

Pike Outdoors

A Public Lands Guide for Sportsmen & Outdoor Enthusiasts



PIKE COUNTY, PA

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Year-Round Outdoor Enjoyment

We, the Commissioners of Pike County, Pennsylvania, would like to personally invite sportsmen to visit Pike County and take advantage of the hunting and fishing opportunities our public lands and waterways throughout our county have to offer.


The county offers many acres of public land for the enjoyment of hunters during our fall and winter hunting seasons. Access is free to over 120,000 acres of federal and state owned land, including access to disabled hunters with appropriate permits from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Game Commission. For avid fishermen, the county has Lake Wallenpaupack; the Delaware River, PA 2011 River of the Year; the Lackawaxen River, PA 2010 River of the Year; Promised Land State Park, part of the state park system recently named the best in the nation; and so many other pristine waterways.

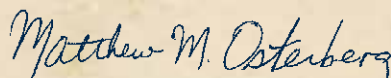
The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry District 19 manages over 72,000 acres in Pike County. The Pennsylvania Game Commission is responsible for more than 24,000 acres, while the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area provides access to over 17,000 acres. We are fortunate to have large, contiguous tracts of free access forestland (though some areas are hard to get to) which offer lower hunting pressure. These forestlands hold many wetland and bog habitats which provide food and shelter to wildlife such as large populations of black bear, white-tailed deer, and turkey, along with squirrel, grouse, woodcock, coyote, fox, bobcat, and waterfowl.

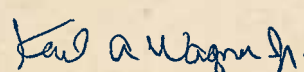
Tourism is the county's main industry. You can float or canoe down the Delaware River in the summer; ski downhill or cross-country in the winter; hike on the McDade Trail in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area year round; visit historic Milford, the county seat, and dine in the county's fine restaurants. Thousands of visitors annually enjoy our county's recreation and historic, and cultural opportunities. Our fall foliage is breathtaking. Our high quality and exceptional value waters with their many waterfalls are a sight to behold. So, make it a point to visit Pike County, and please visit us often.

Enjoy and Safe Hunting

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One of Seven Conservation Landscapes in Pennsylvania

Nestled in Northeast PA, the Pocono Forests and Waters Conservation Landscape covers Pike, Wayne, Monroe, Carbon, Luzerne, and Lackawanna counties.

The Landscape includes the highest concentration of wetlands in the state and large tracts of forested lands, allowing for clean water and air, outdoor recreation, and sporting and vacation opportunities. The benefit to the public provided by the State Forests, Parks, and Game Lands also includes the opportunity to explore and learn about our natural surroundings and their importance.

Gifford Pinchot, the first chief of the US Forest Service and one of the fathers of the conservation movement in the United States, called the region his home. Grey Towers, Pinchot's former home, is a must see for people interested in history, architecture, and landscaping. Noted author Zane Grey penned some of his popular works in Pike County. His home is now a museum open to the public in Lackawaxen Township.

The vision of the Pocono Forests and Waters Conservation Landscape (PFWCL) is to conserve the natural environment and enhance the quality of life by sustaining vital natural resources. The goals cannot be attained without the partnership of residents, tourists, business owners, and local and state government agencies. Development over the past several decades in the region has led to a sense of urgency when it comes to conserving open space and protecting natural resources. Seeking to protect the environmental integrity and the corresponding public benefits of the region's natural resources, PA DCNR and the Pennsylvania Environmental Council as Coordinator of the PFWCL are working to facilitate the crucial partnerships needed to add value to our communities by connecting people with the region's natural resources.

The Landscape is home to 115,000 acres of State Forests, over 54,000 acres of State Parks, 4,700 miles of streams, 74 square miles of lakes and ponds, along with miles and miles of trails for hours (or days) of hiking! Included in the State Forest Land and State Parks are 2,754 acres designated as Wild Areas, in addition to 7,947 acres designated as Natural Areas.

Pike County is home to the Bruce Lake, Pine Lake, Pennel Run, Stillwater, Little Mud Pond Swamp, and Buckhorn Natural Areas. The Stairway Wild Area surrounding Stairway Lake and home to a breath taking view (well worth the hike) is also in Pike County. The county also holds 17,860 acres of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

This project was funded in part by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, Growing Greener Environmental Stewardship Fund, under the Pocono Forest and Waters Conservation Landscape. The grant is administered by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council.

Visitors and residents target the Landscape for hiking, hunting and fishing, birding, photography, canoeing, cross-country skiing, and many other nature based recreational experiences.

One of a series of falls at **Child's Park**.



WITHIN PIKE'S FORESTS AND STATE LAND

By Ron Tussel

Hunters scouring the woods and wetlands of Pike County will find a mixed bag of species available to them.

White-tailed deer get a fair amount of attention in the hunting world, and Pike County has plenty. Our habitat offers a variety of factors that deer love. From oak covered ridges to open fields and plenty of edge cover, deer find places to feed and hide. The county is also riddled with housing communities where deer have learned to gather and find sanctity and often a free hand-out. Hunting the state forest lands and game lands adjacent to these communities has become a good bet for bringing home some venison.

Within our public lands system exist some of the largest, most snarled tangle of thickly vegetated wetland complexes. Some of these "swamps" are a mile long and wide, offering the much needed seclusion that black bears need. Pike County is home to record breaking bruins and hunters willing to put in the labor can find themselves face to face with some of the largest black bears to be found anywhere.

Wild turkeys abound across the county, and hunters can take part in a spring hunting season for bearded birds only, or roust a flock for the either-sex fall hunting season. Wild turkey populations depend on good habitat to hide their nests and young broods, and open areas rich with plenty of insects to ensure the brood's survival. Dry

weather during the spring helps bolster the flock's future and these conditions, coupled with plenty of available food sources such as acorns, has the wild turkey population strong in Pike County.

America's number one game animal, the gray squirrel, can be found throughout the county in good numbers. In fact, two color phases are available to hunters with the southern part of the county housing a good population of the melanistic, or black phase of this popular rodent.

Squirrels can be found along the river flats where corn is grown or among the hills where acorns and hickory nuts are plentiful.

Waterfowl hunters can enjoy seeking a multitude of species found among Pike County's many wetlands, streams, rivers, lakes and ponds. Wood ducks and Canada geese top the list of resident waterfowl, with a fair number of mallards, black ducks, and even teal in the mix. Hunters can enjoy combination

hunting and fishing trips throughout the fall while floating local waterways or sitting in a boat or blind.

Those seeking predators or furbearers will do well across Pike County. Our mixed habitat can offer good populations of beaver, muskrat, mink, skunks, opossums, both red and gray foxes, coyotes, and bobcats. While no

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season has been established for Pike County just yet, the future should see fishers added to the list of available furbearers as their populations across the county continue to rise.

Among the edges of field and forest and within the cover of the wetlands exists one of the toughest game birds of all to hunt. Our state bird, the ruffed grouse, can be found in pockets around Pike County. Their populations are cyclical, and some years are better than others for finding them in any concentrations. Grouse need cover so look for them in overgrown farmland, old apple orchards, and the edges of cover thick with thornapples and grape tangles. Often while seeking grouse, hunters will hear the whistling wings of a more secretive and elusive game bird found among some of the grouse's favored haunts. Woodcock exist in limited numbers across the county, with populations rising during the annual fall migration. With earthworms tops on their favored food lists, hunters should look for them among the moist lowlands.

Ringneck pheasants are available through a stocking program provided by the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Pheasants are stocked throughout the county and hunters can enjoy hunting them along with cottontail rabbits in many areas. Both species love brier tangles, overgrown hedgerows and similar cover and can be found in many of the public lands across the county.



David B. Soete



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The rushing waters of **Shohola Falls**.



STATE GAME LANDS

State Game Land (SGL) 116: Lackawaxen, contains 3,089 acres of forested terrain. Deer, bear, turkey, and grouse are the most prevalent game species. (**Page 9**)

SGL 180: Shohola, contains 11,493 acres of mostly flat, wooded land. The Shohola Waterfowl Management Area, comprising of nearly 1,200 acres of water, is located on this tract. Other wetlands are scattered throughout the game lands. In addition to waterfowl, other game species include bear, deer, turkey, grouse, and woodcock. Bald eagles and ospreys also nest in the management area and an eagle viewing area has been established on the east side and on the west side is an observation tower for viewing the lake. Numerous other water oriented birds also inhabit the wetlands. Two boat launches provide fishing access for warm water species. The Shohola Creek above and below the impoundment is stocked with trout. There are two wildlife propagation areas on the wetlands to protect nesting and resting waterfowl. (**Pages 12-13** and **20-21**)

SGL 183: Tafton, contains 2,778 acres of forested terrain including several large wetlands. The most prevalent game species are deer, waterfowl, bear, and grouse. A rifle range is located east of Decker Pond on Route 6. Fishing is available in the pond for warm water species. The Decker Creek is stocked with trout. (**Page 10-11**)

SGL 209: Shohola, contains 4,391 acres of wooded terrain where deer, bear, turkey, grouse, and rabbits can be found. Limited historic remains of bluestone quarrying exist throughout the game lands. (**Pages 14-15**)

SGL 316: Masthope, contains 2,715 forested acres. Deer, bear, turkey, and grouse are the most prevalent game species found on this tract. Fishing is available in Cobey Pond for warm water species, while the Masthope Creek is stocked with trout. A portion of the game lands adjoins the Delaware River which is designated a National Scenic and Recreational River by the US Department of the Interior. (**Page 9**)

The rattlesnake, a protected species, can be found in limited numbers on any of these game lands.

DELAWARE STATE FOREST

Bruce Lake Natural Area, northeast of Promised Land State Park, contains 4,300 acres. Bruce Lake was glacier formed and is completely spring-fed. Virgin stands of pine and hemlock were cut in the late 1880's before the Commonwealth acquired the land. Fires ravaged the area after lumbering, destroying the rich humus soil layer and exposing the rocks. Egypt Meadow Lake was constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in 1935. (**Pages 16-17**)

Buckhorn Natural Area, 1 mile east of Pond Eddy on the headwaters of the Bush Kill (Mill Rift) Creek, contains 559 acres. The area includes mixed oak, a high mountain swamp, and rock ledges. This area provides a beautiful view of the Delaware River and the opportunity to explore an old bluestone quarry site. (**Page 14**)

Little Mud Pond Swamp Natural Area, contains 182 acres. Various emergent plants grow within the glacial bog. Species normally found at more northern latitudes can be found on this tract. (**Page 11**)

Pennel Run Natural Area, 2 miles west off S.R. 402 in southern Pike County, contains 888 acres. Stands of scrub oak, aspen, grey birch, and mixed oak can be found within the natural area. A portion of Utts swamp is also within the natural area. (**Pages 24-25**)

Pine Lake Natural Area, 2 miles northeast of Greentown, contains 53 acres. The area features a 10 acre bog which exhibits plant zonation from open water to tree cover. (**Page 16**)

Promised Land State Park is a 2,971 acre park offering 29 miles of trails for hiking, with 17 miles of those trails available for winter activities. The park boasts 506 campsites, boat rental, Promised Land Lake (422 acres), and Lower Lake (173 acres) — both available for fishing. (**Pages 16-17**)

Stairway Wild Area, contains 2,754 acres and is surrounded by the Buckhorn Natural Area. This area, while remote, is evidence to the region's history of bluestone mining and its diverse natural beauty. The natural area is home to awe-inspiring vistas and rugged terrain. (**Pages 14-15**)

Stillwater Natural Area, located in Delaware and Porter Townships, contains 1,868 acres. The area was logged and burned before it was acquired by the state. The area has regenerated to mixed hardwoods. Numerous and expansive wetlands support stands of black and red spruce. Ideal for canoeing, a mile of the Little Bushkill Stream meanders through the natural area. During the Civil War, army deserters would hide out in this section of Pike County. Some of the foundations of their cabins can be seen today on the islands in the swamps or in the dense growth at the edge of the swamps. (**Pages 22-23**)

Information from the Pennsylvania Game Commission and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Pike County Index Map

Visit the PA Game Commission:
www.pgc.state.pa.us

Visit PA DCNR:
www.dcnr.state.pa.us/hunting.html

Visit the National Park Service:
www.nps.gov/DEWA



There are many private lands held as in-holdings within the public lands in Pike County. Please respect our private property owners' rights by not trespassing.

Please note the public boat access areas denoted on the maps. For more information on fishing in Pike County, please visit: www.fish.state.pa.us/county.htm and select "Pike County"

Mapping on the following pages was created through data sharing and field collection by Planning staff. Special thanks to PA DCNR, PA Game Commission, and the USDI National Park Service. Our goal in developing the maps was to provide all the information on Pike County Public Lands in one source to allow sportsmen and visitors the opportunity to enjoy our public lands. Mapping was created by the Pike County Office of Community Planning - SB, 2010

The maps include the deer exclusion fences in Pike County. These temporary structures only remain in place until regeneration is established, frequently 5-10 years. Hunting is permitted within the deer fences, but caution is required if using a hunting dog inside a deer fence, as dogs have trouble seeing the fence and can be injured. These areas provide excellent habitat for brush loving wildlife species such as grouse, woodcock, and rabbits.



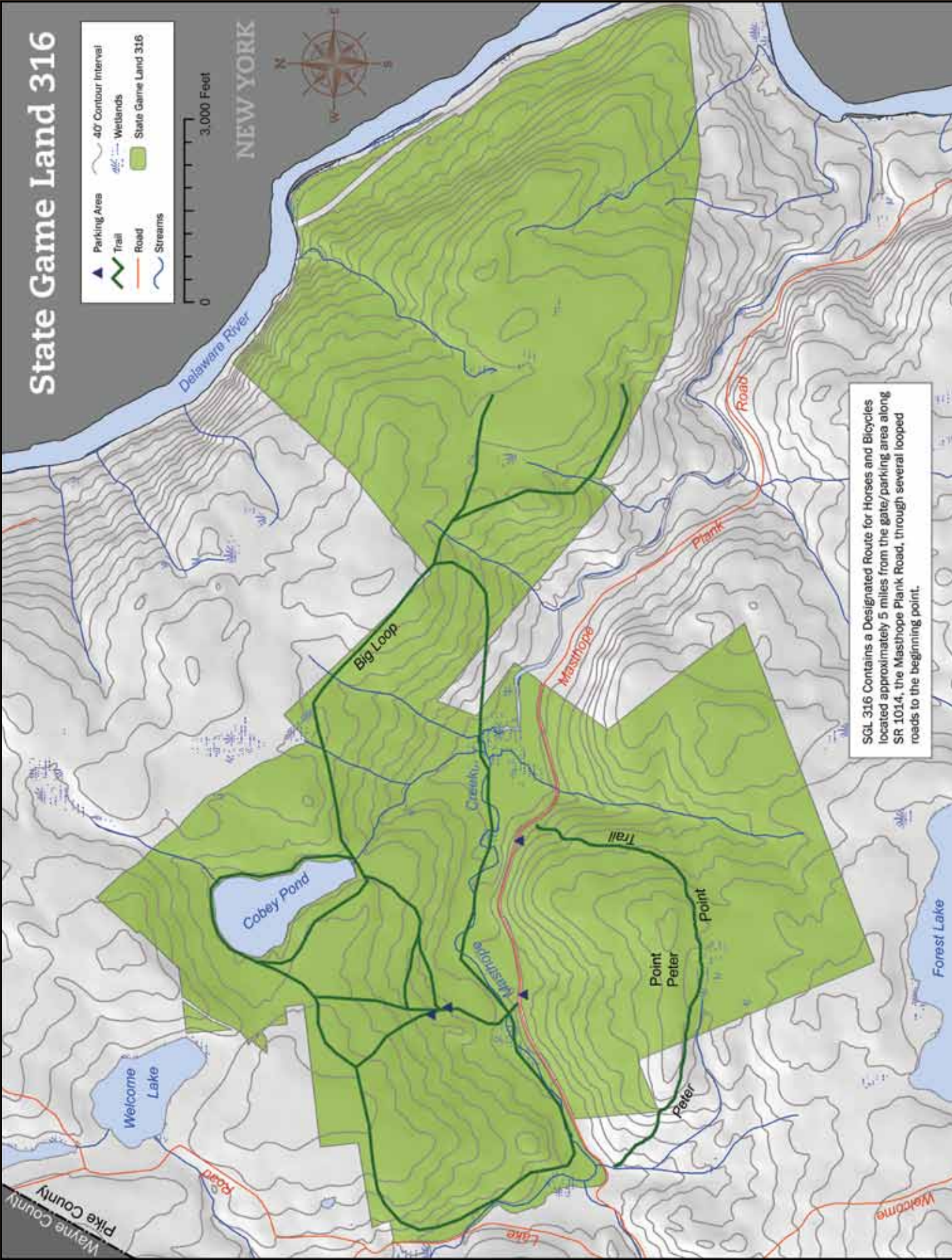
- Camp or use campsites.
- Contaminate, pollute or degrade groundwaters or surface waters or any waterways.
- Graze or permit the grazing of domestic livestock; place or maintain beehives or beekeeping apparatus.
- Solicit or place private advertisements, signs, or posters
- Plant, gather, cut, dig, remove or otherwise injure any plants or parts thereof, including trees, shrubs, vines, flowering plants and cultivated crops. (Mushrooms and fruits of berry-producing plants may be picked.)
- Travel on lands by means of any vehicle or conveyance propelled by motorized power. (Exemption for individuals with Disabled Person Permit for battery-powered motorized wheelchair.)
- Ride a non-motorized vehicle, conveyance or animal, except on roads normally open to public travel, or designated routes as posted, or while lawfully engaged in hunting, trapping or fishing.
- Ride a non-motorized vehicle, conveyance or animal from the last Saturday in September until the third Saturday in January, and prior to one hour after close of lawful shooting hours for spring turkey season from the second Saturday in April through the last Saturday in May, inclusive, except on Sundays or while lawfully engaged in hunting, trapping or fishing.
- Ride a non-motorized vehicle, conveyance or animal on roads open to foot travel only.
- Drive motor vehicles with or without attachments having a registered gross vehicle weight in excess of 12,000 pounds.
- Use boats propelled by a motor. Battery-powered electric motors may be used on waterways unless otherwise posted.
- Fish from dam breasts posted against fishing.
- Swim in any dam, pond, lake or stream.
- Injure, destroy or cause damage to property, real, personal or mixed.
- Remove or attempt to remove any manmade or natural object, except wildlife and fish lawfully taken. Objects that may not be removed include animals, rocks, minerals, sand and historical or archaeological artifacts.
- Participate in, become part of, contribute to or engage in disorderly conduct.
- Travel on roads open to vehicular travel with vehicle or conveyance propelled by motorized power that is not licensed or authorized for operation on a public highway.
- Violate, fail or neglect to follow instructions posted on signs authorized by the director.
- Destroy, mutilate or remove any sign or placard.
- Travel by mechanical or motorized conveyance or ride animals on newly constructed, seed or planted roads, or other areas, when posted against travel.
- Consume, possess or transport any alcohol, liquor, beer, malt or brewed alcoholic beverage.
- Use or possess any controlled substance or drug paraphernalia.
- Occupy, use or construct, place or maintain structures or other tangible property, except that portable hunting blinds and stands may be used, provided no damage is caused to trees.
- Feed wildlife or place any food, fruit, hay, grain, chemical, salt or other minerals.
- Release any domestic animals, captive bred or captive raised game or wildlife.
- Operate a motor vehicle in willful and wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property in excess of posted speed limits, or where no speed limit is posted, in excess of 25 mph.
- Target shoot with fire arms, bows and arrows, or devices capable of launching projectiles in a manner that could cause injury to persons or property, or on areas posted closed to those activities.
- Except as provided on established shooting ranges, discharge any firearm, bow and arrow or device capable of launching projectiles that is not a lawful device to hunt game or wildlife. Shoot clay birds anywhere except areas designated by the Executive Director by signs stating that clay bird shooting is permitted.
- Engage in any activity or event involving more than 10 persons which may conflict with the intended purposes or uses of property, or poses a potential environmental or safety problem.
- Sell, distribute, deliver, service, guide or rent any equipment, material or commodity or otherwise transact or engage in any commercial activity. Such activity is when a person directly or indirectly accepts consideration of value as compensation for the provision of goods or services, including transportation.
- Use game lands for any personal, organizational or commercial purpose other than the intended use of the property.
- Operate under authority of a contract, lease, agreement or permit and fail to abide by the terms and conditions set forth.
- Except on Sundays, to be present on state game lands from Nov. 15 through Dec. 15 inclusive when not engaged in lawful hunting or trapping and fail to wear a minimum of 250 square inches of fluorescent orange material on the head, chest and back combined, or, in lieu thereof, a hat of the same colored material. Orange material must be visible 360 degrees. Persons using shooting ranges are exempted.
- Small open fires for cooking or warming purposes are permitted, except when the Fire Index Rating used by the Bureau of Forestry, DCNR, is high, very high or extreme. Fires must be contained and attended at all times.
- Snowmobiles, as defined in the All Terrain Vehicle Act of 1985, may be driven beginning the third Sunday in January through April 1, only on designated areas, roads, and trails marked with appropriate signs. Snowmobiles must display a valid registration decal.

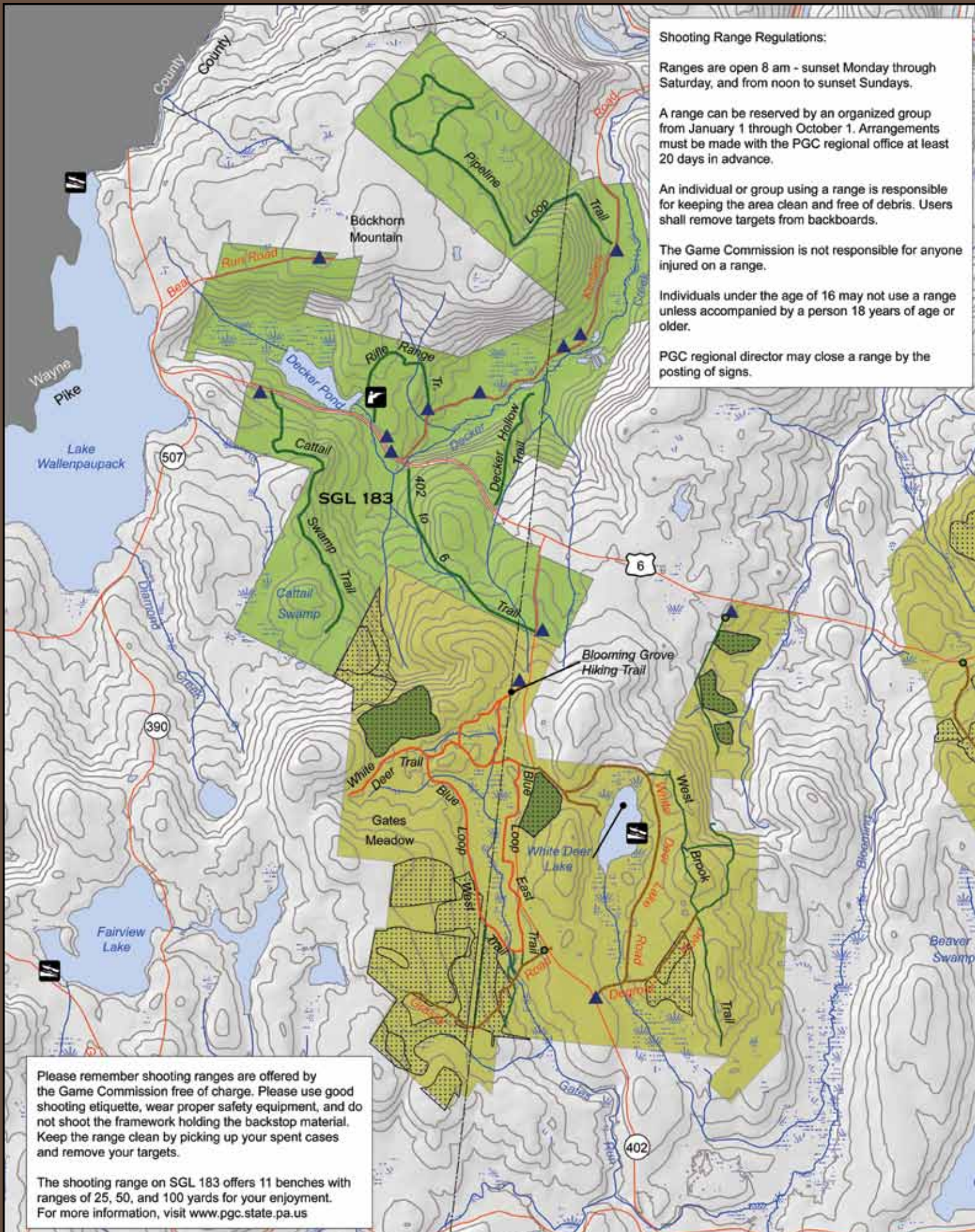
The Ruffed Grouse was named the PA state bird in 1931.



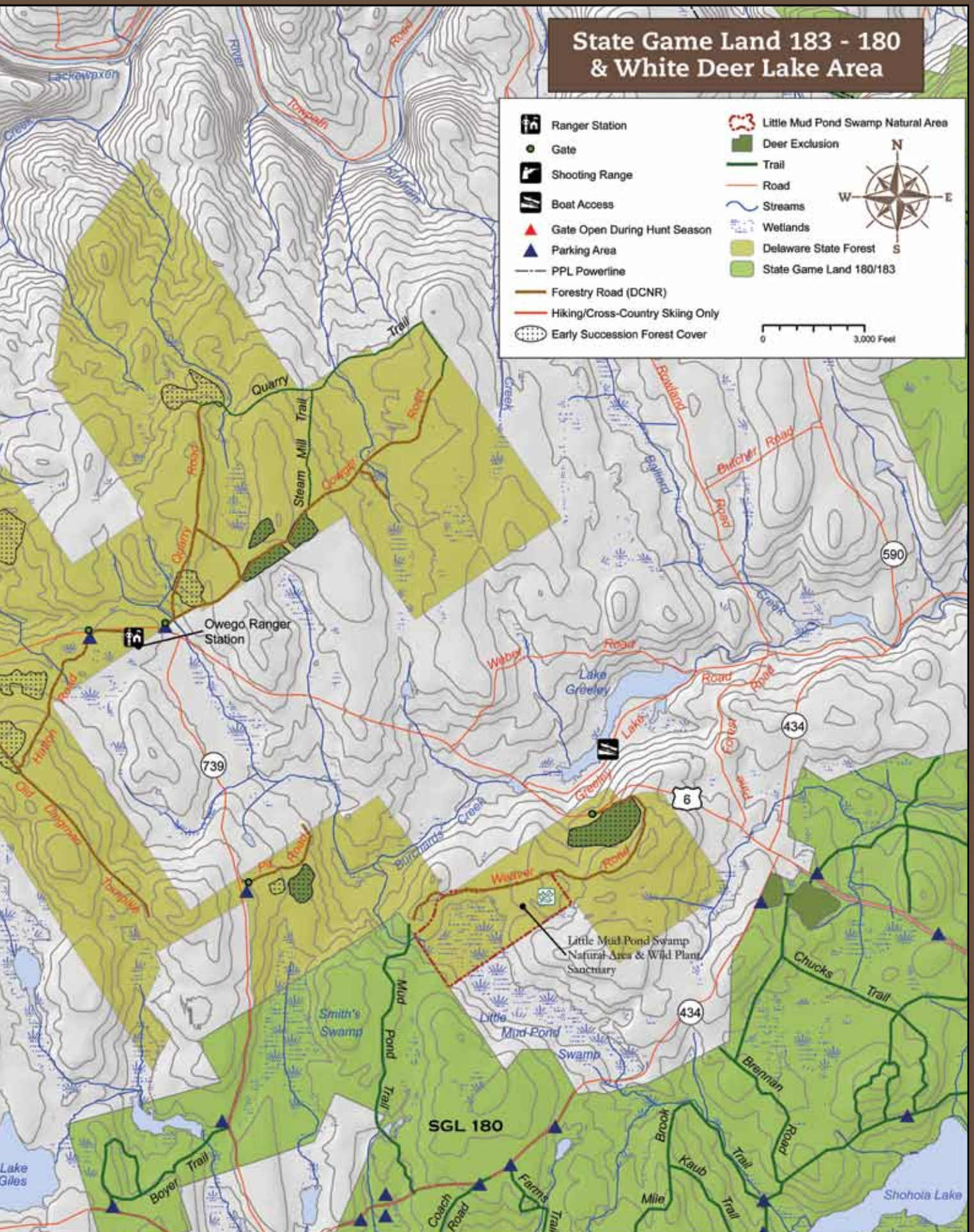
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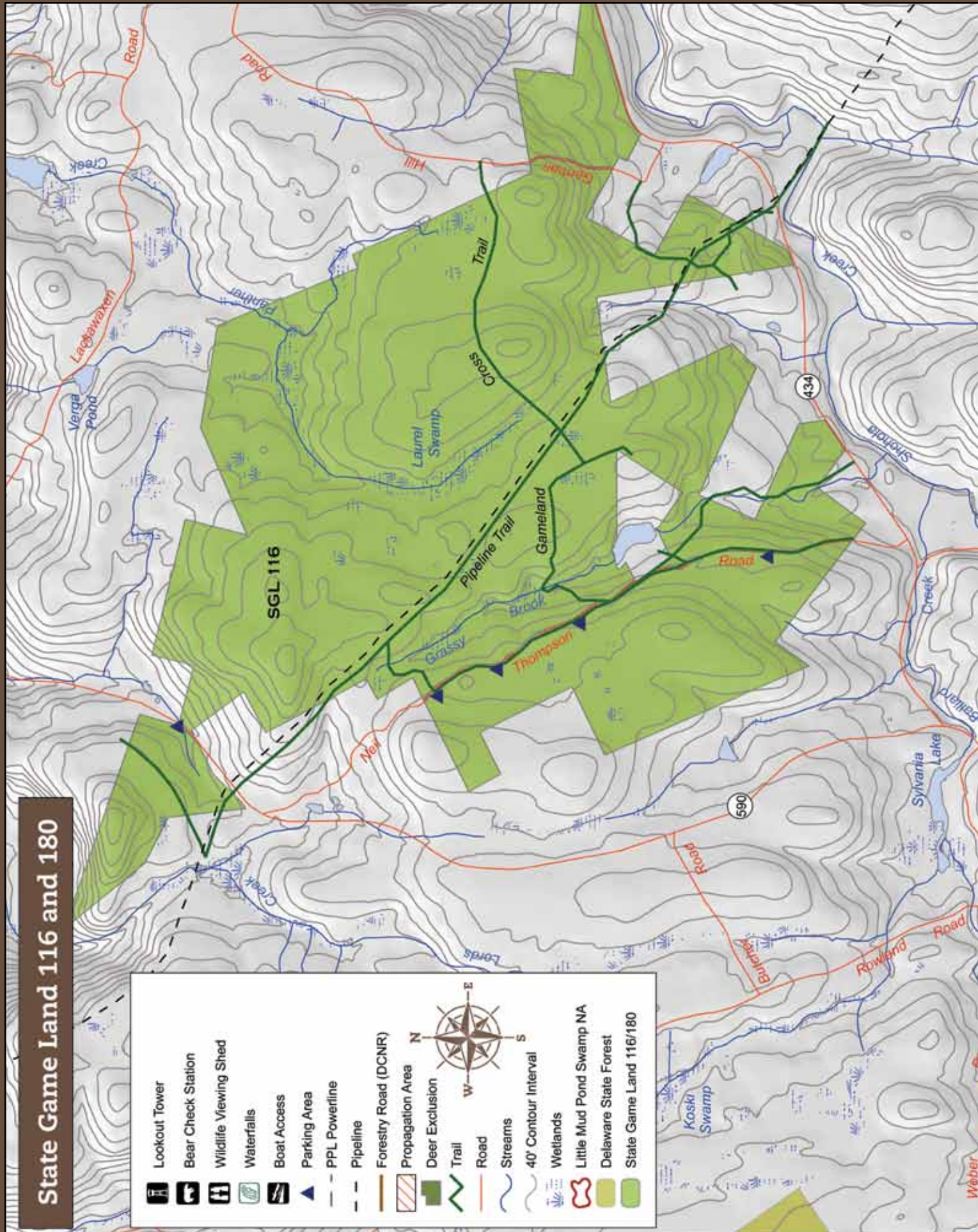
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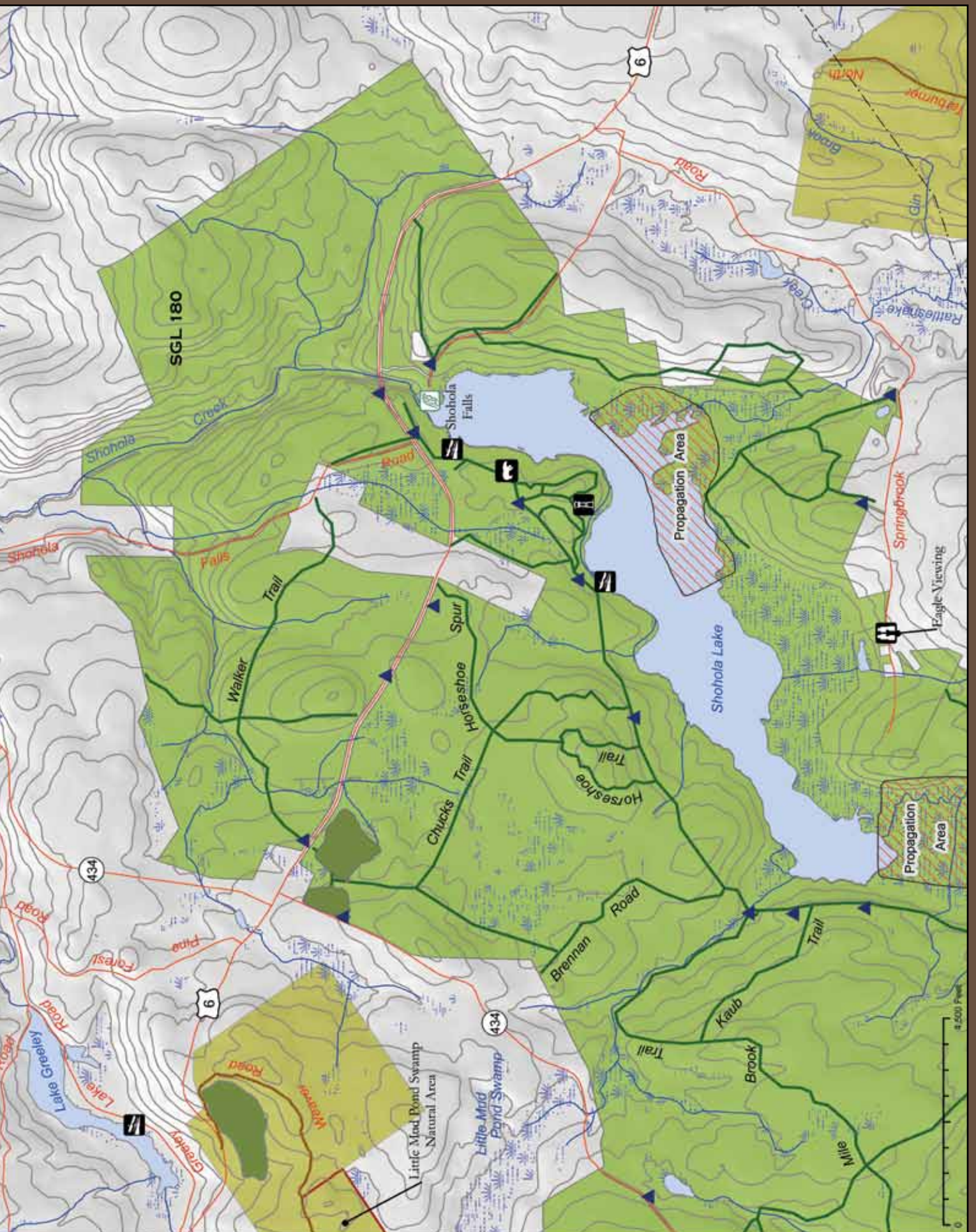


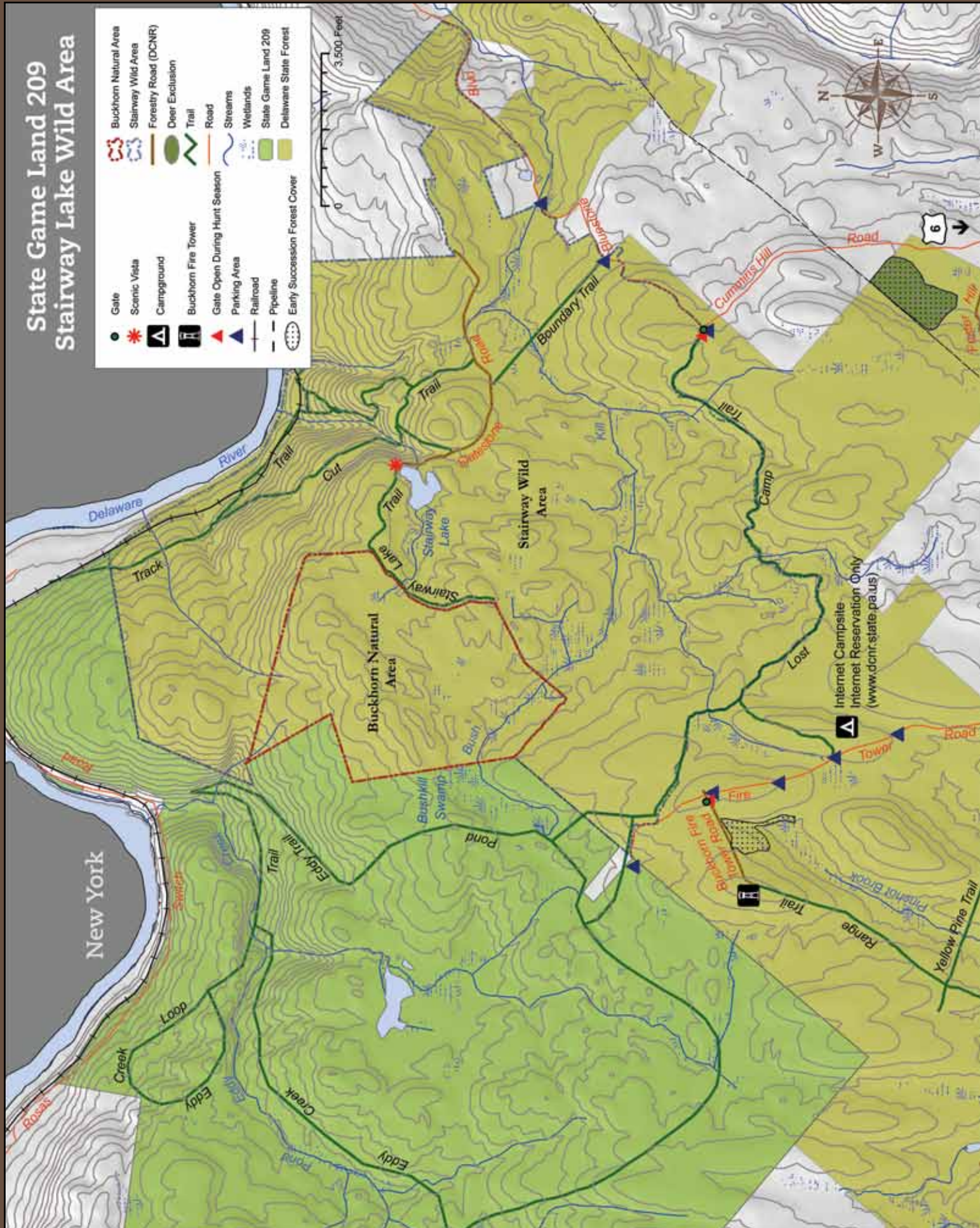


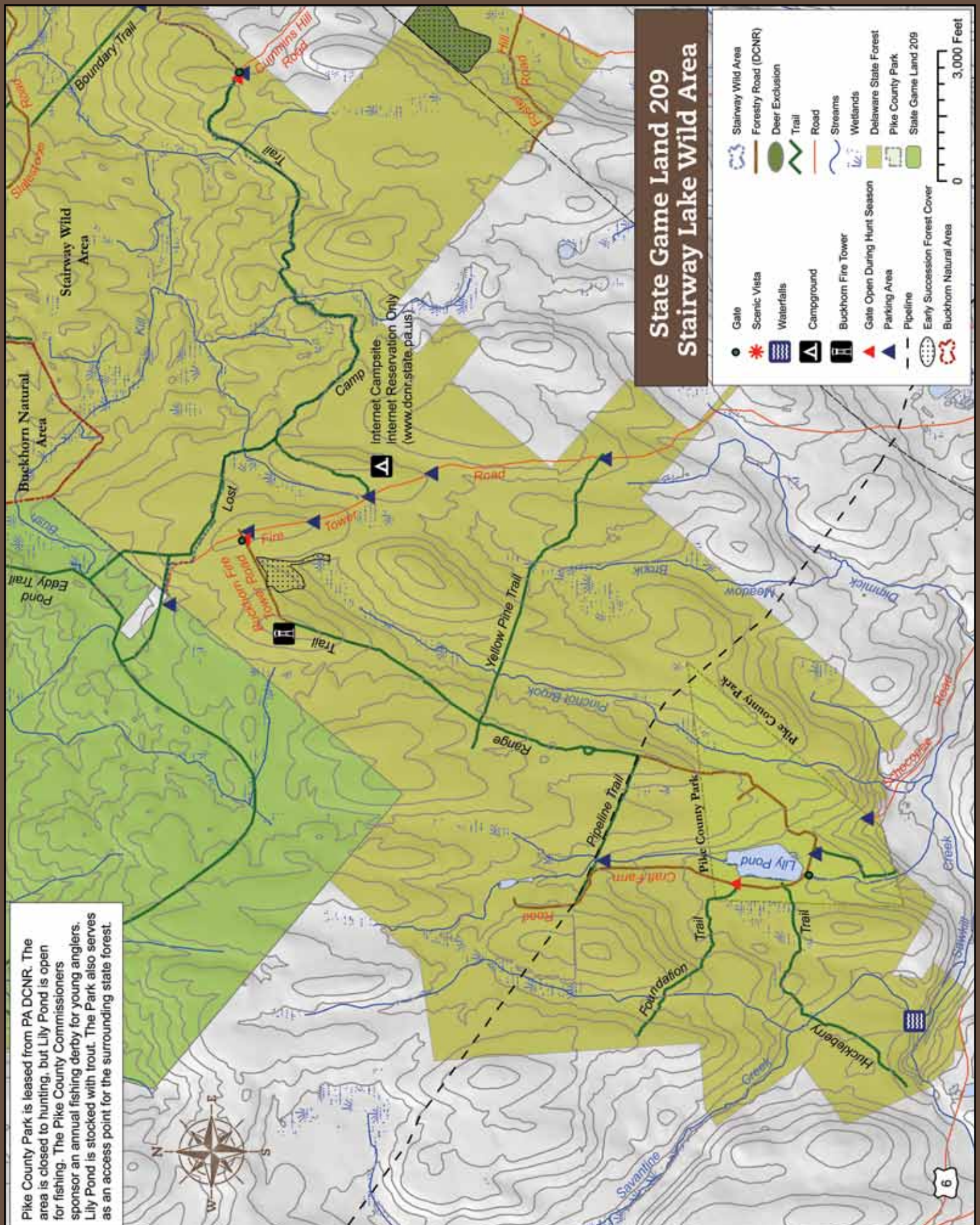
State Game Land 183 - 180 & White Deer Lake Area











Pike County Park is leased from PA DCNR. The area is closed to hunting, but Lily Pond is open for fishing. The Pike County Commissioners sponsor an annual fishing derby for young anglers. Lily Pond is stocked with trout. The Park also serves as an access point for the surrounding state forest.

Bruce Lake Natural Area Promised Land State Park

For more information on Snowmobile use on Pike's Delaware State Forest trails, please contact DCNR at 570-895-4000, for maps of the Pecks Pond area and Promised Land State Park, please visit: www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/snowmobile/pocono.aspx

- Park Office
- Camping Area
- Wildlife Viewing Booth
- Gate
- Boat Access
- Gate Open During Hunt Season
- Parking
- PPL Powerline
- Hiking/Cross-Country Skiing Only
- Multi-Use Trail (Snowmobile, Horse, Bike Use)
- Forestry Road (DCNR)
- Early Succession Forest Cover
- Pine Lake - Bruce Lake Natural Area
- Deer Exclusion
- Road
- Streams
- Wetlands
- PLSP Hunting Zone
- PLSP Special Regulation Area
- Promised Land State Park
- Delaware State Forest

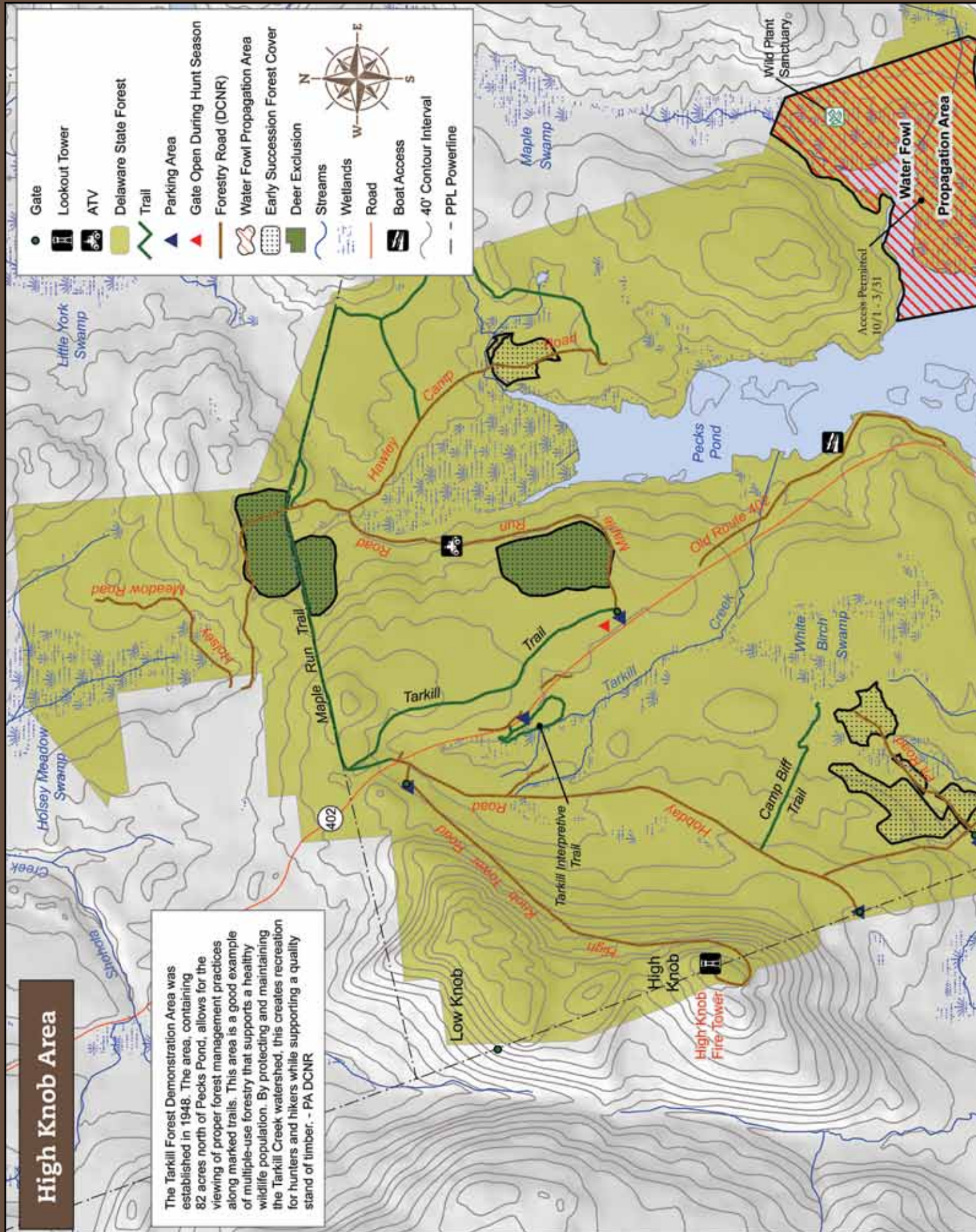


The Bear Wallow Cabins and the Beechwood Camping Area are open for stay during hunting season.

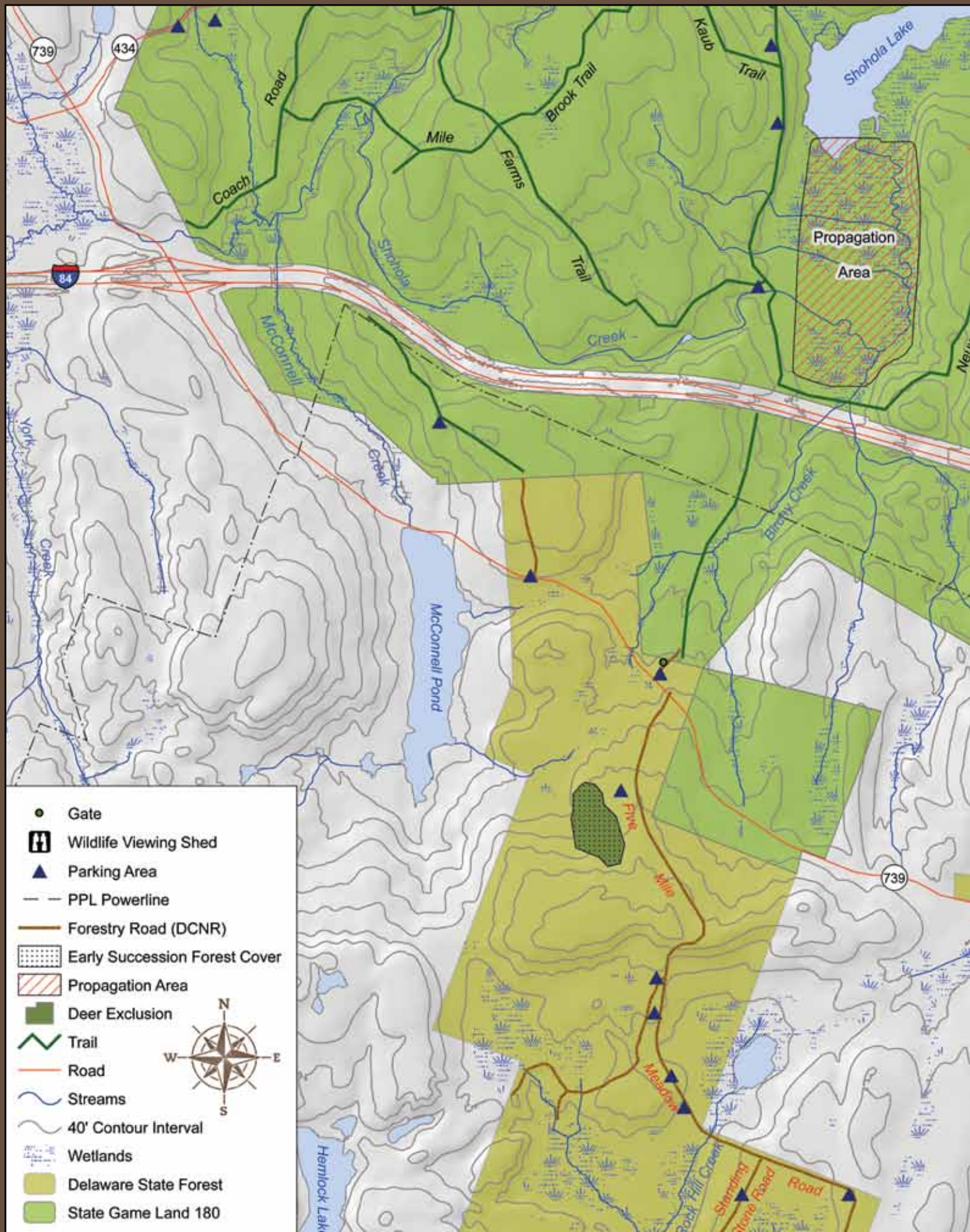
The Special Regulation Hunting Zone is for Archery Hunting Only.

All Trails are Open for Hiking.

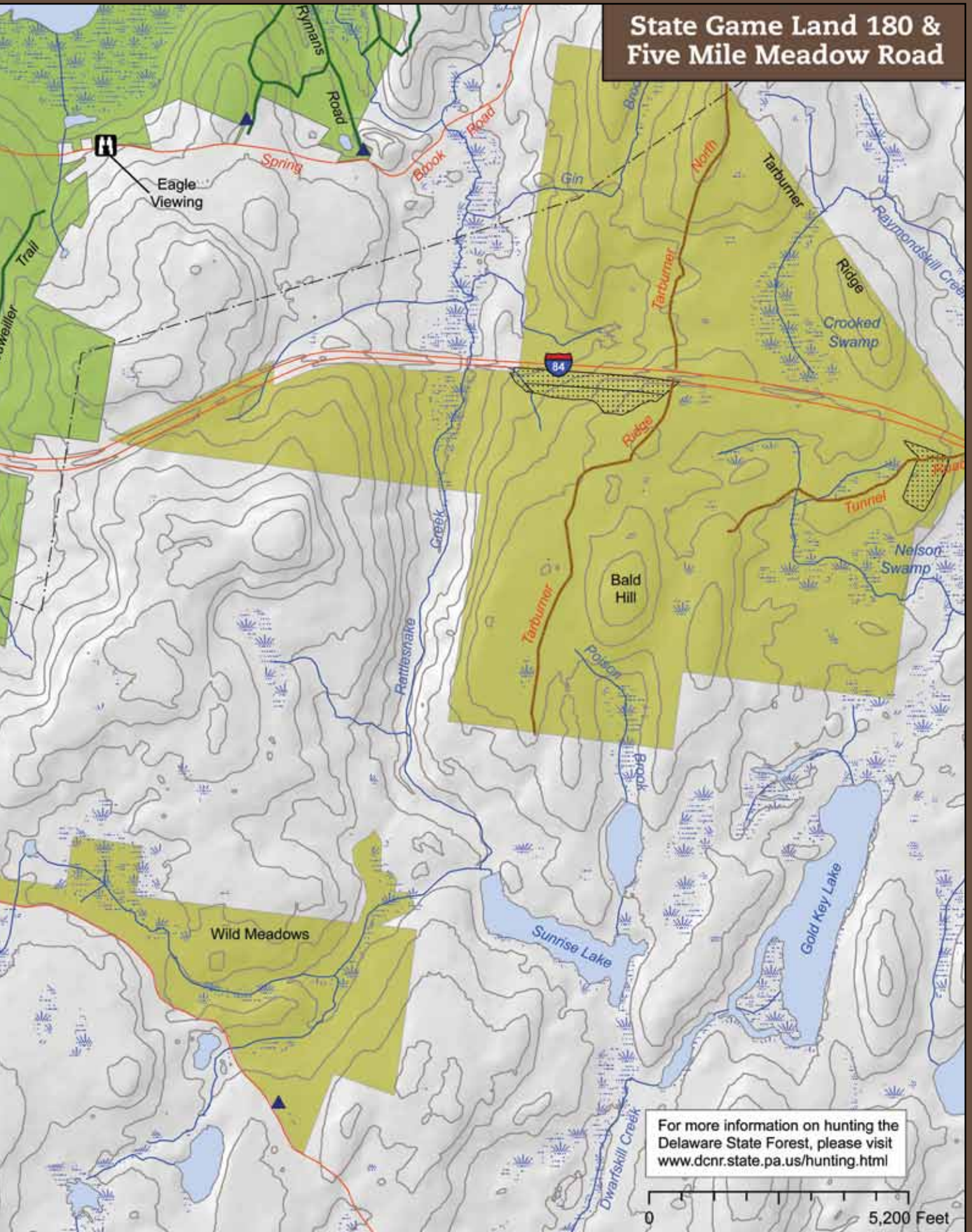


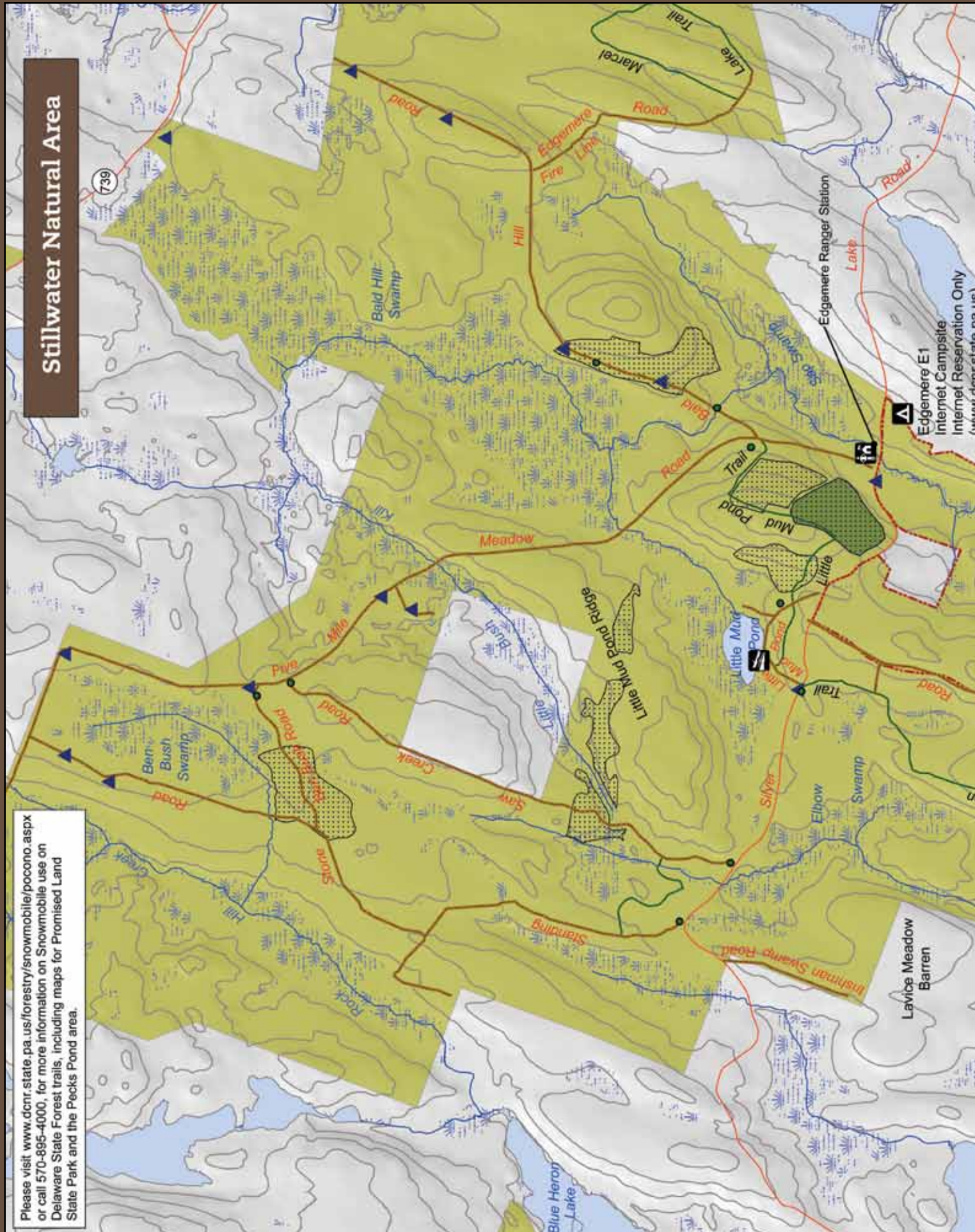






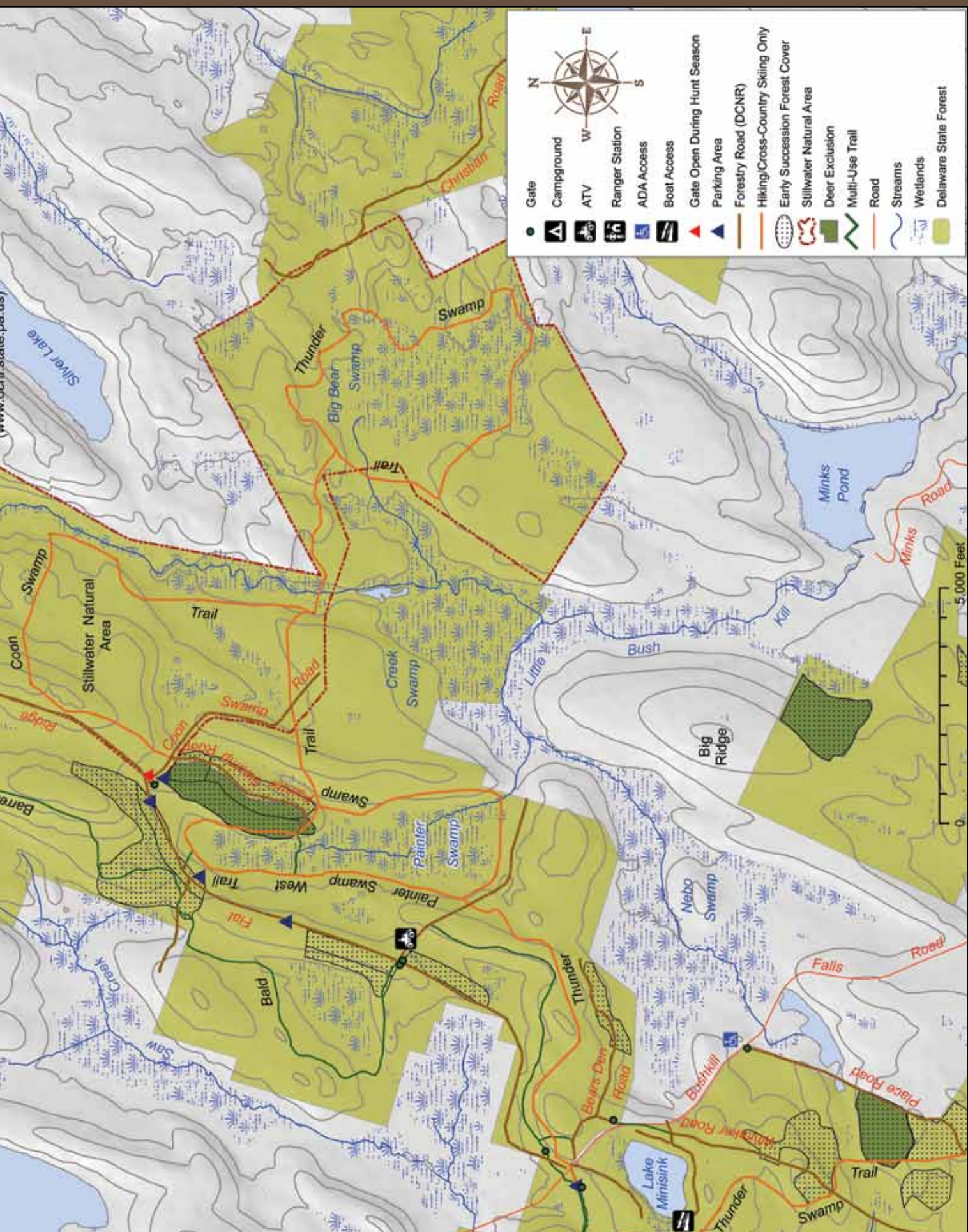
State Game Land 180 & Five Mile Meadow Road



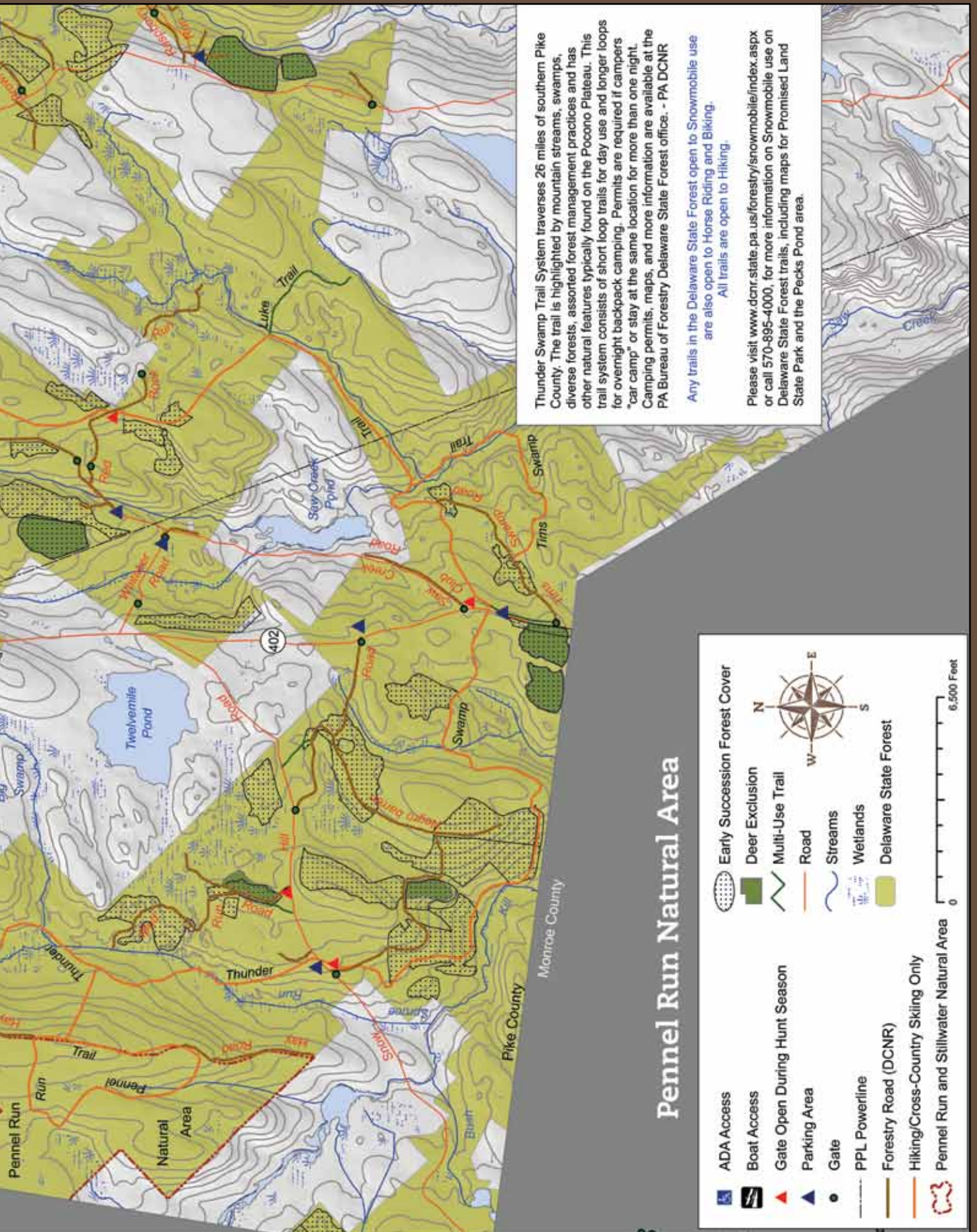


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Stillwater Natural Area





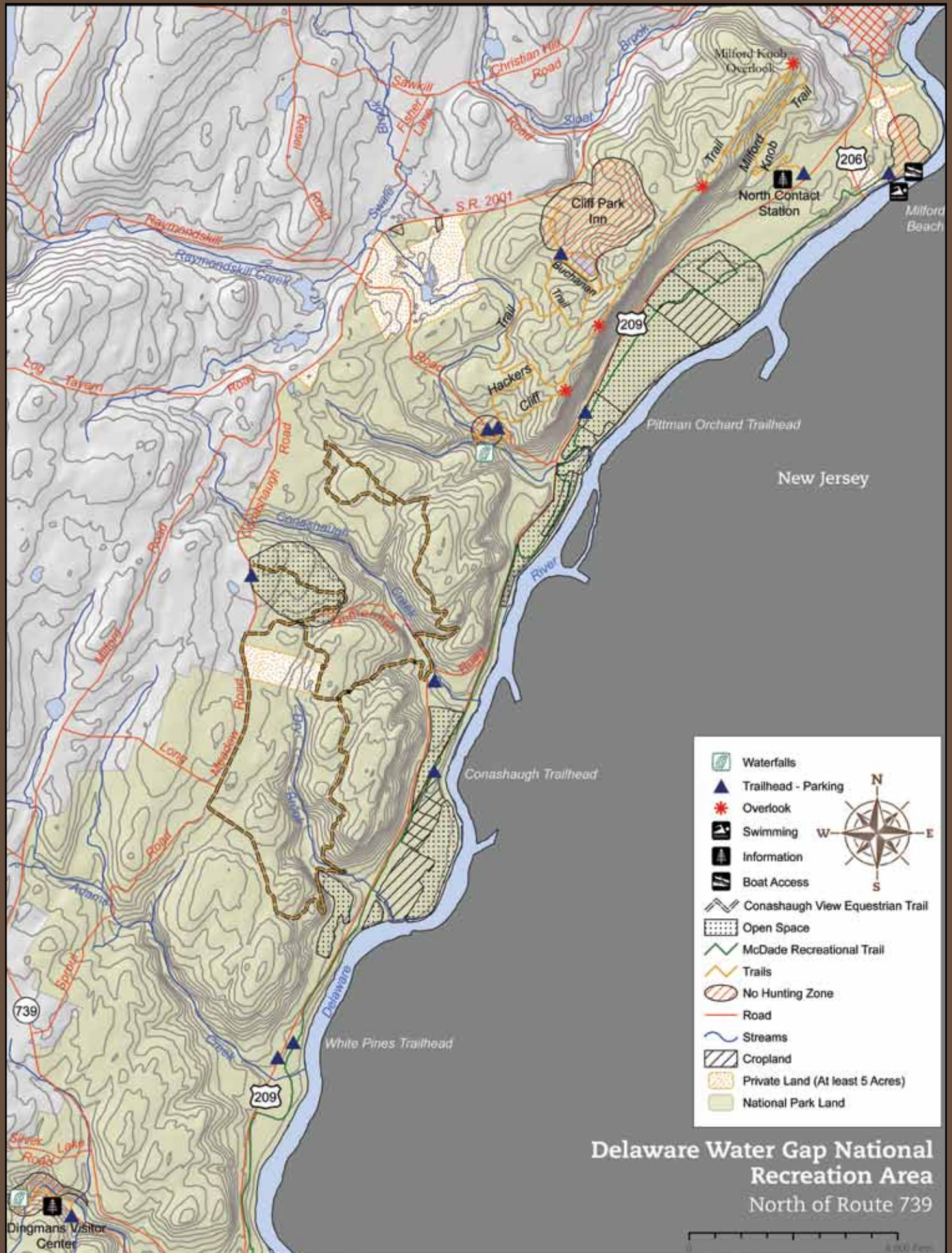


Thunder Swamp Trail System traverses 26 miles of southern Pike County. The trail is highlighted by mountain streams, swamps, diverse forests, assorted forest management practices and has other natural features typically found on the Pocono Plateau. This trail system consists of short loop trails for day use and longer loops for overnight backpack camping. Permits are required if campers "car camp" or stay at the same location for more than one night. Camping permits, maps, and more information are available at the PA Bureau of Forestry Delaware State Forest office. - PA DCNR

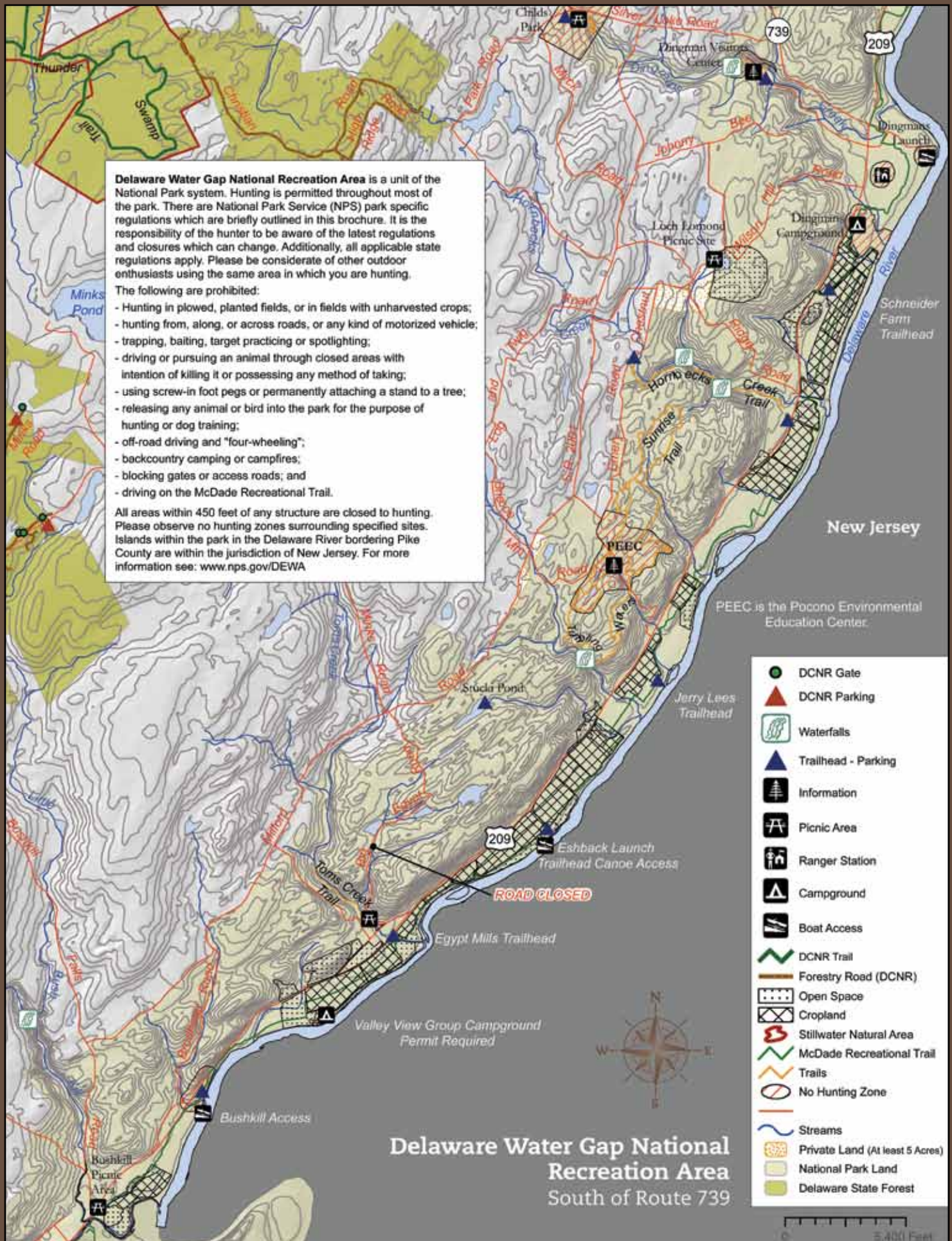
Any trails in the Delaware State Forest open to Snowmobile use are also open to Horse Riding and Biking.
All trails are open to Hiking.

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DELAWARE WATER GAP NATIONAL RECREATION AREA (NORTH OF ROUTE 739)



Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area
North of Route 739



DEER MANAGEMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA FORESTS

By Mike Roche, DCNR Service Forester, Pike and Monroe Counties

The forests of Pennsylvania provide food, cover and shelter to a diverse group of wildlife species. In order to fully support these habitat conditions, the forest must be in balance and display all types of layers.

Herbaceous plants and flowers, tree and shrub seedlings, saplings, pole timber and old growth must all be present. Unfortunately, over the past twenty years or so, the over population of deer has thrown the forest out of balance. Due to severe over-browsing, deer have drastically decreased the amount of tree/shrub seedlings, herbaceous plants and wildflowers. Without tree seedlings to develop into saplings, the forests lose the sapling stage. This imbalance in nature poses a threat to the habitat of many wildlife species including the deer themselves, and also takes a toll on the forest's ability to regenerate and become sustainable. Without the presence of native seedlings and plants, there is an increased opportunity for invasive plants to move in, making it more difficult to establish desirable tree seedlings.

Recognizing the problem, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) — Bureau of Forestry has erected 81 woven wire deer fences, 68 of which are in Pike County. The fences are typically constructed out of eight foot high woven wire fence, and are designed to keep only the deer out, while turkey, grouse, bear and other wildlife can easily find their way in. The idea behind the fences is to



Ron Tussey

In September of 2010, DCNR added another important tract of land by acquiring the 664 acre Camp William Penn tract. This parcel provides a vital connection between separate tracts of the Delaware State Forest in Monroe and Pike counties in Pike County. These acquisitions bring the Delaware State Forest acreage to almost 85,000 acres (the tract falls in Porter Township).

regenerate the forest with desirable tree seedlings, especially commercial species, thus increasing diversity of the stand while the deer browsing component is eliminated. Once the majority of seedlings grow beyond the browse line (about six feet) the fence may be taken down, as the deer are no longer a threat.

Locations of these fences are often where some seedlings are present but keep getting browsed off. Also, within the fenced areas, some larger trees of poor quality are removed to increase sunlight to the forest floor, which seedlings need to thrive. The results are astonishing. Often times, by simply taking away the deer pressure, all of the forest layers return. Wildflowers that haven't been seen in this area in years begin to reappear, regeneration of desirable tree seedlings become abundant and wildlife habitat is replenished. Seeing the benefit, a number of private forest landowners have also decided to erect enclosure fences in an attempt to gain regeneration.

One downside to these fences is maintenance. When a tree comes down on the fence, leaving a hole for the deer to move freely in and out, they jump on the opportunity.





Scot Boyce

Wildflowers that haven't been seen in this area in years begin to reappear, regeneration of desirable tree seedlings become abundant and wildlife habitat is replenished.

DCNR monitors these fences by walking them and fixing any problems. If a deer is seen inside a fence, it is usually easy to drive them out and then secure the fence before any more can get in. However, there are times when the forest inside the fence is simply too thick to drive them out, which is why hunting inside the fences is encouraged.

A demonstration deer enclosure fence has been placed on a tract of the Delaware State Forest on Route

390, across from the Promised Land State Park Office. This area shows different types of forestry practices completed inside and outside the fence.

Everyone is welcome to visit the demonstration area as proof that these fences can be used as a tool to regenerate forests. For more information, please visit <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/index.aspx>, or call 570-895-4039 and ask for Mike Roche, Service Forester.



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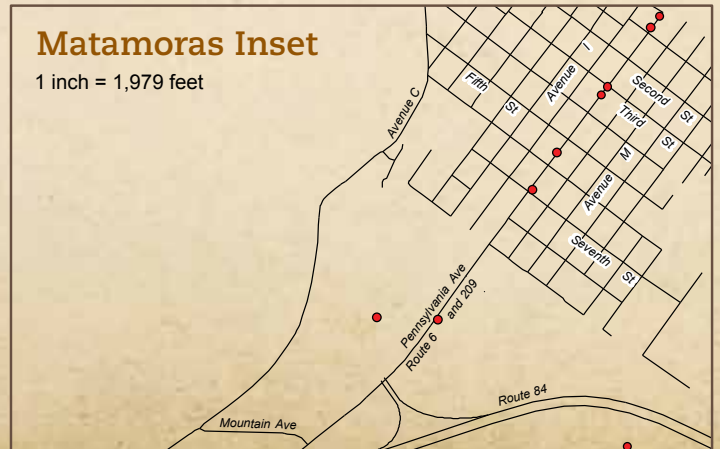
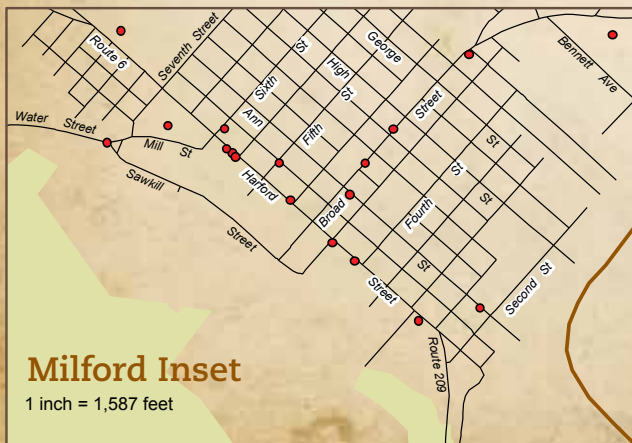


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DCNR Service Forester Mike Roche spoke at the Botany Walk on the Polatnick Tract. The 708 acre Polatnick Tract was added to the Delaware State Forest with the funding assistance of the Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program — a ten million dollar bond referendum approved by the voters for the protection and acquisition of Open Space.

By protecting the tract with a conservation easement, the SRCP program ensures future generations will be able to enjoy this and other open space. This parcel borders the Stairway Lake Wild Area. Education and outreach play a major role in the conservation of Open Space in Pike County.



You've just finished an exciting day in the field hunting, fishing, boating, or exploring and are now looking for a great meal or a warm bed to recover to start anew tomorrow.

Please use the listing below to enjoy any of Pike County's many local restaurants and lodging facilities. Our deli's are perfect for a great tasting packed lunch when you're enjoying the natural world in Pike County. If you've unfortunately forgot something, we've got you covered there as well. Pike County is home to many outfitters, licensing agents, and hardware stores. Take a few moments to read over our business listing; and you'll be sure to find what you are looking for.

We thank you for your visit and patronage.

BUTCHER

Brad's Deer Shop

Shohola—F4
570.296.8672

Heberling's Butcher Shop

Greentown—A5
570.676.9452
Hunter Sharing Harvest Facility

Prime Time Meats

Milford—G5
570.296.6064
Hunter Sharing Harvest Facility

FOOD

AJ's Sportside Restaurant & Pub

Tafton—B3
570.226.2701

Antler Ridge Winery

Hawley—C3
570.390.4444

Apple Valley Restaurant

Milford—G5
570.296.6831
applevalleyrestaurant.com

Arnold's Country Mini-Mart

Dingmans Ferry—F6
570.828.2555

Balch's Fish Fry and More

Milford—G5
570.296.7911

Bar Louis at Hotel Fauchere

Milford—Inset
570.409.1351

Beer Barn

Milford—Inset
570.296.7010

Big Lake Beverage

Hawley—C3
570.226.1838

Black Bear Cafe

Milford—G5
570.409.6300

Broad Street Coffee House

Milford—Inset
570.409.6090

Bushkill Corner Market

Bushkill—E8
570.588.2728

Buster's Café

Greentown—A5
570.676.9100

Cakes and Scones Bakery

Greentown—A5
570.676.4155

The Boathouse Restaurant

Hawley—C3
570.226.5027
the-boathouse-restaurant.com

Cat's Incredible Dogs

Matamoras—Inset
570.491.5870
catsincredibledogs.com

Chang Mao Restaurant

Milford—Inset
570.296.8022

Chef Anthony's Restaurant

Tafton—F6
570.676.6491

China Delight

Lords Valley—F6
570.828.1020

China Dynasty

Lords Valley—D4
570.775.4284

Chrissie's Deli

Matamoras—Inset
570.491.5411

Chuck n Dale's Beer & Beverage

Lords Valley—D4
570.775.739

CJ's Pizzeria

Milford—Inset
570.296.2554

Cliff Park Inn

Milford—G5
570.296.6491
cliffparkinn.com

Country Squire Beverage

Bushkill—D8
570.588.6002

Country Squire Deli

Bushkill—D8
570.588.9212

The Country Store

Tafton—B3
570.226.2021

Coutts Blueberry Farm Market

Hawley—C3
570.390.4888

Cross-Eyed Cricket Pub

Milford—G5
570.296.6491

Cuckoo's Nest

Hawley—D2
570.685.7837

Dimmick Inn

Milford—Inset
570.296.4021
dimmickinn.com

Dunkin Donuts

Matamoras—H4
Milford—G5
Lords Valley—D4

Ehrhardt's Waterfront Resort

Hawley—C3
570.226.7355
ehrhards.com

Ellen's Deli

Lords Valley—D4
570.775.6199

Failte Irish Pub

Dingmans Ferry—E5
570.828.6505
failte.com

The Fork at Twin Lakes

Shohola—F4
570.296.8094
theforkattwinlakes.com

The Forklift Café

Dingmans Ferry—F6
570.828.1920
forkliftcafe.com

Fretta's Italian

Milford—Inset
570.296.7863
frettas.com

Gresham's Chop House

Hawley—C3
570.226.4621
greshams.net

Good Time Pizza

Dingmans Ferry—F6
570.828.9990

The Grill

Matamoras—Inset
570.491.900

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Pike County is fortunate to have eighty percent of the county's land area covered by forest as well as 1,750 miles of some of the cleanest streams in the state. Either of these characteristics would be a great "claim to fame" but the fact that Pike County has both is no accident.

Forested land is one of the greatest benefactors to water quantity and quality. Forests help slow storm water and precipitation thereby facilitating groundwater recharge. This is especially important for aquatic habitats due in large part to the fact that the vast majority of stream flow is provided by groundwater. Forest land also helps to take up excess pollutants, provide nutrients to the food chain, and regulate water temperature — helping to maintain the fantastic trout streams and ecosystems for which Pike County is so well known. It's these vast forested lands that make Pike County such a wonderful place for fish, game, fowl—and Sportsmen!

~ Nick Spinelli, former Watershed Manager for the Pike County Conservation District and the current Executive Director of the Lake Wallenpaupack Watershed Management District.

Don't forget to visit these historical sites:

The Charles Peirce House (G5)

The noted philosopher, logician, scientist and founder of pragmatism lived in this house from 1887 until his death in 1914. Located in Milford on Route 6.

Grey Towers (G5)

The ancestral home of Gifford Pinchot, first chief of the US Forest Service, is a Historic National Landmark. The house and grounds are open to the public. Located in Milford on Owego Turnpike.

Zane Grey Museum (E2)

The home of renowned Western novelist Zane Grey from 1905 to 1918 is open to the public. Located in Lackawaxen.

FOOD continues

The Historic Greeley Inn

Greeley—E3
570.685.997
thehistoricgreeleyinn.com

Hoagie Hut

Hawley—C3
570.226.0600

Hunts Landing at Best Western

Matamoras—H5
570.491.2400
bwinnhuntslanding.com

The Inn at Lackawaxen

Lackawaxen—E2
570.685.7061
lackawaxenhouse.com

The Inn at Peck's Pond

Dingmans Ferry—D5
570.775.7336
peckspondinn.com

Joey's Pizza

Milford—Inset
570.296.2330

John's Italian Restaurant

Greentown—A5
570.676.9830
johnsitaliangreentown.com

Jorgensen's Deli

Milford—Inset
570.409.0400

Just Rumors Bar and Grill

Tafton—C4
570.226.4888
justrumorsbarandgrill.com

Karen's Kitchen

Dingmans Ferry—D5
570.775.7336

Knotty Pine Pub

Greentown—B5
570.676.3362

L.G.'s Saloon

Greentown—B5
570.676.9989

Lake Wallenpaupack Café & Restaurant

Hawley—C3
570.226.5850

Lakeview Plaza

Dingmans Ferry—F6
570.828.6236

Last Dollar Saloon

Greentown—A4
570.857.1776

Laurel Villa Country Inn & Restaurant

Milford—Inset
570.296.9940
laurelvilla.com

Log Cabin Bar and Restaurant

Bushkill—E8
570.588.6398

Lumberyard Pizza

Milford—Inset
570.296.6069

McDonald's

Lords Valley—D4
Milford—H4

Mel's Place

Greeley—E3
570.409.0277

Michael's Deli

Matamoras—Inset
570.491.5801

Milford Diner

Milford—Inset
570.296.8611
milforddiner.com

Mount Haven Resort and Restaurant

Milford—F5
570.296.8502
mthavenresort.com

Muggs Country Kitchen

Hawley—C3
570.226.2827

Muir House

Milford—G5
570.296.6372
muirhouse.com

Nanny's Place

Shohola—E4
570.296.3800

Old Rangers Inn

Greentown—B5
570.676.3905

PA Wine and Spirits

Milford—Inset
Lords Valley—D5

Panda Garden

Lords Valley—D5
570.775.0414

Paupack Hills Restaurant

Greentown—B4
570.857.0251
paupackhills.com

Peking Garden

Matamoras—H5
570.491.2888

Perkins

Matamoras—H4
570.491.4341

Peter's Europa House

Shohola—E4
570.296.2624
peterseuropahouse.com

Pie's On

Dingmans Ferry—F6
570.828.9985

Pike County Beverage

Dingmans Ferry—F6
570.828.7676

Pinehurst Inn

Greeley—E3
570.685.4240

Pocono Pizza

Hawley—C3
570.226.8488

Portobello Pizza and Pasta

Lords Valley—D4
570.775.7707

Prime Time Meats

Milford—G5
570.296.6064

Promised Land Inn

Greentown—B5
570.676.3112

Promised Land Junction

Greentown—B5
570.676.5590

Ray n Charles

Dingmans Ferry—E5
570.686.2926

Rimby's

Dingmans Ferry—F6
570.828.7777

River Rock Inn

Milford—G5
570.296.7177
riverrockmilford.com

Riverview Inn

Matamoras—H4
570.491.2173
riverviewinninc.com

Rohman's Inn

Shohola—F3
570.559.7479

Roma Pizza

Milford—H4
570.491.5999
romapizza.com

Rowland Café

Rowland—D3
570.685.9500

Ryan's Deli

Lords Valley—D4
570.775.6885

Sal's Pizzeria

Bushkill—D8
570.588.6020

Sand Spring Farm

Hawley—D2
570.237.6459

Side Street Tavern & Eatery

Dingmans Ferry—F6
570.828.8491

Silver Lake Tavern & Eatery

Dingmans Ferry—F6
570.828.8917

Sister's Deli

Dingmans Ferry—F6
570.828.6885

6 West Bar and Grill

Shohola—F4
570.409.6966

Stewart's Family Restaurant

Matamoras—Inset
570.491.2015

Subway

Matamoras—H5
In Walmart—H4
Lords Valley—D4
Greentown—A5

Susie's Sweet Shop

Milford—Inset
570.296.8636

Tom Quick Inn

Milford—Inset
570.409.1000
tomquickinn.com

Two Rivers Grille

Matamoras—Inset
570.491.2520
tworiversgrille.com

United Pizza & Burgers

Greentown—A5
570.252.4035

Village Diner

Milford—H4
570.491.2819

Wally's Deli & Convenience

Milford—G5
507.409.0400

Waterwheel Café and Bakery

Milford—Inset
570.296.2383
waterwheelcafe.com

Wendy's

Matamoras—H4
570.491.2191

White Owl Steakhouse

Beach Lake—D1
570.729.7000
whiteowlsteakhouse.com

White Pine Inn

Greeley—E3
570.685.1480

Windy Dog Restaurant & Deli

Shohola—F4
570.296.2770
windydogrest.com

Wings n Things

Hawley—C3
570.226.9770

Woodloch Pines Resort

Lackawaxen—D2
570.685.7121
woodloch.com

Yanni's World Delight

Matamoras—H5
570.491.2022

GROCERY**Dutch's Market**

Greentown—A5
570.676.3373

Milford Farms (Grand Union)

Milford—Inset
570.296.7200

K-Mart

Matamoras—H5
570.491.4841

Lake Store

Greentown—B5
570.676.3741

Mr. Z's

Lords Valley—D4
570.775.0391

Price Chopper

Matamoras—Inset
570.491.5612

Wal-Mart

Milford—H4
570.491.4940

HARDWARE**Flair Home Center**

Dingmans Ferry—E5
570.828.9056

Home Depot

Matamoras—H4
570.491.5938

Independence True Value

Dingmans Ferry—F6
570.828.2038

Lowe's

Matamoras—H4
570.491.2176

Luhr's Hardware

Milford—G5
570.296.7012

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Hunters looking for a hearty breakfast would do well to contact the Shohola Fire Department, which offers an All You Can Eat pancake breakfast during the late fall. The fire department is located on Route 434 in Shohola. So come out and enjoy the Hunter's Pancake Breakfast while supporting one of Pike County's local volunteer fire departments. The Fire Department can be reached at 570.296.7700.

LAUNDRY

Lakeview Plaza

Dingmans Ferry—F6
570.828.6236

LODGING

Apple Inn

Matamoras—Inset
570.491.9000

Babbling Brook Cottages

Dingmans Ferry—F6
570.828.9175
babblingbrookcottages.com

Best Western

Matamoras—H5
570.491.2400
bwinnhuntslanding.com

Black Walnut Inn & Guest Ranch

Milford—G4
570.296.6322
theblackwalnutinn.com

Cliff Park Inn

Milford—G5
570.296.6491
cliffparkinn.com

Dimmick Inn

Milford—Inset
570.296.4021
dimmickinn.com

Dingmans Ferry Bed & Breakfast

Dingmans Ferry—F6
570.828.1441
dingmansbedandbreakfast.com

East Shore Lodging

Hawley—C3
570.226.3293
www.eastshorelodging.com

Ehrhardt's Waterfront Resort

Hawley—C3
570.226.7355
ehrhards.com

Gresham's Lakeview Motel

Hawley—C3
570.226.4621
greshams.net

Hampton Inn

Matamoras—H4
570.491.5280
hamptoninn.com

Harrington House

Milford—Inset
570.296.2661
harringtonhouse.com

High Country Motel and Cottages

Greentown—B5
570.676.3838

The Historic Greeley Inn

Greeley—E3
570.685.997
thehistoricgreeleyinn.com

Hotel Fauchere

Milford—Inset
570.409.1212
hotelfauchere.com

Hunts Landing at Best Western

Matamoras—H5
570.491.2400
bwinnhuntslanding.com

The Inn at Lackawaxen

Lackawaxen—E2
570.685.7061
lackawaxenhouse.com

The Inn at Peck's Pond

Dingmans Ferry—D5
570.775.7336
peckspoundinn.com

Laurel Villa Country Inn & Restaurant

Milford—Inset
570.296.9940
laurelvilla.com

Malibu Dude Ranch

Milford—G4
570.296.7281
malibududeranch.com

Milford Motel

Milford—Inset
570.296.6411
milfordmotel.com

Mount Haven Resort and Restaurant

Milford—F5
570.296.8502
mthavenresort.com

Myer Motel

Milford—Inset
570.296.7223
myermotel.com

The Nest Bed & Breakfast

Dingmans Ferry—E5
570.686.4950
nestbed.com

Panther Lodging

Panther—A6
570.676.3575
pantherlodging.com

Pickerel Inn

Dingmans Ferry—D6
570.775.7737

Pocono Pines

Motor Inn & Cottages
Tafton—B3
570.226.2772
poconopinesmotorinn.com

Promised Land State Park Cabins

Greentown—B5
570.676.3428
dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks

Red Carpet Inn

Milford—G5
570.296.9444
redcarpetinnpa.com

Roebing Inn on the Delaware

Lackawaxen—E2
570.685.7900
roeblinginn.com

Sandy Beach Motel

Hawley—C3
570.226.3858
sandybeachmotel.net

Scottish Inn

Milford—H4
570.491.4414
bookroomsnow.com

Shohola Falls Cabins

Shohola—E4
570.296.7396

Sylvania Tree Farm

Lackawaxen—D2
570.685.7001
sylvaniatreefarm.com

Tanglwood Resorts

Hawley—C3
570.226.6161
tanglwoodresorts.com

Tauschman's Motel

Greentown—B5
570.676.3282

Tom Quick Inn

Milford—Inset
570.409.1000
tomquickinn.com

Tuck-em Inn Motel

Hawley—C3
570.226.6460
tuckemininn.com

Woodloch Pines Resort

Lackawaxen—D2
570.685.7121
woodloch.com

OUTFITTER

Action Bikes and Outdoor

Milford—H4
570.491.4000
actionbikesandoutdoor.com

Alice's Wonderland

Greeley—D4
570.226.4251
aliceswonderland.com

Archery Adventures

Milford—Inset
570.296.1152

Hageman Bait and Tackle

Shohola—F3
570.559.7589

Keystone Arms

Matamoras—Matamoras
570.491.4867

Olympia Sports

Milford—H4
570.491.2535
olympiasports.net

Pike County Outfitters

Milford—G5
570.296.9492
pikecountyoutfitters.net

Two River Junction

Lackawaxen—E2
570.685.2010

Wallenpaupack Sports Shop

Hawley—C3
570.226.4797

TAXIDERMY

All-Game Taxidermy

Shohola—E4
570.296.5887

Delaware & Hudson Taxidermy

Matamoras—Inset
570.491.5083
dandhtaxidermy.net

Lewis Wildlife Arts

Lackawaxen—D2
570.685.4743
lewiswildlifearts.com

FOREST OPENINGS FOR WILD TURKEYS

By Bob Eriksen, NWTF Regional Biologist

Fifty or sixty years ago, most wildlife experts believed that wild turkeys required vast expanses of unbroken forests. The reason for that theory was that the places where remnant turkey populations existed in the eastern United States were just that – large forested areas.

As we learned more about wild turkeys and as the birds were reintroduced to areas from which they disappeared, they taught the experts some important lessons. Wild turkeys do well in unbroken forests, but good turkey habitat consists of forests interspersed with openings. Perhaps the ideal wild turkey habitat is 60 percent forest and 40 percent fields. Making heavily forested areas into better turkey habitat actually involves creating and maintaining forest openings.

Forest openings, especially those with grass and clover ground cover are important improvements to wild turkey habitat. Hen turkeys bring their broods of young to these openings because insects are abundant in association with grasses and clover. Insects are the primary food for young wild turkeys for much of the summer and early fall. In addition, these openings provide dusting sites where turkeys and other birds can take dust baths to rid themselves of ticks and other external parasites. Permanent openings in the forest increase the productivity of wild turkeys and other forest birds. The edges of forest openings often have blackberries and other food producing plants growing naturally or having been planted by conservationists. The shrubs provide additional sources of summer and early fall foods for wildlife.

The Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and its local chapters in the Pike County area have helped immensely to improve turkey habitat in the

Pocono region. The Chapters have financed the creation of forest openings and have helped to maintain the openings by providing funds for planting and soil improvements. The chapters have purchased lime, seed and fertilizer and even equipment for forestry crews with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to use. Their fund-raising efforts happen through their Hunting Heritage Super Fund banquets. If you are a wild turkey enthusiast, you are urged to attend a banquet and contribute to conservation.

Habitat enhancement projects have been completed on Delaware State Forest and State Game Lands 180, 183, and 209. The projects consist of improving brood habitat to increase survival of young turkeys and planting fruit bearing trees and shrubs to provide winter foods when times are tough. The openings on these public lands are a good place to start if a hunter is scouting for the fall and spring turkey seasons. In the fall, turkey flocks will continue to use the openings to forage for insects and grass seeds. Early in the spring, the openings green up and attract hen turkeys seeking succulent vegetation. Hens often nest within a few hundred yards of forest openings and regularly visit the openings to meet with gobblers. Gobblers use the openings as displaying locations and often roost near them. Spring and fall hunters would do well to scout the openings, hunt near them, and take advantage of the habitat improvements completed by the Game Commission and DCNR with help from local NWTF chapters.



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Why Pike County?

That is the question you are asking yourself as you find yourself hunting a food plot on State Game Lands.

During the past week, you've seen countless deer, bear, and turkeys, and even a bobcat, but you are waiting for that longbeard to show himself. The spring gobbler season in Pike County has offered you a fantastic week of hunting while allowing time for world class fly fishing on the Lackawaxen and Delaware Rivers. You've seen Shohola Falls, Stairway Lake Vista, enjoyed local dining, the whole time thinking how much your family would enjoy visiting Pike County. Besides, you need another excuse to come up for archery or small game season in the fall and deer and bear seasons later in the year. Exploring Pike County's public lands in the summer during a family vacation can also serve as a scouting trip for later in the year.

Why Pike County?

The answer may just be, *why not?*

But, enough about Pike County, that gobbler has broken his silence and is closing fast. He's on his way in — will you be here?

What's Inside?

This guide, including the mapping, and other helpful links can be found on the Pike County Planning Office's website. Please visit www.pikepa.org/planning.html for more information.

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