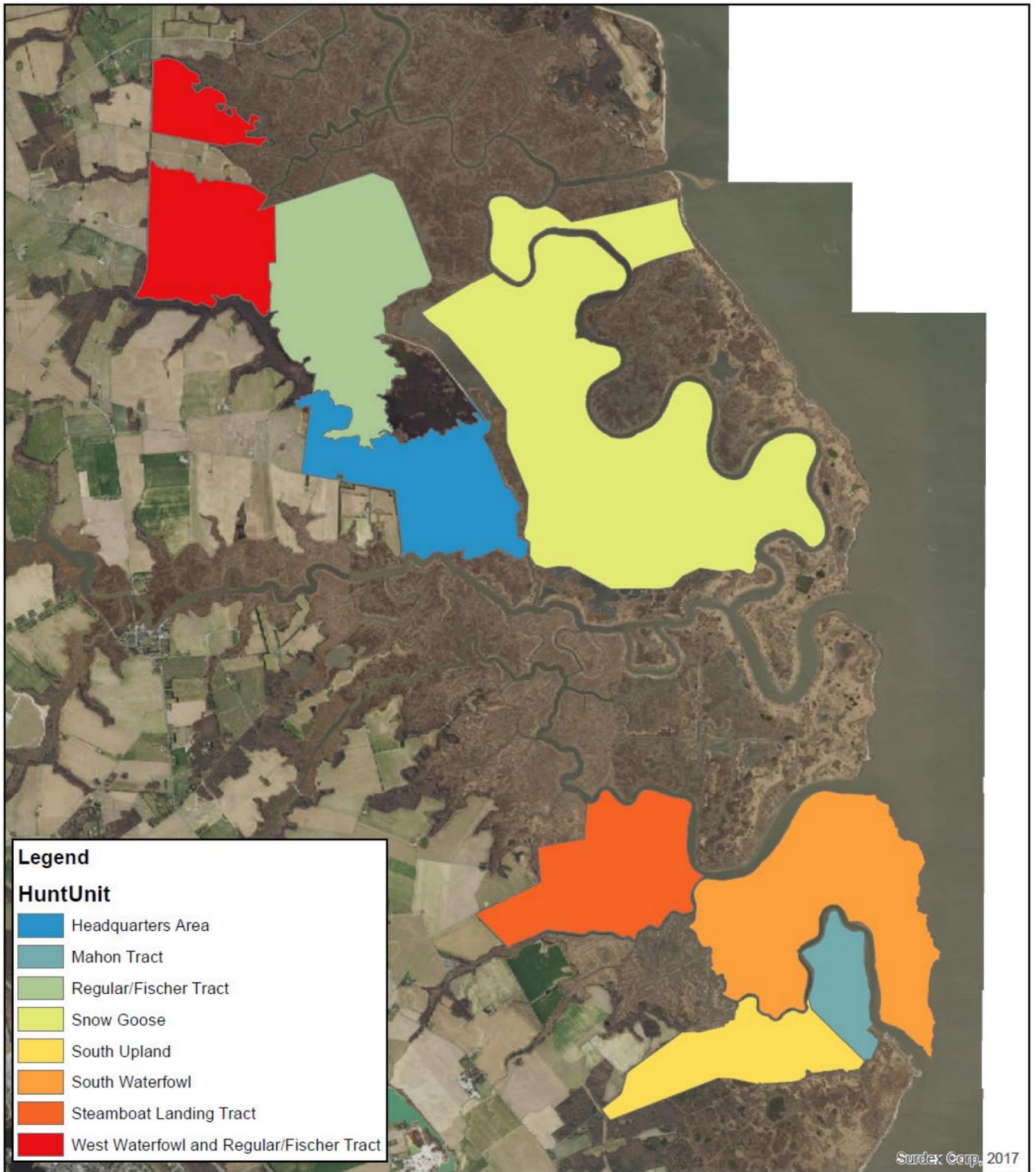
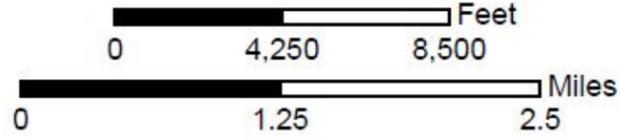




Bombay Hook NWR Waterfowl Hunting Areas



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Bombay Hook NWR

Fischer Tract - Steamboat Landing Tract – South Upland Area - South Waterfowl Area

Waterfowl Hunting 2020-2021 Season

General

1. Hunters may only access the Refuge two hours before legal shooting time until one hour after legal shooting time.
2. Motor vehicles are restricted to designated routes, parking areas.
3. All boaters are required to operate their craft and possess all safety equipment in accordance with Delaware State and U.S. Coast Guard regulations.
4. **Sign-in at tag boards is required for hunts** except South Upland and South Waterfowl Areas for state managed sites.
5. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuge System lands must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32.)
6. When requested by Federal and State enforcement officers, hunters must display all game, hunting equipment, and ammunition for inspection.
7. Persons who possess, consume, or are under the influence of drugs or alcoholic beverages are prohibited from hunting on the refuge.
8. Sunday hunting is prohibited.
9. No littering. Bombay Hook NWR is a carry-in/carry-out refuge.
10. Firearms may not be discharged outside of established hunting seasons. Target shooting is prohibited at any time.
11. Hunters may use temporary portable blinds including layout. No permanent blinds may be constructed. All parts of temporary blinds must be removed at the end of each days hunt.
12. The use of natural vegetation for camouflaging blinds is prohibited.
13. The distribution of bait and/or the hunting over bait is prohibited.
14. Wheelchair accessible blinds are available for non-ambulatory hunters.

A. South Waterfowl Area

Kelly Island and the Mahon Tract

Kelly Island and the Mahon Tract are open for waterfowl and coot hunting during the regular duck season on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

Permits are issued at the Little Creek Management Area check station by lottery 2 hours before legal shooting time. **No daily fee will be charged, however, hunters must purchase/possess the Delaware annual Wildlife Area Deer Stand/Waterfowl Lottery Permit.** Hunters arriving after 7:00 AM will be issued permits on a first-come, first-serve basis until 1:00 PM at the check station. Permits should be returned to the Little Creek Management Area check station.

1. Seventeen (17) slots are provided on Kelly Island
2. Seven (7) slots are available on the Mahon Tract
3. Parties may have a maximum of 4 individuals.
4. Blinds will no longer be provided. Hunters may select the area they would like to hunt.
5. A boat is necessary to reach all hunt areas.
6. Waterfowl hunting in this area follows State hunting regulations, seasons, and bag limits.

B. West Waterfowl Area Hunt

The West Waterfowl Area and Steamboat Landing Tract are open to duck, Canada and snow goose hunting. This hunt takes place during the Delaware Canada goose season on days when the area is opened by the Refuge Manager.

1. The use of reciprocal licenses is not allowed
2. Hunters must provide their own concealment
3. For each hunt day on the West Waterfowl Hunt Area, up to 10 hunting parties will be allowed on a first come first served basis. Blinds will not be provided with the exception of two non-ambulatory blinds. These are available for parties with a hunter permanently confined to a wheelchair that possess an Interagency Access Passport. Those blinds are available to any hunter if not claimed by 1 hour before legal shooting time.
4. A maximum of four people are permitted for each hunt party.
5. Hunting concludes at 12 p.m. and hunters must be out by 1 p.m. to reduce conflicts with other refuge uses.
6. The use of dogs will be allowed consistent with State regulations.
7. Driving on fields is allowed only when it is necessary to move a disabled hunter to and from an accessible blind.

C. South Upland Area Waterfowl

(Davey Crockett Tract)

The South Upland Waterfowl Area is open to waterfowl hunting at no charge, without a permit. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited during firearm deer seasons. Additional State Wildlife Area rules apply. Consult Delaware's Division of Fish and Wildlife's Little Creek Wildlife Area - Davey Crockett Tract Hunting Map

D. Snow Goose Hunting

Snow goose hunting is allowed during the Delaware season and Snow Goose Conservation Order in the Snow Goose Area when the area is opened by the Refuge Manager.

1. Hunting is for snow geese only
2. No Permit required
3. No check-in or check-out is required.
4. No night hunting is allowed
5. A boat is required to hunt the area.

Hunt Dates

South Waterfowl: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays during the Delaware Regular Duck Season

South Waterfowl Youth: October 17, February 6

West Waterfowl/Steam Boat Landing Tract: November 25, 27
December 21, 22, 23, 28, 30
January 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 19

South Upland Area: Consult Delaware's Division of Fish and Wildlife's Little Creek Wildlife Area - Davey Crockett Tract

Snow Goose Area: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays October 3 – February 1,
Feb 1-Feb 5, Feb 8-Apr 9 (Snow Goose Conservation Order)