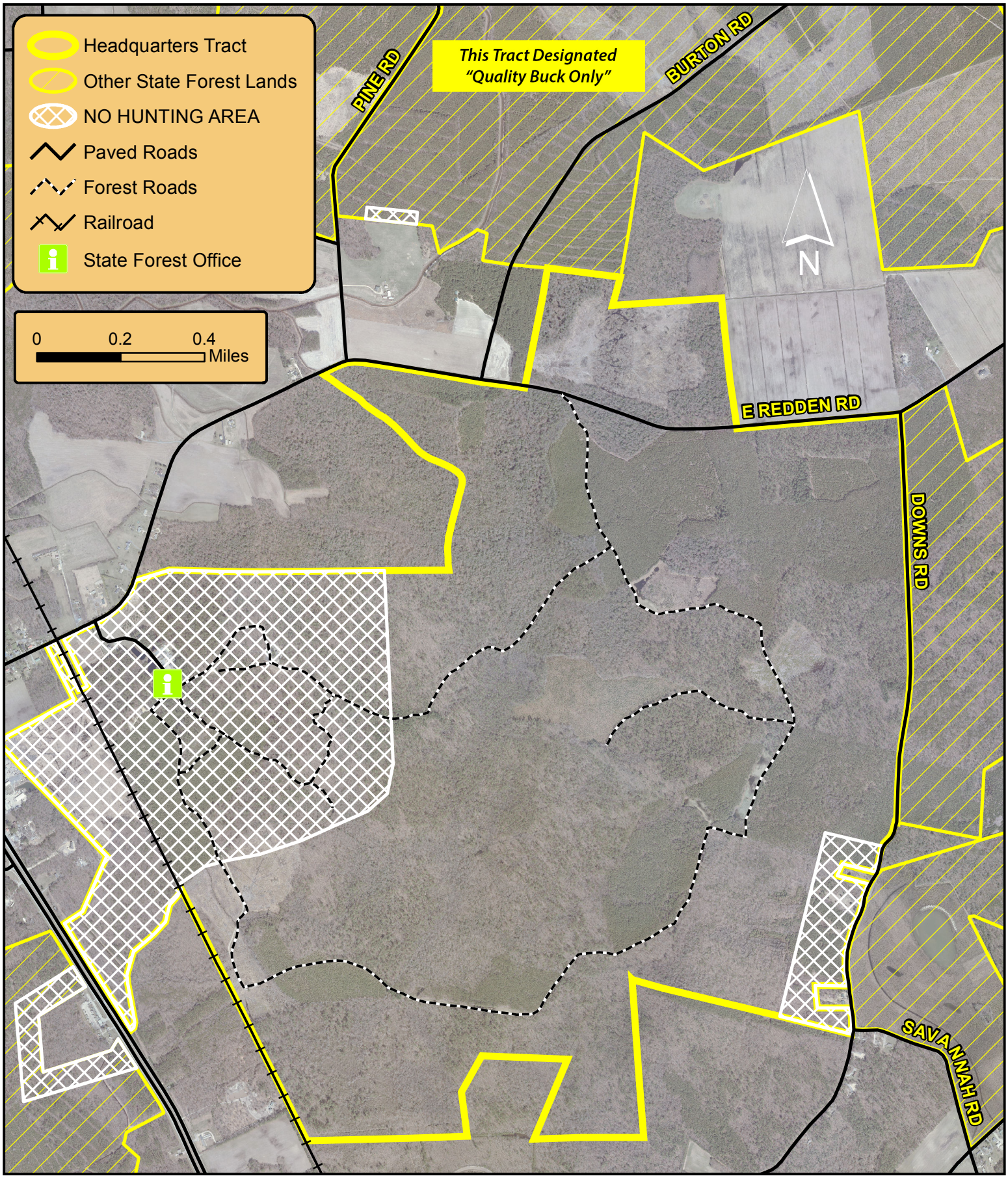
Headquarters Tract (1,784 Acres)

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://dda.delaware.gov/forestry/maps.shtml.
- 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 only, and are prohibited on State Forest Lands from March1 through August 31.
- Waterfowl hunting is not permitted on State Forest land or waters.
- 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.