Pennsylvania Game Commission
State Game Lands
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Venango & Clarion Counties

Featured Game Lands

Parking Area
Gate
Railroad
Trail
Secondary Highway
Unimproved Road
Tower Site
Special Trails
Rights-of-Way
Electric
Oil Pipeline; Gas Line
Other Line
Stream
Compartment
Each time a hunter buys a hunting license, the money he spends goes toward many facets of wildlife management. Since 1920, close to a million and a half acres of State Game Lands have been acquired with these funds. Each year nearly $7,000,000 is spent to improve wildlife habitat. Habitat improvements enhance living conditions for non-game birds and mammals as well as those species which are hunted. Pennsylvania hunters willingly share these lands with the non-hunting public, and with few exceptions, State Game Lands are open for general use year round. Surveys indicate that hunting accounts for only thirty-five percent of game land usage. The remaining sixty-five percent is used by the general public for non-hunting purposes.

"Working Together for Wildlife" is a Game Commission program providing everyone an opportunity to help support wildlife management in the areas for endangered and non-game animals. Monies derived from the "Working Together for Wildlife" Program are being used in Pennsylvania to re-introduce the osprey, river otter, bald eagle, peregrine falcon and provide habitat for other birds and mammals indigenous to the Commonwealth. Construction placement of blue bird houses on State Game Lands provides needed homes for this beautiful songbird. Islands in the Susquehanna River have been set aside as propagations areas for non-game shore birds. Numerous other projects are planned on State Game Lands and other public lands.

State Game Land (SGL) 045 contains three tracts containing approximately 5,859.5 acres in the Pennsylvania Game Commission’s Northwest Region (Wildlife Management Units 2A and 2D). SGL 045 is in the eastern part of Venango County and the western edge of Clarion County. The SGL lies in Cranberry, Pine Grove and Rockland Townships Venango County and Ashland Township Clarion County.

Access to SGL 045 is mainly by township roads off of state routes: Compartments 1 and 2 via SR2013 Rockland Road and US322; the main parcel and small detached piece consisting of Compartments 3, 4, 5 and 6 via US322. Van Road off of US 322 bisects the SGL and is the main access. Most roads are closed year-round to public motor vehicle traffic and there are no designated routes for snowmobiling. The abandoned railroad grade from US 322 to Kline Road is open to disabled hunters and is a designated horse and non motorized conveyance trail. The administrative road at the intersection of Kline Road and Camp Coffman Road is open to public travel during the firearms deer season. A private road off of (south) West Sharrar Road on the Cranberry-Pine Grove township line is open through the SGL to public travel, it also accesses two camps, and a residence.

SGL 045 is approximately 96% forested, with the remaining acreage in herbaceous openings, shrublands, well sites, pipelines and roadways. SGL 045 is suited to deer, turkey, grouse and bear hunting. The SGL is suited for muskrat, mink, beaver, raccoon, and fox trapping.