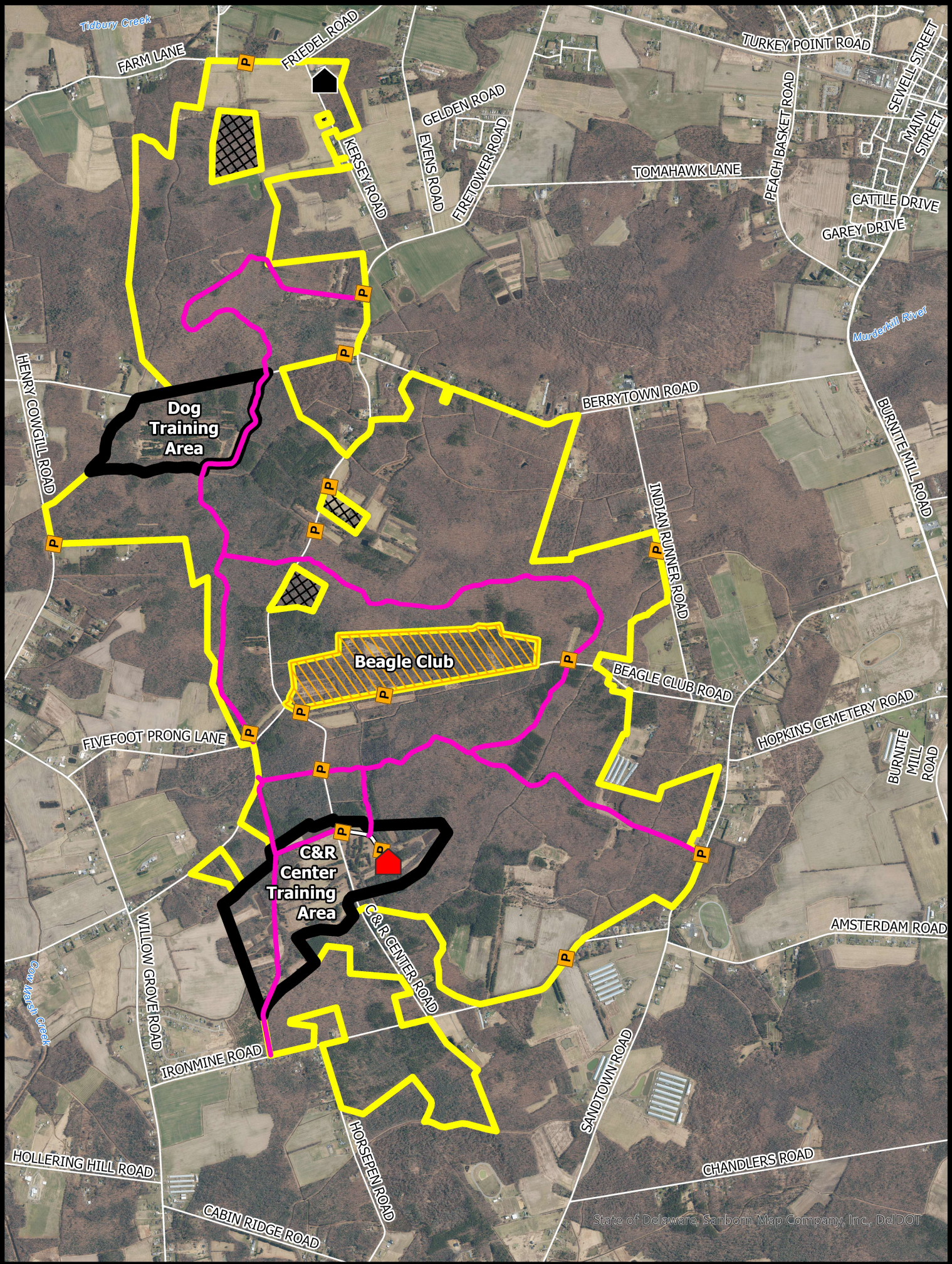




NORMAN G WILDER WILDLIFE AREA

Petersburg Tract
Deer, Furbearers, and Small Game Hunting



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| Wildlife Area | Private Property | Horse Trail |
| Beagle Club | CAP Required | Area Headquarters |
| Dog Training Area | Maintained Roadway | C&R Center |



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

DEER, FURBEARERS & SMALL GAME HUNTING
NORMAN G. WILDER 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.
5. All hunters installing temporary deer stands and/or blinds to remain on-site overnight are required to obtain a free registration number at <https://de.gov/fw> or by calling (302) 739-9912. The registration number must be legibly displayed on all stands and/or blinds.

DEER HUNTING

Sunday deer hunting permitted. See Sunday Deer Hunting maps for open areas and hunting implement restrictions.

1. Deer hunting permitted anywhere except within refuges and safety zones. During the youth/non-ambulatory deer hunt and January handgun deer seasons, the bird dog trial area including a 100-yard perimeter around the C&R training center is open to archery and crossbow only.
2. This area **IS NOT OPEN** for the special October antlerless firearms season.
3. 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 a temporary portable deer stand must be removed at the end of each day's hunt unless registered with the Division.
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 hunters may participate in deer drives.
6. Handguns are permitted during the November and January shotgun seasons and during the January handgun season.

UPLAND HUNTING

A. Small Game

1. Small game hunters must display at least 400 square inches of blaze orange while hunting on State Wildlife Areas.
2. Small game hunting permitted anywhere (excluding posted refuges and safety zones, the bird dog trial area near the C&R Center, and within the fenced beagle club area), and dogs are not permitted to enter refuges for any reason.
3. Rabbit hunting closed during December antlerless deer season and January shotgun deer season.
4. Rabbit dogs may be trained only on the following Sundays: September 7, 14, 21, 28 October 5, 26

B. Furbearers

1. Public trapping is permitted with a valid permit issued by the Division. Limited permits available. For more information, visit <https://dnrec.delaware.gov/fish-wildlife/hunting/furbearers/> or call (302) 739-9912.
2. No trapping permitted within designated dog training areas.
3. Raccoon hunting permitted from Sept 1 – March 31 during legal raccoon hunting seasons.
4. Red fox and coyote may be harvested in season while hunting other game species per these map regulations and may be hunted during the month of February according to applicable state laws.
5. No fox chasing permitted during any deer firearm season or prior to 1:00 PM during turkey season.

DOG TRAINING AREAS

C&R Center

1. To reserve the C&R Center for field trials call (302) 739-9912.
2. Dog training and field trials permitted year-round except during firearm deer seasons and before 1:00 PM during turkey season.
3. Firearms permitted within the field trial area year-round while training dogs.
4. Bird dog trials may be extended to include the Haine's Tract from February 16 to March 31 only. No vehicle access to the Haine's Tract is permitted.

Berrytown Road Training Area

1. Dog training permitted all year except during firearms deer seasons and before 1:00 PM during turkey season.
2. Firearms prohibited on this area except during legal hunting seasons.

HORSEBACK RIDING

1. Horses may be used only on roads open to vehicular traffic or designated horse trails except for activities approved by the Division. Horseback riding is prohibited during any firearm deer seasons excluding Sundays.

Patrick J. Emory, Director

For further information contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife at (302) 739-9912 or the Kent County HQ at (302) 284-4795.

For emergencies or to report violations please call the Enforcement Section at 1-800-523-3336.