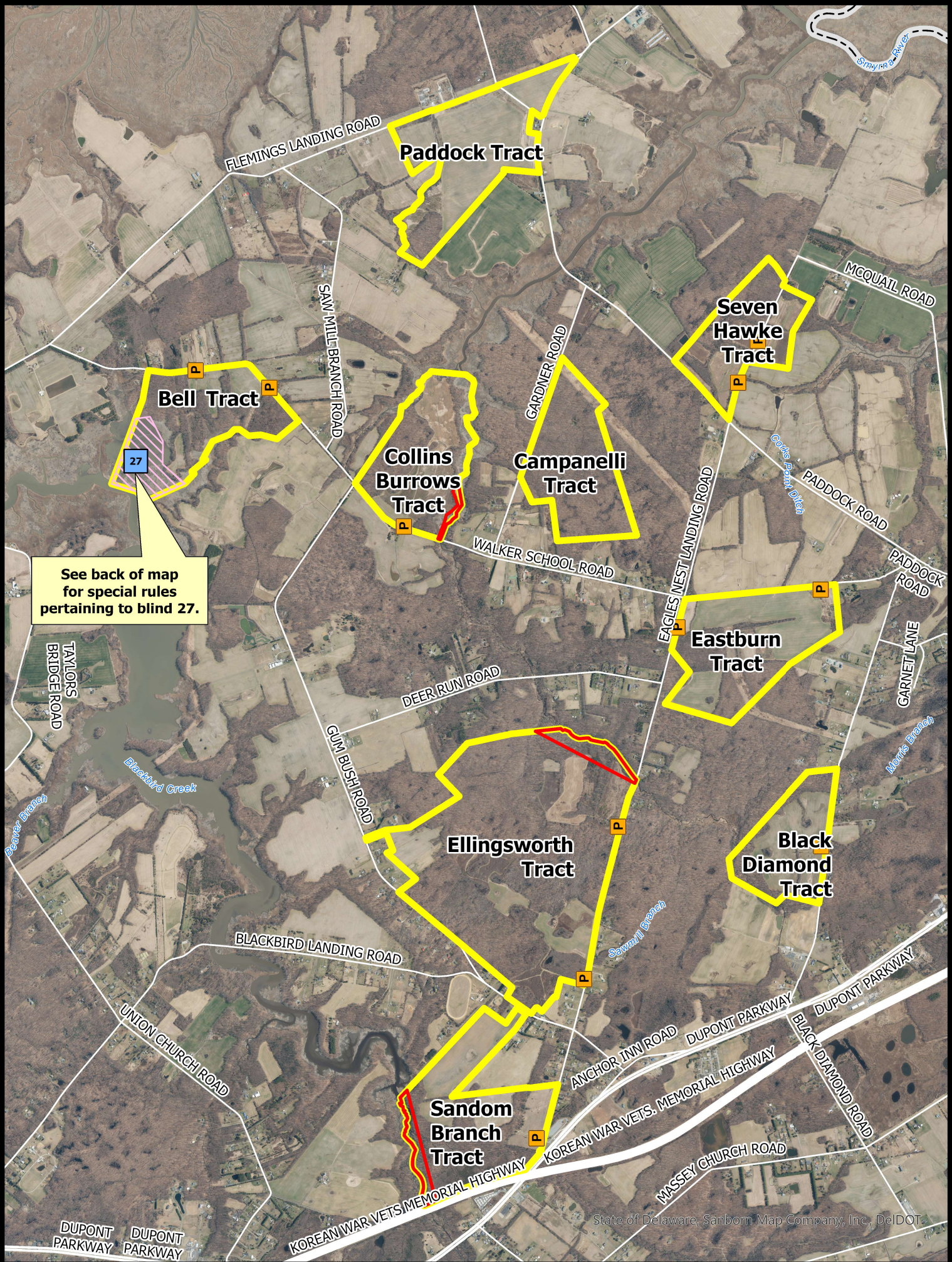




EAGLES NEST WILDLIFE AREA

Waterfowl & Gamebird Hunting



See back of map for special rules pertaining to blind 27.

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Wildlife Area



No Waterfowl Hunting



Special Rules Waterfowl Hunting Area



CAP Required



Waterfowl Blind



BOUNDARIES SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE AND SHOULD ONLY BE USED AS A GUIDE

WATERFOWL & GAMEBIRD HUNTING
EAGLES NEST WILDLIFE AREA
Effective July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

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. A Conservation Access Pass (CAP) is required for any registered motor vehicle used to access designated public lands owned or managed by the Division of Fish & Wildlife. For more information go to <https://de.gov/fw> or call (302) 739-9912. Please refer to the **General Overview** map for additional access and allowable use 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 may not be discharged outside of established hunting seasons. Target shooting is prohibited at any time.

WATERFOWL HUNTING

- 1. Waterfowl hunting permitted anywhere except within refuges, safety zones, along the banks of the Saw Mill Branch and Blackbird Creeks, and within tidal portions of the Bell Tract.
- 2. Blind 27 on the Bell Tract issued through the Cedar Swamp Check Station lottery. See Cedar Swamp maps for lottery days and times.
- 3. Hunting from Blind 27 on the Bell Tract permitted on opening day, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays during all regular waterfowl seasons.
- 4. No waterfowl hunting permitted in tidal areas of the Bell Tract outside of Blind 27.
- 5. 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 established roadways.
- 6. 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.

DOVE HUNTING

- 1. Only nontoxic shot may be possessed while hunting doves during the early season.
- 2. Regulated dove field (**D**) located on the Collins Burrows Tract available by lottery only on Opening day, Labor Day, and all Saturdays of the early season. Lotteries held at 12:00 PM at the Cedar Swamp Check Station.

- 3. Hunting hours on regulated fields are from 1:00-6:00 PM. No dove hunting on Collins Burrows Tract permitted outside of the regulated dove field during the early season.
- 4. Dove hunting permitted on all tracts other than Collins Burrows Tract except within refuges and safety zones during early season, no permit required.
- 5. Dove hunting permitted anywhere except within refuges and safety zones during late seasons, no permit required.

TURKEY HUNTING

- 1. Turkey hunting by permit only. Permits awarded through preseason lottery. See Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide for application.

Harvesting or attempting to harvest Northern Bobwhite Quail is prohibited.

Patrick J. Emory, Director

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 violations please call the Enforcement Section at 1-800-523-3336.