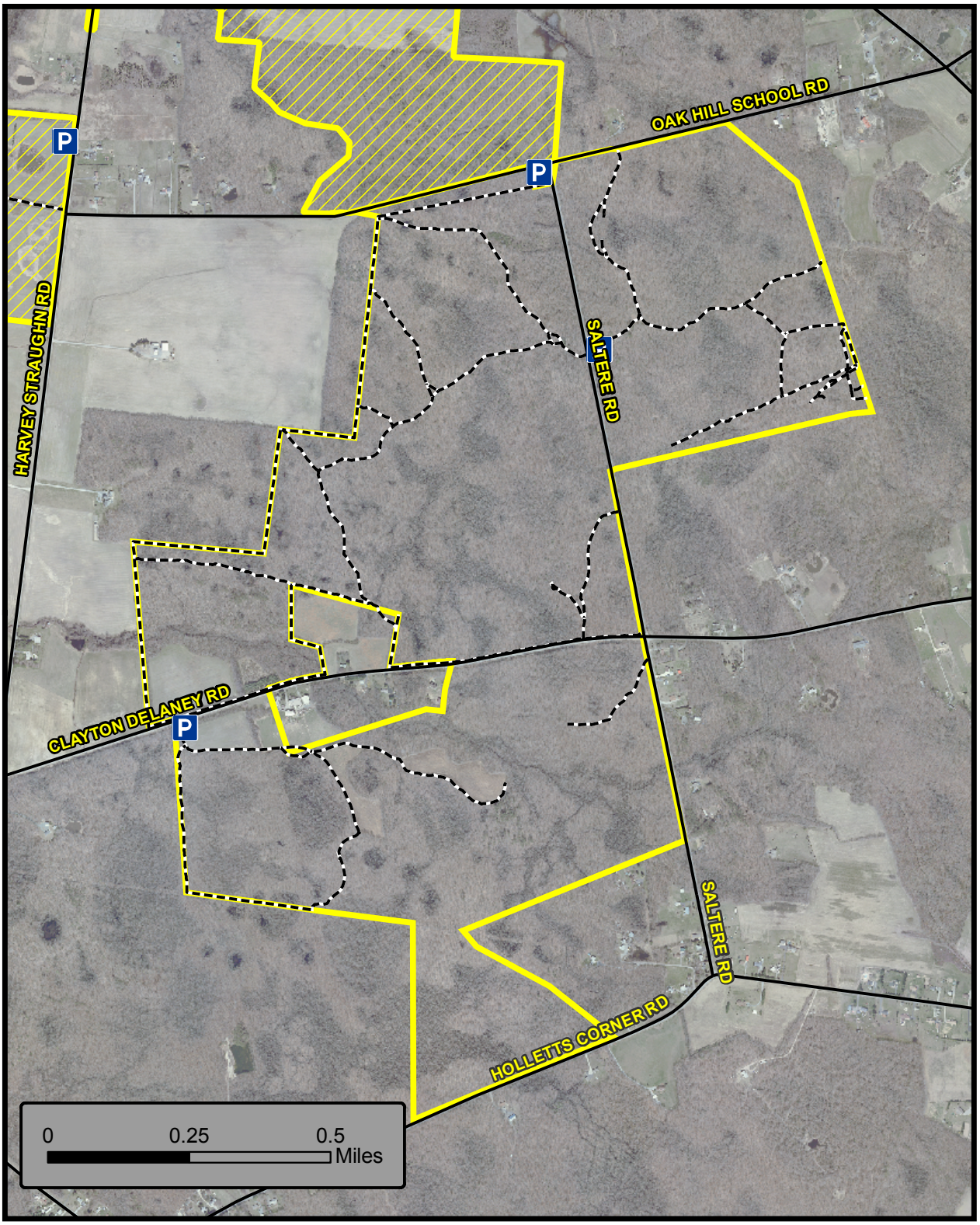
Oak Hill Tract (709 Acres)

Blackbird State Forest



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Blackbird State Forest Hunting Regulations

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

1. All Blackbird State Forest lands are open for public hunting for game in season by licensed hunters, unless otherwise posted.

2. The following hunting restrictions apply to the Tybout, South Barlow, Dulany Manor, and White Road Tracts of Blackbird State Forest:
    a. All deer hunting is limited to 47 numbered stands.
    b. The northern half of the Barlow tract and all of the Meadows Tract is an archery only hunting area, **no firearms** are allowed.
    c. For shotgun seasons, permanent stands will be chosen in a pre-season lottery. To apply for a stand during the shotgun seasons, applications to fill out are in the Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide. For the lottery stands, the hunter must claim the stand and pick up their daily permit before that morning's no show lottery 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). For any unclaimed stands there will be a daily lottery held. Stands available after the lottery, or later during the day, will be available in the hunting information box at the Tybout headquarters.
    d. For Muzzleloader season 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).
    e. For the October antlerless deer seasons, the Tybout Tract, including the Reynolds Farm, will be closed for hunting (this includes stands 1-22 and R1-R5). The stands on White Road, Dulany Manor, and Barlow will be available on a first-come, first-served basis through the stand permit box at Blackbird State Forest Headquarters located on the Tybout Tract on Blackbird Forest Road; there will be no stand lottery for the October antlerless season.
    f. All hunters on these tracts, during shotgun and muzzleloader season, must hunt from the stand only, as walk around hunting is not permitted.
    g. During Archery season bow hunters must be within 50 yards of their designated stand.
    h. 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.
    i. No more than one hunter may hunt from a stand at any one time.
    j. No small game hunting and QDM protocols are in effect on the Dulany Manor tract.

3. These special restrictions apply to the Tybout Tract of Blackbird State Forest:
    a. Dog training is prohibited at all times.

4. The following regulations apply to all Blackbird State Forest tracts:
    a. Squirrel hunting is not allowed with rifle or muzzleloading rifle, shotgun squirrel hunting is permitted.
    b. Woods roads and trails are closed to motor vehicle traffic.
    c. Parking lots are available at all tracts.
    d. Target practice is prohibited at all times.
    e. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited.
    f. Trapping is prohibited.
    g. No deer driving.
    h. 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.
    i. 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.