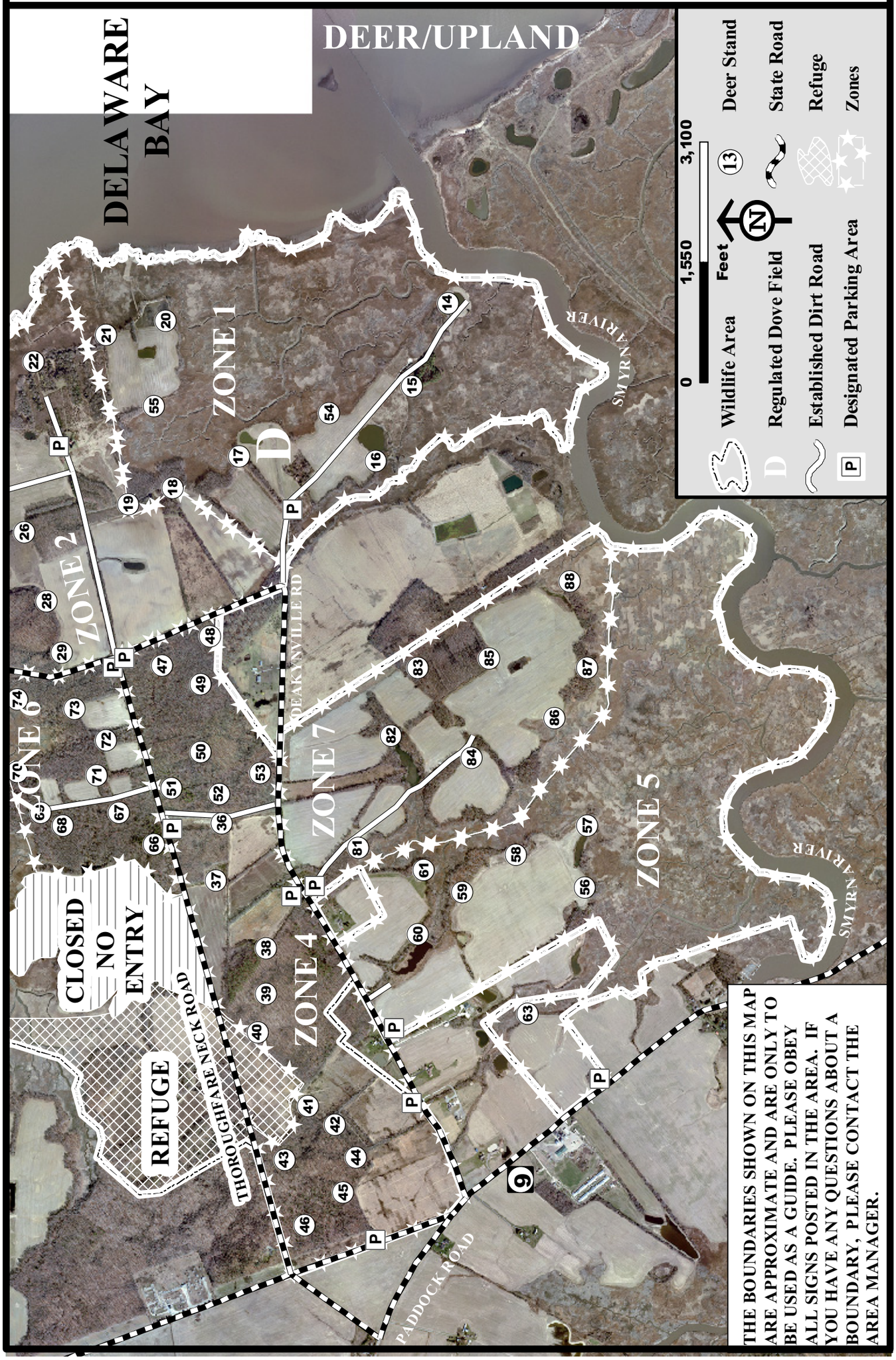
CEDAR SWAMP WILDLIFE AREA

5,515 ACRES)

SOUTH AREA



THE BOUNDARIES SHOWN ON THIS MAP ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE ONLY TO BE USED AS A GUIDE. PLEASE OBEY ALL SIGNS POSTED IN THE AREA. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT A BOUNDARY, PLEASE CONTACT THE AREA MANAGER.

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South Area

DEER AND UPLAND HUNTING

Persons may hunt on the Cedar Swamp Wildlife Area only as directed by the following rules, which have been established by Wildlife Regulation 3908 (WR-3908) of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, pursuant to Section 103, 7 Delaware Code. **Violators of wildlife area regulations may be subject to fines and or revocation of their hunting privileges on state wildlife areas for up to one year.**

**** THIS AREA IS A QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT AREA. ALL DEER HUNTERS (EXCEPT HUNTERS UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE AND NON-AMBULATORY HUNTERS) SHALL NOT TAKE AN ANTLERED DEER WITH A MINIMUM OUTSIDE ANTLER SPREAD OF LESS THAN 15 INCHES AT ANY TIME ****

PERMITS

A STAND/BLIND PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO HUNT DURING ALL DEER FIREARMS AND WATERFOWL SEASONS.

A. DEER - FIREARM

1. **Shotgun and muzzleloader hunting by permit only.**
2. Shotgun deer permits issued by pre-season lottery and a daily lottery drawing for no-shows/unfilled stands at Cedar Swamp Lottery Station. Preseason permit applications are available in the Delaware Hunting Guide and on the Division's Web Site.
3. Muzzleloader hunting permits issued by daily drawing from the Cedar Swamp Lottery Station.
4. **Deer hunting in this area will not be permitted during the Special October Antlerless Firearm Season. Archery hunting will be permitted; however archers must wear required hunter orange.**
5. Daily permits issued 1 1/2 hours before legal shooting time. Vacant stands will then be re-issued by a second lottery at 12:00 PM. No permits issued after 1:00 PM. **Hunters are advised to arrive early to participate.**
6. Failure to accurately report harvest and return permits will result in loss of hunting privileges.
7. Deer hunters must park in appropriate parking lots (see maps) and go directly to their stands.
8. Hunters may not "drive" deer and must hunt from state-built stands.
9. A handgun may be used in place of a shotgun during any deer season when a shotgun is a legal weapon.
10. Only one firearm is permitted/deer stand.
11. **Handgun deer hunting will be allowed on some Cedar Swamp tracts on certain days during the January season. For details, check online at www.dnrec.state.de.us/fw during the fall hunting season or call the Cedar Swamp Lottery Station at (302) 653-8080.**

B. DEER - ARCHERY

1. Except during firearm seasons, archery hunters may hunt anywhere within the Cedar Swamp Wildlife Area (excluding refuges and safety zones) without special permits, but must register for an archery zone at the tagboards located at the Lottery Station (Zones 1-7) or in the specified parking lot (Zones 8-9). Zones are the same as used for upland hunting (see maps). Each zone has one registration tagboard; however, hunters may park in any official parking lot.
2. During Sept. and Oct. all Zones are open Monday - Saturday. During Nov., Dec. and Jan. Zones 1,2,3,7 and 8 are only open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; however, Zones 4, 5, 6, and 9 are open Monday-Saturday throughout the archery seasons.
3. **Archery hunting is closed during the special youth deer hunt (Nov 1st) in Zones 1, 2, 3, and 7. Archers hunting Zones 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 must wear required hunter orange during the youth hunt.**
4. Archery hunters may use portable stands however all parts of portable stands must be removed at the end of the day. No stands or tree steps which cause damage to trees are allowed.

C. DEER - DISABLED HUNTING - Disabled deer hunting locations (HD1 and HD2) are available for non-ambulatory hunters (see map). For more information on disabled hunting opportunities, see the Delaware Hunting Guide.

D. UPLAND HUNTING

1. The area will be open for squirrel hunting during the Sept. & Oct. seasons, no permit required.
2. Upland small game hunting will be allowed by permit on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the November, December, January, and February seasons, **except that upland small game hunting will be closed during the December deer firearms season and Zones 1-7 and 9 will be closed during the January shotgun deer season.**
3. Permits will be issued by lottery at 8:00 A.M at the Cedar Swamp Lottery Station. Hunters must vacate the area by 3:30 PM daily. Nine parties, of up to 4 hunters, will be given permits.
4. Upland hunters may not take or attempt to take waterfowl.
5. Hunting within the posted safety zones or refuges is prohibited and hunters and their dogs may not enter a refuge for any reason.
6. This area has regulated dove fields **(D)** planted with sunflowers in which the following rules apply: **Steel shot is required in all gauges.** Hunting will be from 1:00-5:00 PM on Opening Day, Saturdays and Labor Day from September 1-23 by permit only. **Hunting day drawings are held at NOON at the Cedar Swamp Lottery Station. During September, dove hunting is closed in Zones 1, 2, 8 and 9 outside of the regulated fields.**
7. During September, dove hunting is permitted **without a permit in Zones 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7** and the rules associated with special regulated fields do not apply. Dove hunting is permitted on the entire area during the later seasons, no permit required.
8. This area is open for turkey hunting by permit. Permits issued via pre-season lottery. See Delaware Hunting Guide for application and information.
9. Raccoon hunting is permitted from Sept.1 - Mar. 31 during legal raccoon hunting seasons.
10. No fox hunting during any deer firearm season.
11. Falconry seasons and regulations are the same as upland small game hunting.

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For further information, contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife, Dover, Delaware 19901 Telephone: 739-9912, Augustine Wildlife Area (834-8433), or Cedar Swamp Lottery Station (653-8080).

To report wildlife or wildlife area violations, or to contact an enforcement agent call the Department Communication Center toll free at 1-800-523-3336.

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