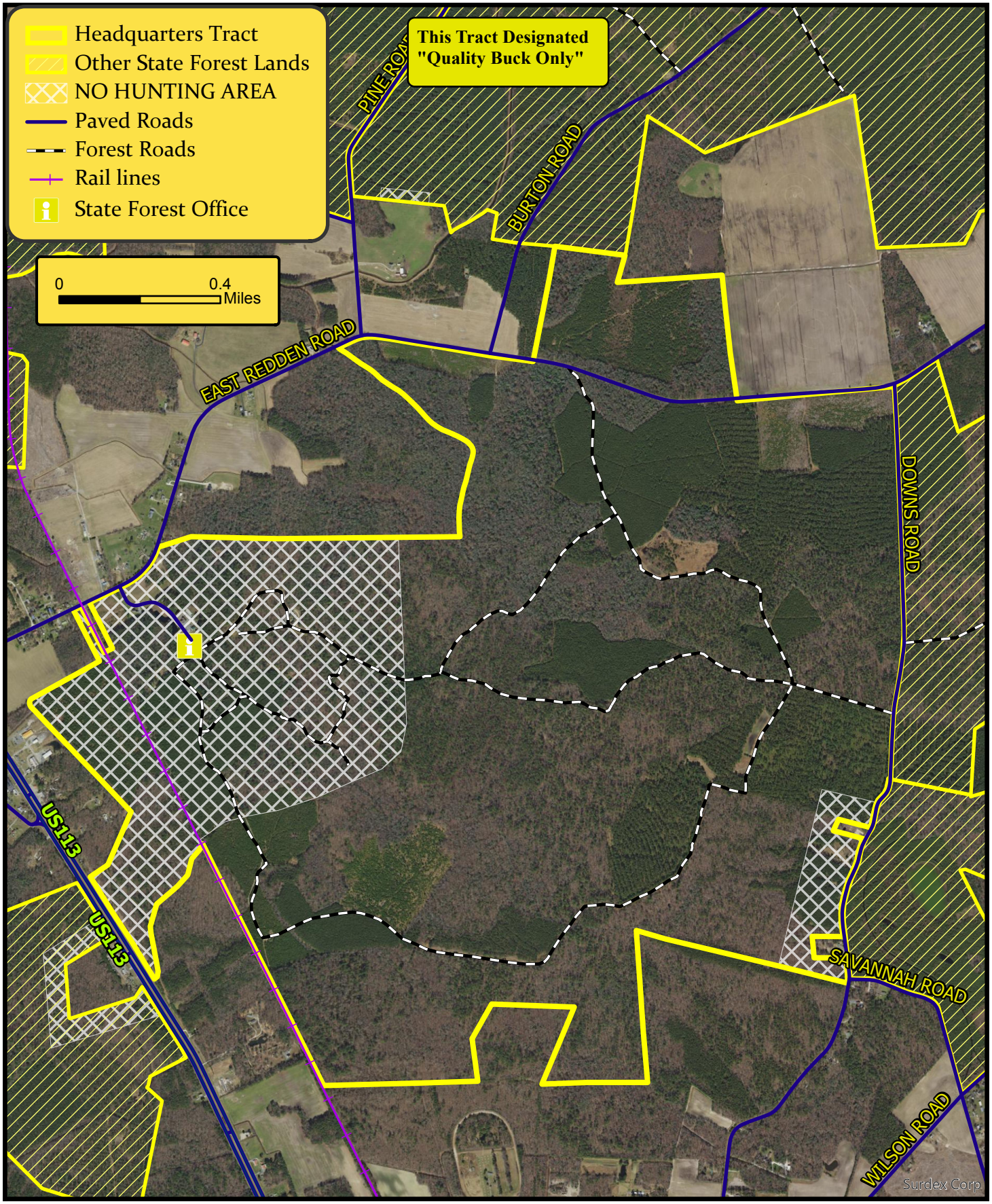
Headquarters Tract (1,784 Acres)

Redden State Forest



Rules for Delaware Forest Service Lands

Administered by the Delaware Forest Service, Department of Agriculture

For Redden State Forest information, call (302) 856-2893.

Hunting Rules and Regulations on State Forests

The following rules & regulations apply ONLY to Redden State Forest Lands:

- **Closed to deer hunting during October and December antlerless seasons.**
- **Headquarters, Jester, Ellendale, and Chesapeake Tracts are Quality Buck only.**

The following rules & regulations apply to ALL State Forest Lands:

- State Forests are year-round multiple use areas. Hunters share the use of State Forest Lands with other public users such as hikers. Campers, horseback riders, firewood cutters, and loggers.
- No special permits are required to hunt on State Forest lands, **except as specified in the DNREC, Division of Fish and Wildlife annual Hunting and Trapping guide.** Properly licensed hunters may hunt during any open season except on areas designated, such as those marked with Wildlife Sanctuary, NO HUNTING, or Safety Zone signs.
- Hunting is only permitted as specified on State Forest maps, which are available free-of-charge from State Forest offices and on-line at http://de.gov/forestmaps.
- 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 Delaware Forest Service.
- Deer drives by any person or persons are not permitted on any State Forest land at any time.
- Portions of some State Forest tracts are only open to archery hunting for deer. Please contact your local State Forest office for more information.
- Small game hunting is closed on State Forest lands during firearm deer season.
- The Delaware Forest Service reserves the right to close to hunting specific State Forest tracts during specific hunting seasons. Therefore, it is important to consult the current hunting guide for a listing of these closures.
- Trapping rights may be leased for State Forest lands. No other trapping is permitted on State Forest lands.
- 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.
    - ❖ Designated areas shall include State Forest offices, education centers, and lodges, and shall be identified by appropriate signage.
    - ❖ 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.
    - ❖ 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.
    - ❖ Firearms may be carried within areas administered by the Department, outside of designated areas, by any person not prohibited by *11 Del. C. § 1448*.
    - ❖ 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.
    - ❖ Any person possessing a firearm shall display identification upon request, sufficient to enable a law enforcement officer to undertake a background check.
- No dumping or littering.
- Placing paint, ribbon, flagging, reflectors, etc., is not permitted.
- No living trees, shrubs or other vegetation may be cut, felled, uprooted, removed or otherwise injured or destroyed.
- No off-road vehicles registered or unregistered.
- Camping is available by permit in designated areas only.
- It is unlawful to use bait for hunting purposes on all State lands.
- No parking in front of access gates to State Forest lands.