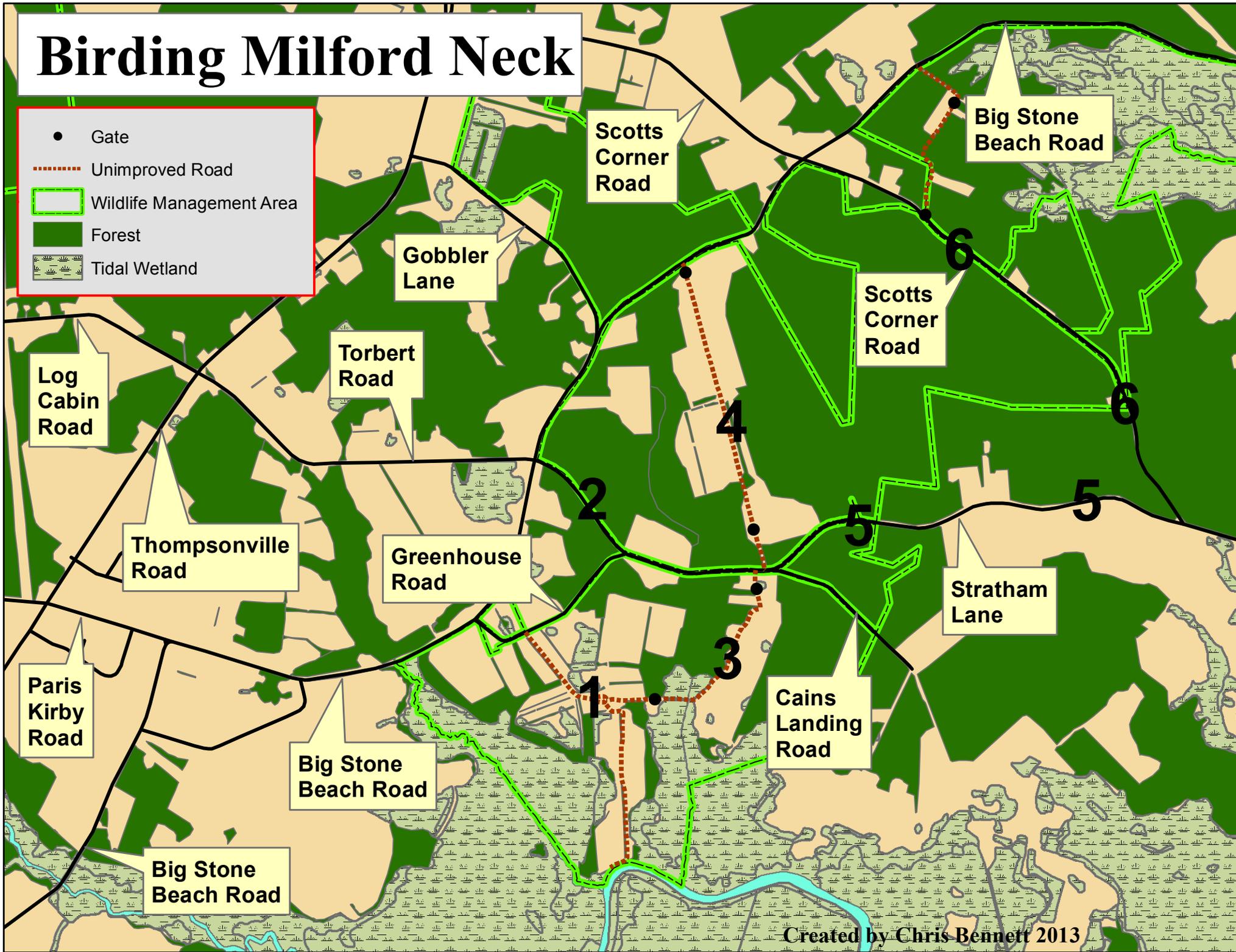


Birding Milford Neck

- Gate
- Unimproved Road
- ▭ Wildlife Management Area
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Birding Milford Neck – Dog Training Area, Stratham Lane and Scotts Corner Road

Milford Neck includes both private and public lands. The public land is owned and managed by the DE Division of Fish & Wildlife. You are welcome to wander off the roads on F&W lands, though be aware of hunting seasons. Please remain on the paved roads where land is posted.

1. Dog Training Area

The Dog Training Area is a good place to start. It features fields, woods, hedgerows, man-made wetlands and a small pond. The hedgerows and marsh edge scrub are good for migrating songbirds in spring and fall and Yellow-breasted Chat in spring and summer. Look and listen for Willow Flycatcher along the road to the Mispillion River. Check the marshes along the Mispillion for harriers, Bald Eagles and Short-eared Owls in fall and winter and rails, marsh wrens and seaside sparrows in spring and summer. The unimproved road continues though a narrow woodlot to a gate. You can walk beyond the gate, across a narrow tidal marsh and follow the road to area 3 described below.

2. Stratham Lane Wet Woods

The woods along Stratham Lane between Greenhouse Road and Big Stone Beach Road can be very good for migrating songbirds during spring and fall migration. Kentucky Warbler has nested here in the past. Look and listen for Scarlet Tanager during the day and Chuck-Will's-widow at night.

3. Milford Neck Wildlife Area – Stratham Lane South

The unimproved road beyond a locked gate leads through hedgerows and ag fields and across a tidal marsh to the Dog Training Area. The same birds described in #1 are possible here. The wet woods on the east side of the road before the first bend can be good for thrushes in the fall.

4. Milford Neck Wildlife Area – Stratham Lane North

An unimproved road – gated at both ends – leads from Stratham lane northwest to Big Stone Beach Road. Look for the same mix of birds listed below. The woods on the west side of the road near Big Stone Beach Road may have a pair of Barred Owls.

5. Stratham Lane Woodlands

The woods along Stratham Lane between the Wildlife Area unimproved road and Scotts Corner Road can be good for songbirds during spring and fall migration. Nesting songbirds include tangers, gnatcatcher, Ovenbird and other warblers. Hooded and Kentucky Warblers have nested here in the past. Listen for Chuck-Will's-widow and Whip-poor-Will during spring and summer.

6. Scotts Corner Road

Scotts Corner Road between Stratham Lane and Big Stone Beach Road is great for songbirds during spring and fall migration. Yellow-throated Warbler is a common nester. Kentucky and Hooded Warblers are possible, especially near the small F&W parking area not far from Stratham Lane.