State Game Land 101 lies in three tracts (one large and two smaller tracts) consisting of a total 5056.7 acres within the Pennsylvania Game Commission’s (PGC) Northwest Region, Wildlife Management Unit 1B. It is located adjacent to the Ohio state line and straddles the Crawford and Erie County line. It is approximately 4 miles southwest of Albion and 25 miles southwest of Erie.

The main access artery runs north to south through the game land – called Beaver Center Road in Crawford County (SR 4001) and Griffey Road in Erie County (SR 3001). Other roads giving access to SGL 101 include Tracey Road (T-341), Joiner Road (T-883), Jerusalem Road (T-885), Philadelphia Road (T-867), and SR 226.

This game land was purchased in 24 parcels between 1934 and 1996 for $352,301.69, of which $5017.819 came from Pittman-Roberts funds. The Game Land is overall generally lacking in major topography, having less than 75 feet of elevation difference in its greater than 5000 acres. It falls within the Lake Erie drainage, primarily with the upper reaches of Conneaut Creek. These streams have characteristic shale bottoms and vary greatly in flow, based mainly upon precipitation. Soils are very poorly to poorly drained and heavy, resulting in the area being generally wet through much of the year.

Much of the Game Land was historically either in agriculture or pasture, resulting in a current relatively early successional forest with a large shrub component. Commercial timber activities in the past have proven difficult because of the water regime, and have been utilized quite sparingly in the recent past. In an attempt to maintain early succession, shrub and aspen habitat, a program of mainly non-commercial rotational cutting has been in place since 1976.

SGL 101 receives moderate to heavy hunting pressure. Due to its proximity to Ohio, it receives many non-resident hunters. Deer, woodcock, turkey and pheasant, are the most popular game. Pheasants are stocked on Jerusalem Hill Road, and both residents and non-residents utilize them heavily because pheasants are not stocked in Ohio. Furtakers actively pursue beavers in particular, and to a lesser extent, coyotes, muskrat, mink, fox and raccoons. There are no legal snowmobile trails, designated routes, or handicapped ATV trails on this game land.

“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 propagation areas for non-game shore birds. Numerous other projects are planned on State Game Lands and other public properties which will also provide food and habitat for non-game wildlife.

The future of Pennsylvania’s wildlife resources requires the concern, cooperation and financial support of everyone, hunters and non-hunters alike. “Working Together for Wildlife” is the answer. Send your contributions to “Working Together for Wildlife”, 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110-9797.