

# ***Delaware Department of Agriculture Forest Service***



## ***Location Maps and Regulations***

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# Delaware State Forest Rules and Regulations

Delaware State Forests are open for all legal forms of recreation and enjoyment. In order that these publicly owned lands be conserved, protected, and maintained for the benefit of all, the following RULES AND REGULATIONS will be observed.

## General Rules and Regulations

1. No living trees, shrubs, or other vegetation may be cut, felled, uprooted, removed, or otherwise injured or destroyed, unless written permission has first been obtained from the forest officer in charge.
2. Fires are prohibited for any purpose on State Forest lands other than in designated areas. Written permission must be obtained in advance for fires on State Forest lands outside of designated areas. Any such authorized fire must, at all times, be under the direct supervision and care of a competent adult, and must be thoroughly extinguished before the fire site is abandoned.
3. The dumping or depositing of rubbish, trash, household items, or other debris, and the placing of advertisement signs within State Forests are prohibited.
4. For the sake of sanitation and attractiveness, persons using public camp and picnic sites are required to deposit all waste paper, tin cans and other refuse in the containers, if provided. Where containers are not provided, users must properly dispose of all refuse off State Forest lands.
5. Writing upon, mutilating, carving, and otherwise defacing trees, buildings, structures, signs, and official notices is prohibited.
6. All State Forest boundaries are well-marked with metal signs, yellow paint on boundary line trees, brushed-out paths or with a combination of all three features. Therefore, boundary lines should be easy to identify. State Forest visitors should avoid trespass or encroachment upon adjoining private lands by staying within boundaries of State Forest lands.
7. Many roads have been closed to vehicular travel to improve the quality of recreation and to reduce littering. These roads and trails are open to pedestrian and non-vehicular travel only. Furthermore, no off-highway vehicles or all-terrain vehicles, either registered or non-registered, are permitted. The only exception to this rule applies to those off-highway vehicles owned, operated, and/or authorized by the Delaware Department of Agriculture Forest Service. Violators will be prosecuted for trespassing.
8. With the exception of animals permitted under lawful hunting regulations, all animals must be under the continuous control of the owner(s) unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Forestry Administrator. All dogs must be leashed, unless covered by the exception above. State Forest visitors are responsible for the conduct and any damages, either personal or property, caused by their animals.
9. Entry to State Forest lands is prohibited from sunset to sunrise, except for lawful hunting, permitted camping, or as otherwise permitted in writing by the Delaware Department of Agriculture Forest Service (DFS).
10. Fishing on state forest lands is limited to catch and release only.
11. Obey the Posted Speed Limits.
12. All State Forest Rules and Regulations to be followed:
  - a. [402 State Forest Regulations \(delaware.gov\)](http://delaware.gov)
  - b. Title 3 Agriculture 400 Forest Service 402 State Forest Regulations.



# Blackbird State Forest - Hunting Regulations

The following regulations apply to **all** Blackbird State Forest tracts:

1. **No Sunday hunting.**
2. Squirrel hunting with shotgun is permitted. Squirrel hunting with rifle or muzzle loading rifle is not allowed.
3. Woods roads and trails are closed to motor vehicle traffic.
4. Parking lots are available at all tracts.
5. Target shooting is prohibited. Firearms are allowed for legal hunting and are otherwise prohibited within designated safe areas on State Forest lands, except as set forth below:
  - a. Designated areas include State Forest offices, education centers, and lodges - Identified by appropriate signage.
  - b. Active duty and qualified retired law enforcement officers may possess firearms within areas administered by the Department, including designated areas, provided that proper and current credentials shall be produced upon request.
  - c. Delaware residents holding an active current permit to carry a concealed deadly weapon may carry a firearm within areas administered by the Department, including designated areas, provided that the permit shall be produced upon request. Residents of other states holding an equivalent permit or license to carry a concealed firearm may be permitted to carry a concealed weapon at the discretion of the Department.
  - d. Firearms may be carried within areas administered by the Department, outside of designated areas, by any person not prohibited by 11 Del. C. § 1448.
  - e. Law enforcement officers may limit the discharge of firearms and the use of other weapons within areas administered by the Department, in order to protect public safety and preserve the peace.
  - f. Any person possessing a firearm shall display identification upon request, sufficient to enable a law enforcement officer to undertake a background check.
6. Waterfowl hunting is permitted in designated areas only, please refer to state forest waterfowl maps.
7. Trapping is prohibited.
8. No deer driving.
9. 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 on the final day of the January muzzleloader season; any stands remaining after this date will be removed and become property of the DFS.
10. Stands may be placed after August 1 prior to the start of the new year's hunting season. Owners of deer stands left on State Forest property during the designated time period are required to tag/clearly identify their stand with the owner's name and phone number. Failure to do so will result in removal of the stand by Delaware Forest Service officials.
11. Blackbird State Forest is a year-round multiple use area. Hunters MUST share with other public users, such as hikers, campers, horseback riders, firewood cutters, and loggers.
12. All State Forest Rules and Regulations to be followed:
  - a. [402 State Forest Regulations \(delaware.gov\)](#)
  - b. Title 3 Agriculture 400 Forest Service 402 State Forest Regulations.

The following hunting restrictions apply to the **Tybout, White Road, Dulany Manor, and South Barlow Tracts**:

1. All deer hunting on these tracts are limited to the State Forest stands numbered 1 thru 51.
2. The northern half of Barlow Tract and all of Ennis (Meadows) Tract are archery only, no firearm hunting allowed.
3. For firearm hunting seasons there will be a lottery drawing at Blackbird State Forest headquarters shop, located on the Tybout Tract at 502 Blackbird Forest Rd. (Rd. 471), 1.5 hours before legal hunting time (2 hours before sunrise as listed in the [Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide](#)). Stands available after the lottery, or later during the day, will be available in the hunting information booth at the Tybout (headquarters) garage.
4. For Muzzleloader seasons there will be a daily lottery held at Blackbird State Forest Headquarters, located on the Tybout Tract on Blackbird Forest Rd. (Rd. 471), 1.5 hours before legal hunting time (2 hours before sunrise as listed in the [Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide](#)).
5. All hunters on these tracts, during shotgun and muzzleloader season, must hunt from the stand only, as walk around hunting is not permitted.
6. During Archery season, bow hunters must be within 50 yards of their designated stand.
7. Stands will be available during Archery season on a first come first serve basis. Bow hunters must place a tag (provided), in the hunters' information box, on the post of the stand they are going to be hunting from.
8. No more than one hunter may hunt from a stand at any one time.
9. No small game hunting and QDM protocols are in effect on the Dulany Manor tract.

These special restrictions apply only to the **Tybout Tract** of Blackbird State Forest:

1. **Tybout is closed to small game hunting and for October antlerless season.**
2. Dog training is prohibited at all times.

For more information, call the Blackbird State Forest office at (302) 653-6505.

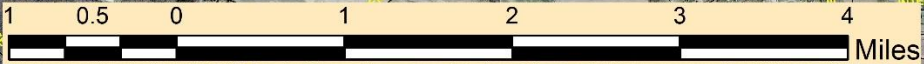


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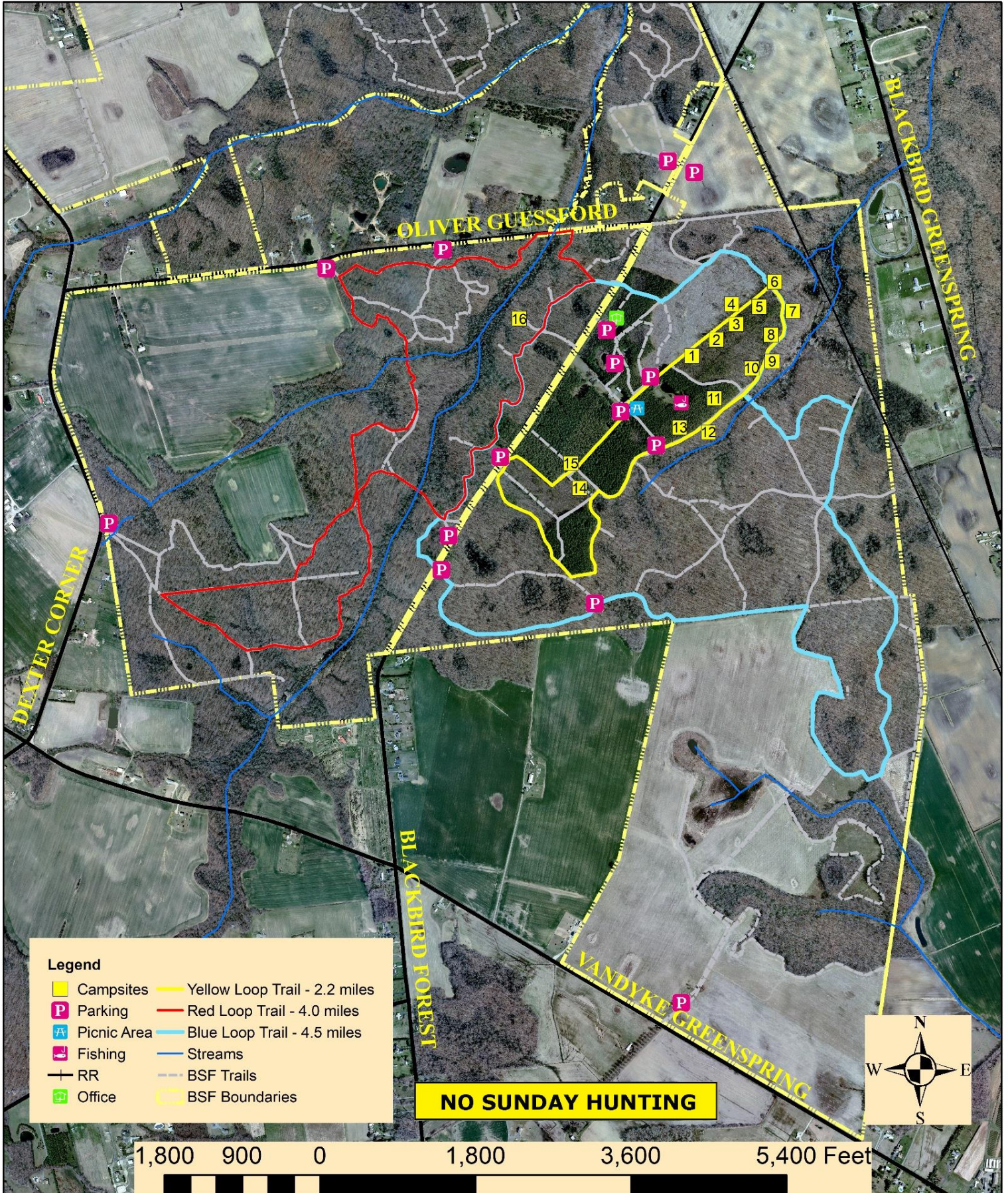
**NO SUNDAY HUNTING**

- Legend**
- OH7
  - Blackbird State Forest
  - Delaware Line



# Blackbird State Forest- Headquarters

## Tybout Tract – (1400 Acres) - Trails & Camping



**Legend**

- Campsites
- Yellow Loop Trail - 2.2 miles
- Red Loop Trail - 4.0 miles
- Blue Loop Trail - 4.5 miles
- Streams
- RR
- BSF Trails
- BSF Boundaries
- P Parking
- A Picnic Area
- F Fishing
- Office

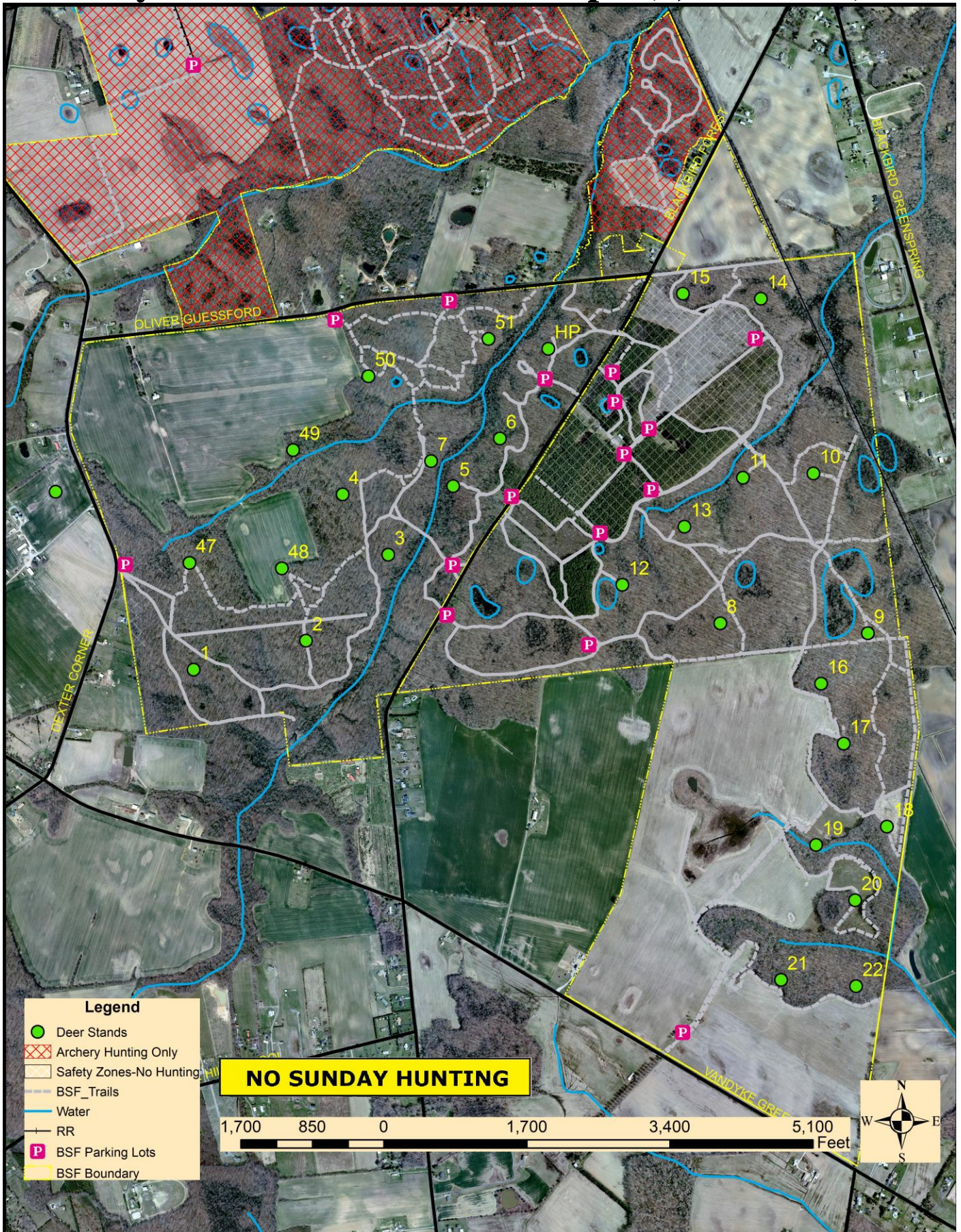
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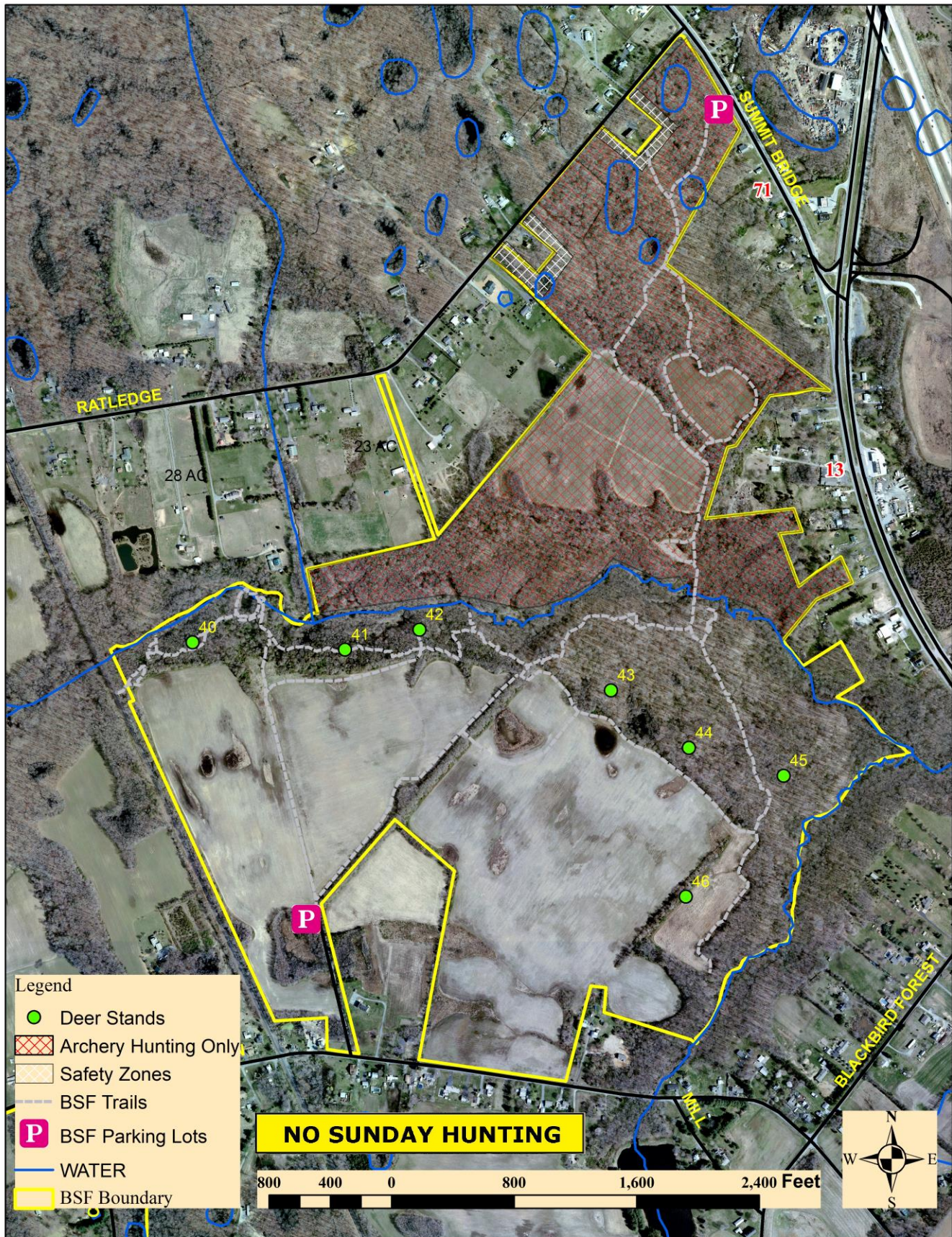
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## Tybout Tract – Hunters Map - (1,454 Acres)



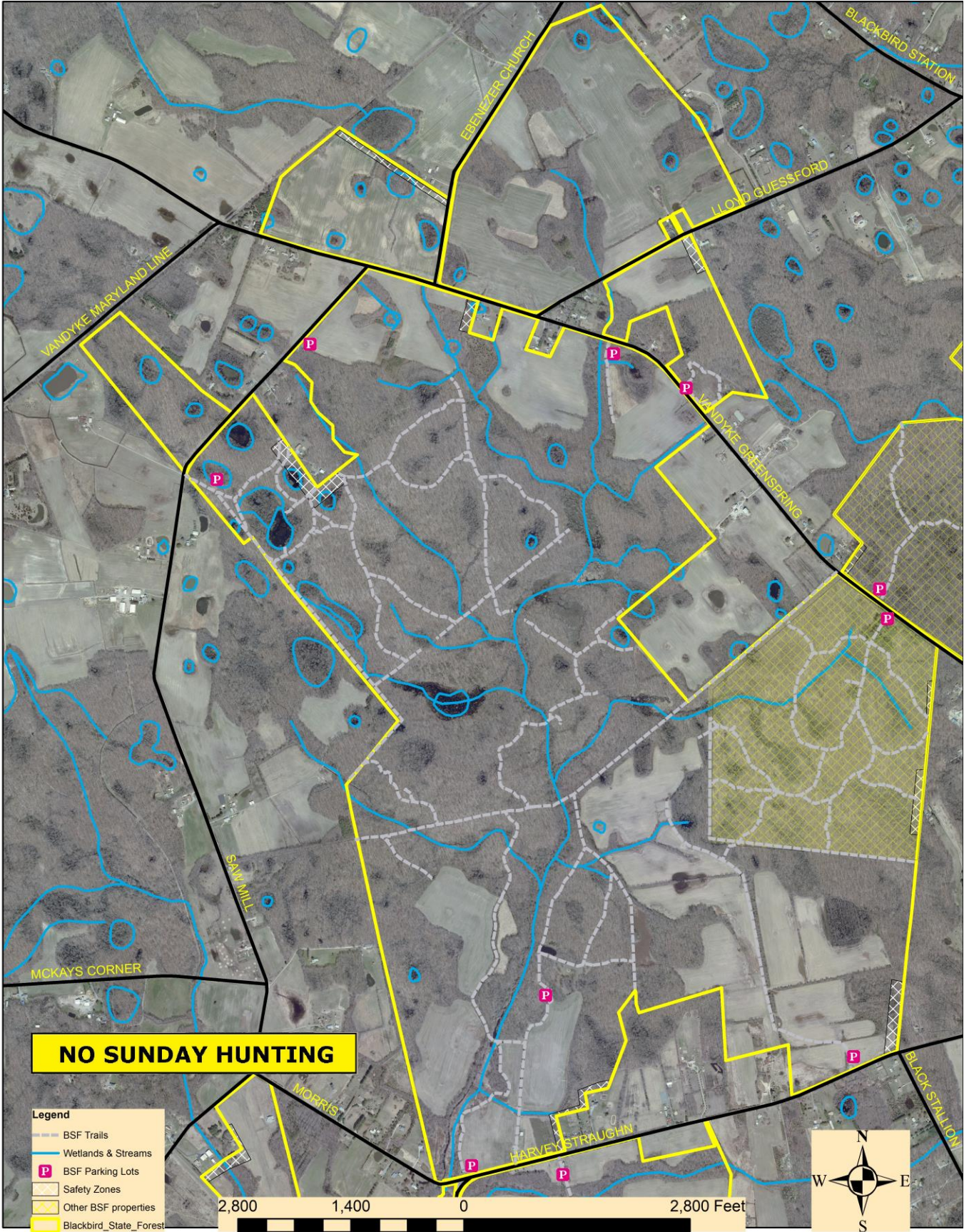
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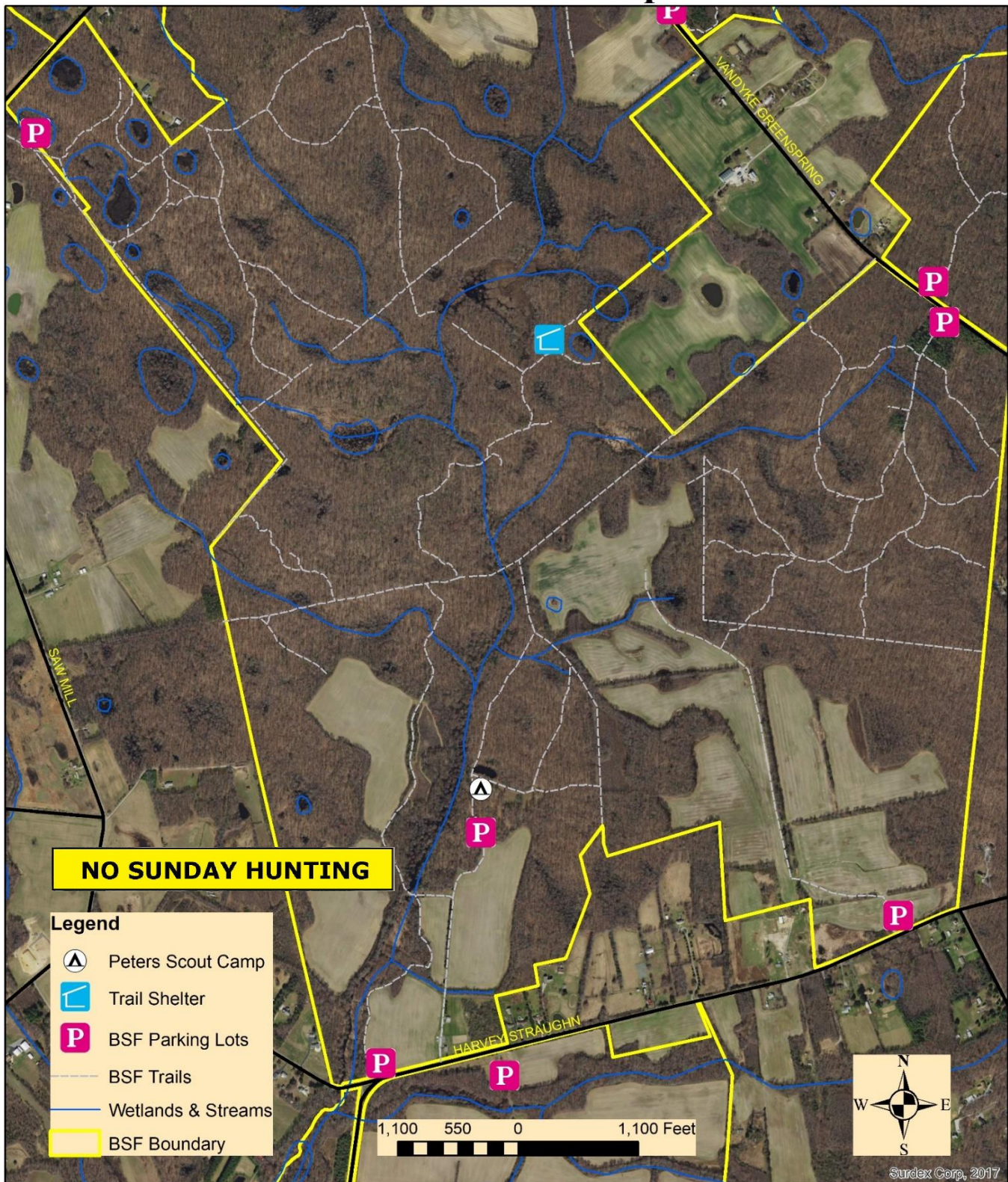


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## Cypress Complex - (1,914Acres)



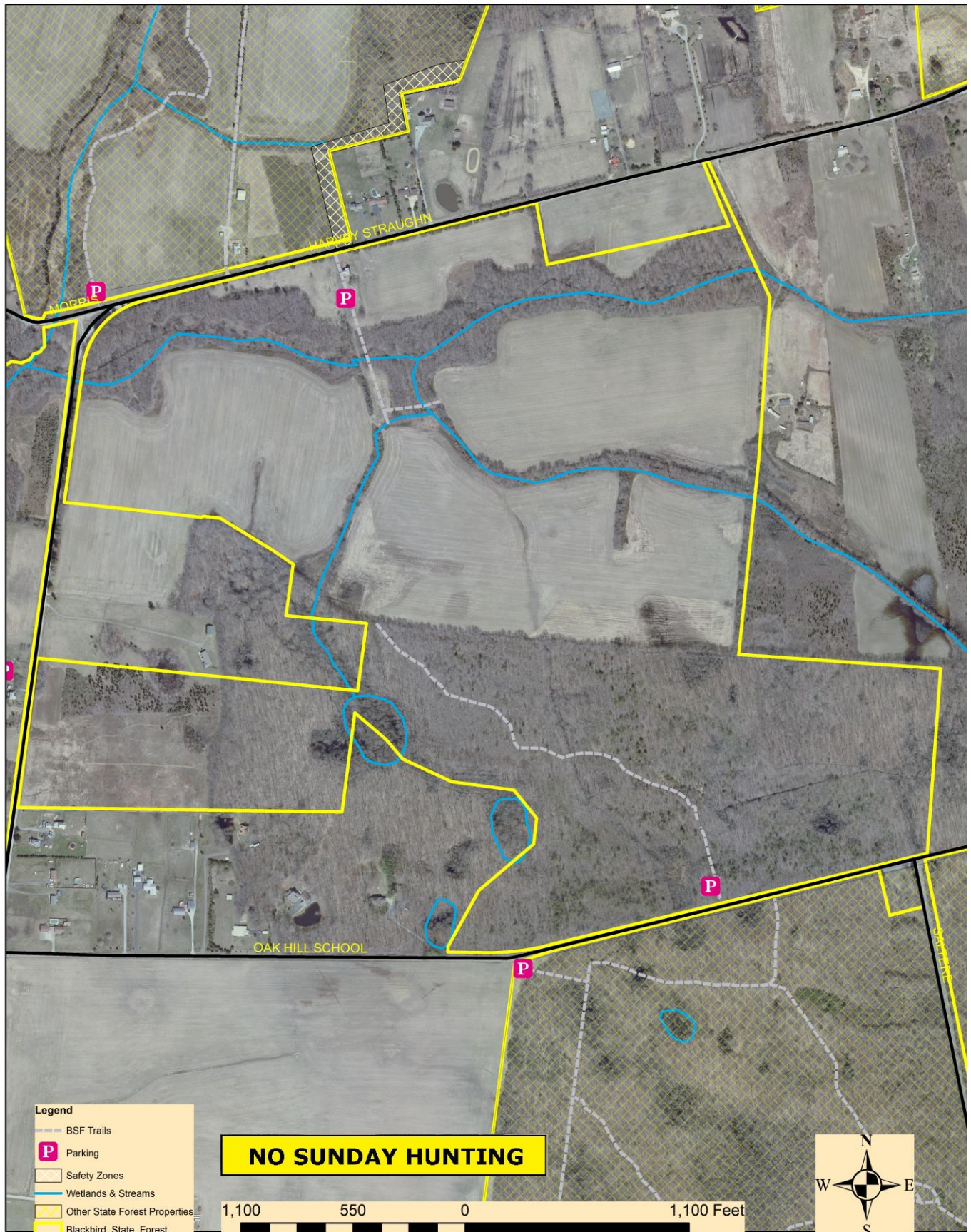
# Blackbird State Forest - Cypress Complex Peters Scout Camp



1968 Harvey Straughn Rd  
Peters Scout Camp – 39 19 56.63N, -75 43 49.37W ,  
Trail Shelter – 39 20 37.33N, -75 43 41.80W

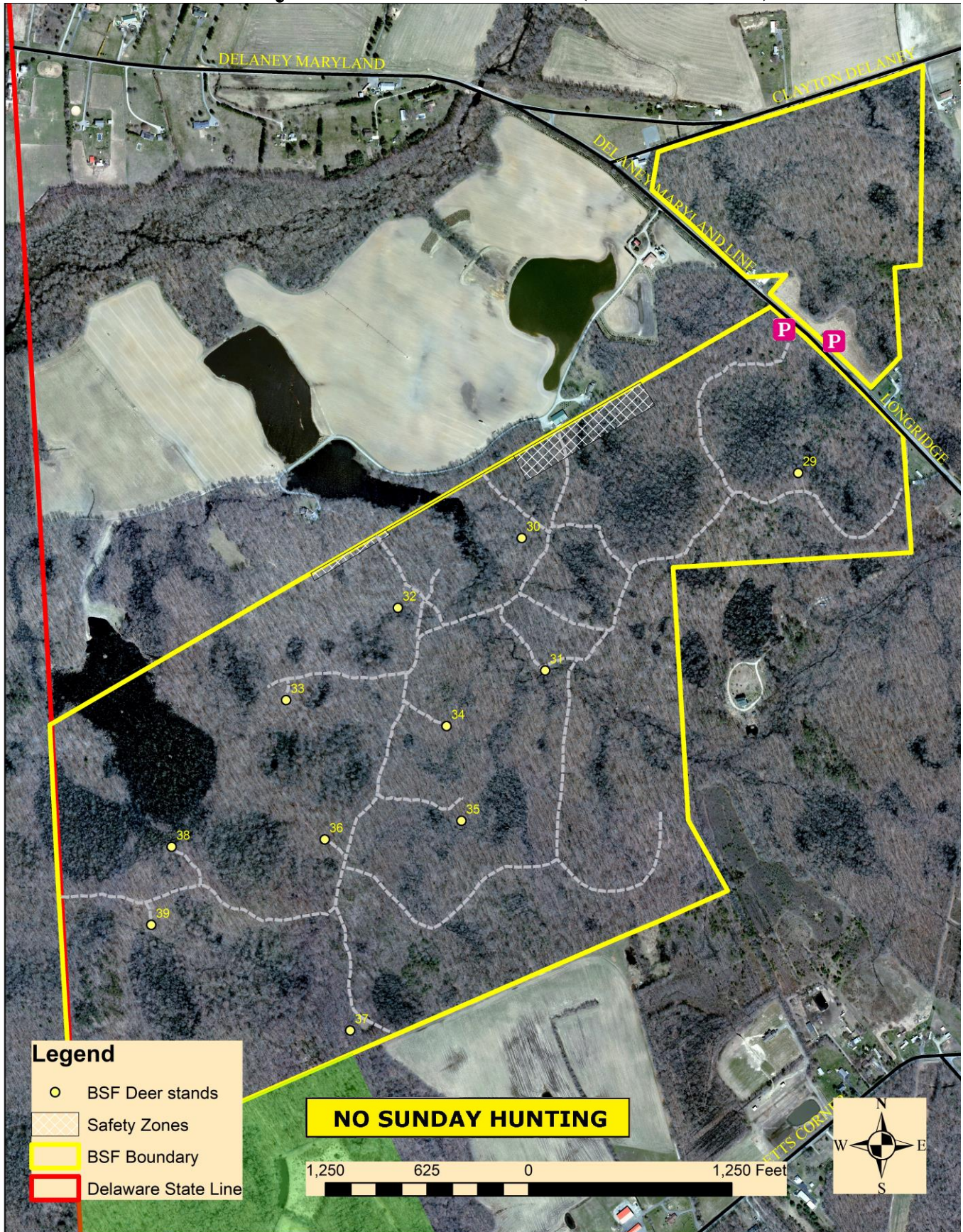
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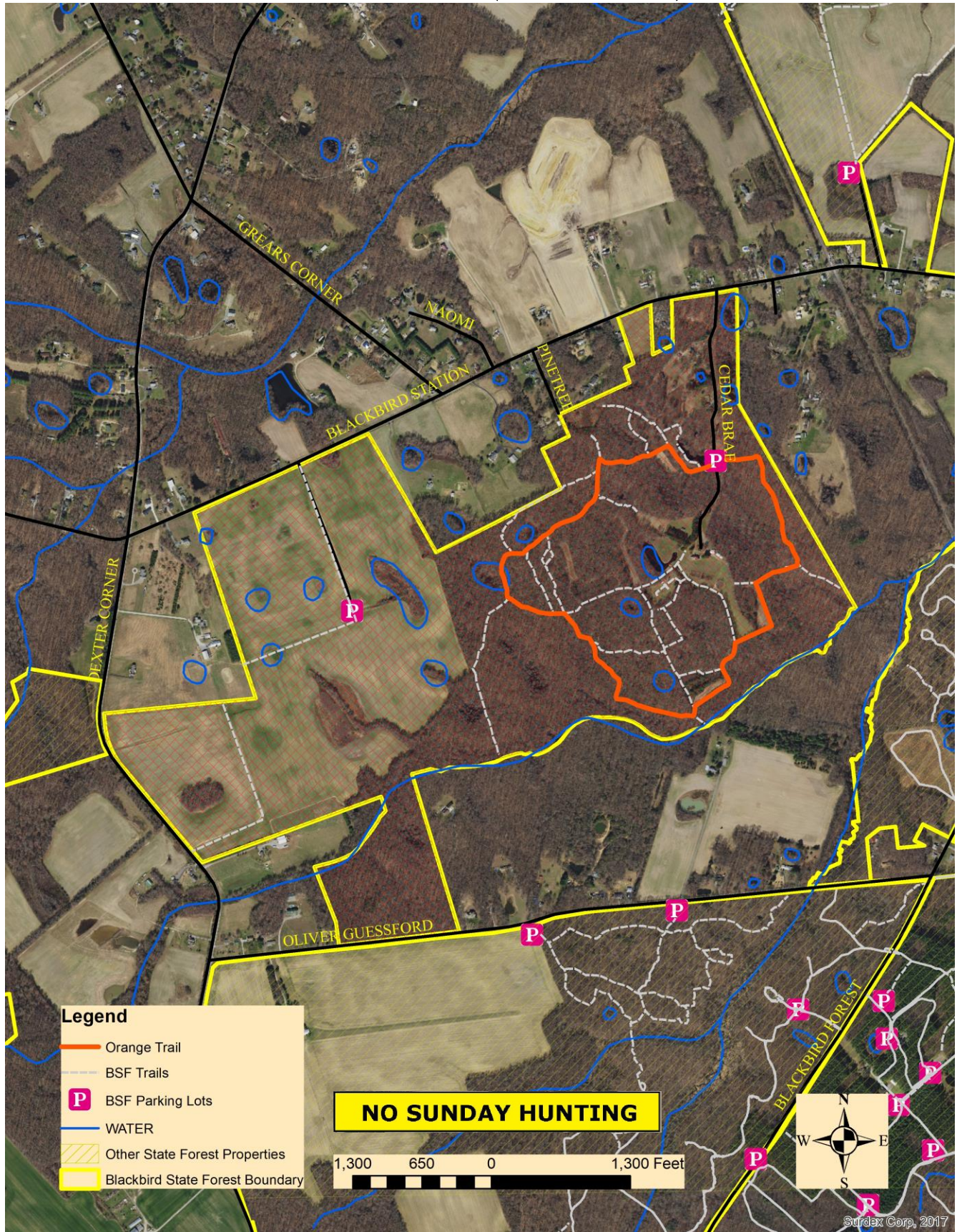
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## Dulany Manor Tract - (360 Acres)

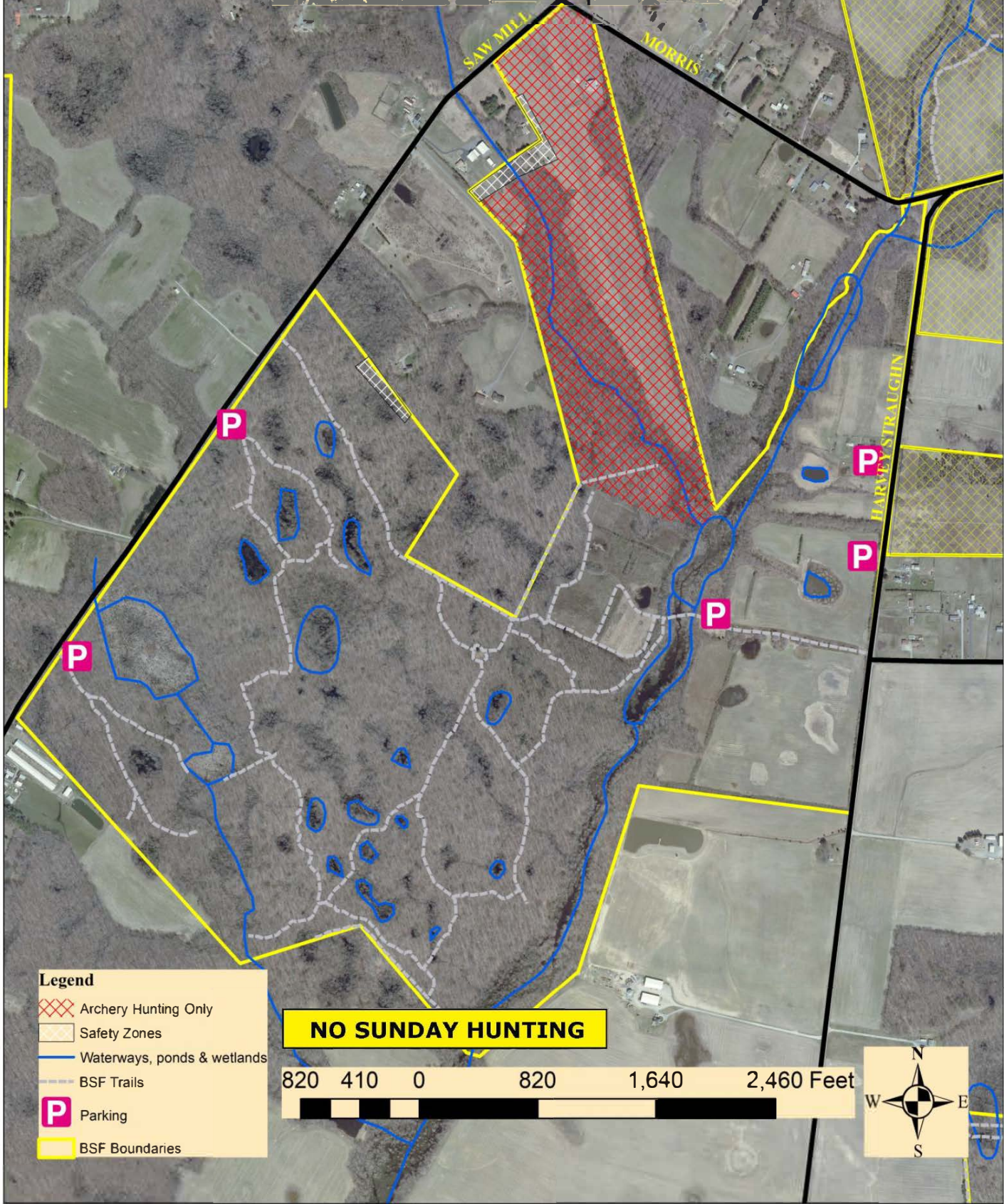


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## Ennis Tract - (456 Acres)



# Blackbird State Forest Naudain Tract-(444 Acres)



- Legend**
- Archery Hunting Only
  - Safety Zones
  - Waterways, ponds & wetlands
  - BSF Trails
  - P Parking
  - BSF Boundaries

**NO SUNDAY HUNTING**

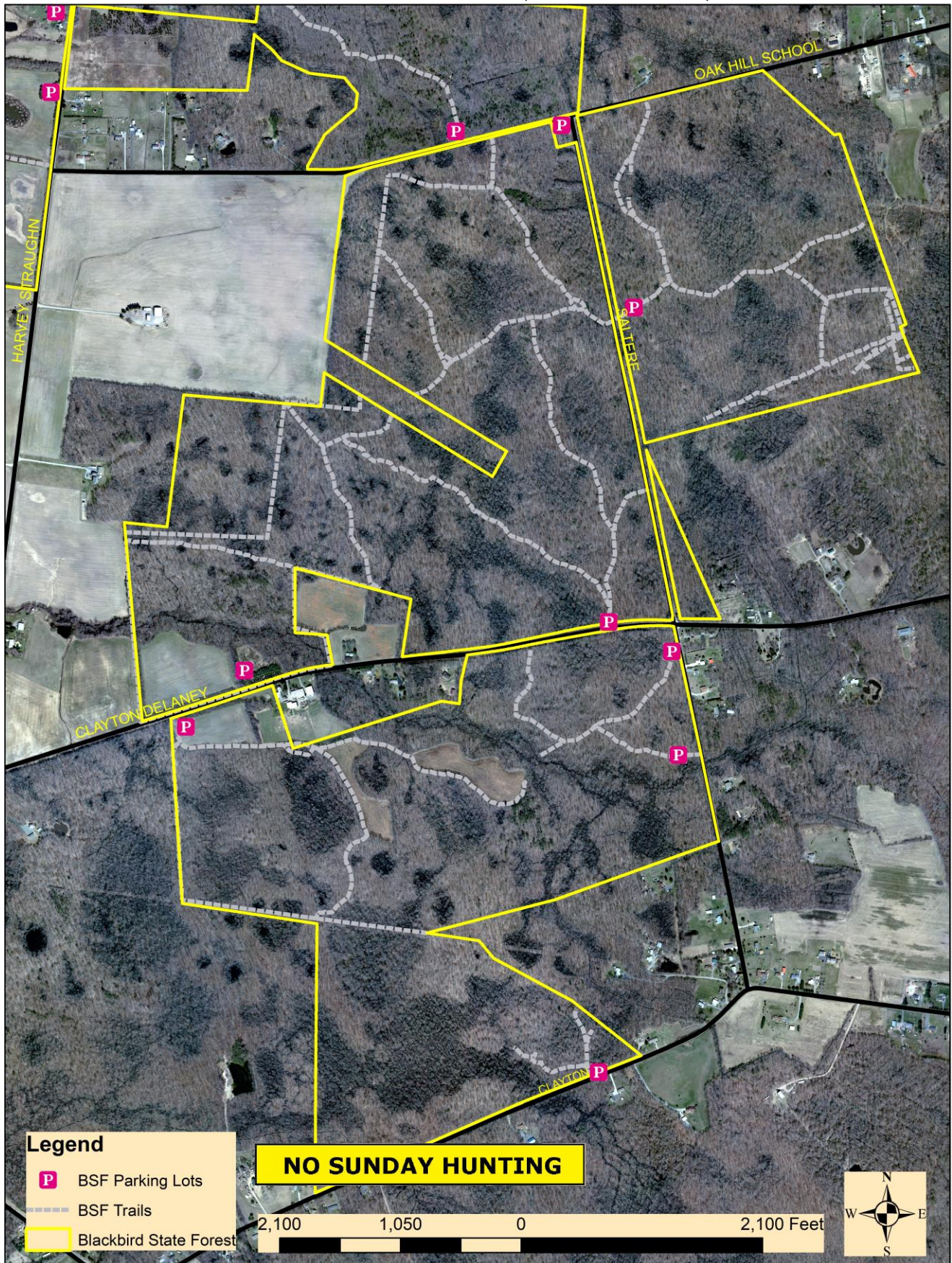
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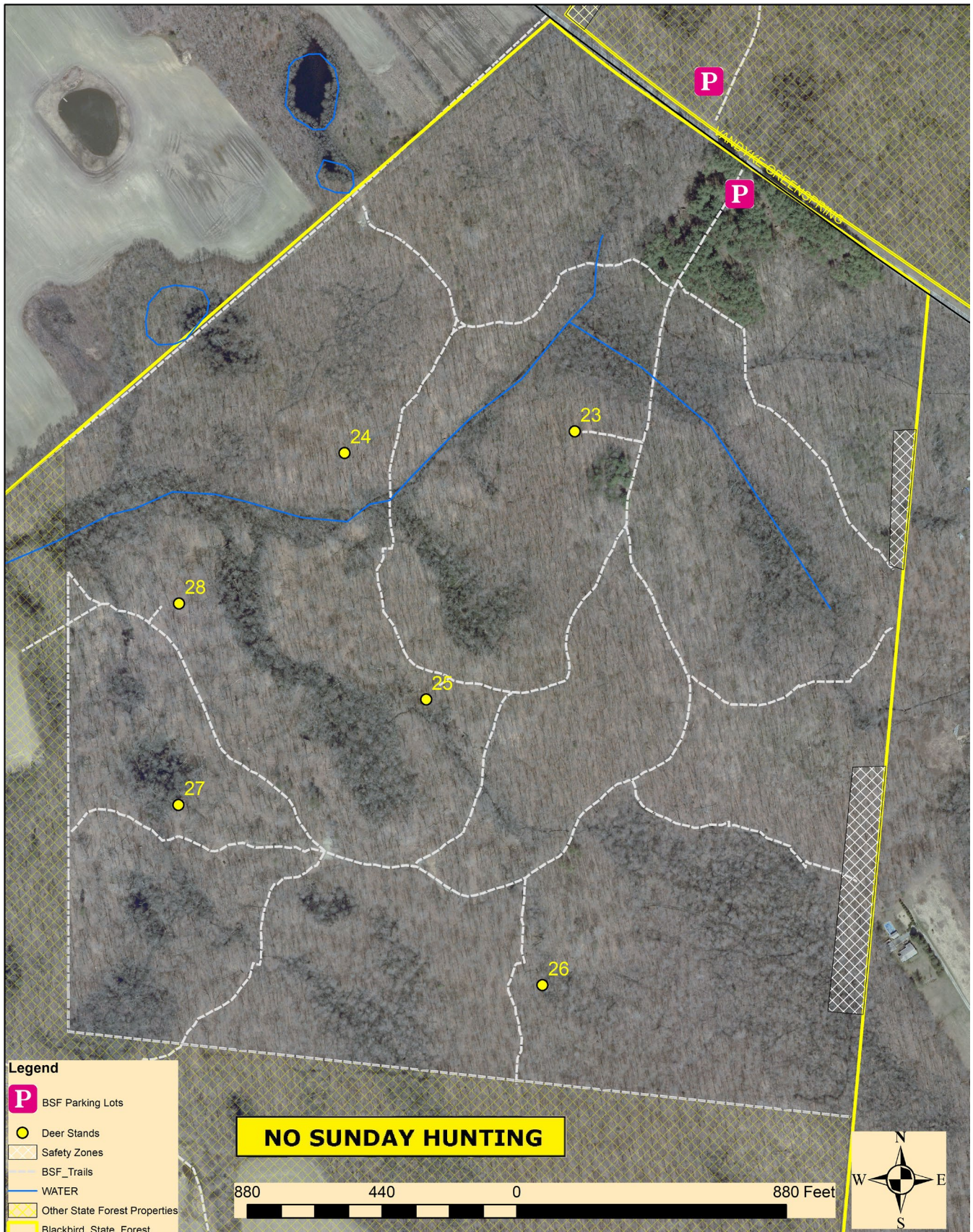
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## Oak Hill Tract (758 Acres)



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## White Road Tract (176 Acres)



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## Wright Tract - (229 Acres)

