SPORTSMEN'S RECREATION MAP

STATE GAME LANDS
No. 105
CLARION & ARMSTRONG COUNTIES

State game land (SGL) 105 is located in Brady's Bend, Sugar Creek, and Washington Townships within Armstrong County in Wildlife Management Unit 2D, and currently has a deeded acreage of 3,068.65 acres. Located in Pennsylvania Game Commission’s (PGC) Southwest Region Land Management Group 2. All waterways within SGL 105 drain into the Allegheny River. The Allegheny River then continues to drain all water into the Ohio River Basin.

The Game Commission currently maintains seven public parking areas on SGL 105. There are eight miles of maintained administrative roads throughout SGL 105, providing for public access to this area by foot. All roads are currently closed year-round to public motor vehicle traffic and access is controlled with 14 locked gates. The gated roads and rights-of-way provide access for hunters and avenues for hiking, wildlife photography and bird-watching.

The habitat management goal for SGL 105 is to maintain mixed succession conditions with a focus on practices that favor habitat requirements for the game species white-tailed deer and ruffed grouse. Hunting for these species as well as for bears and turkeys is popular in this area. Prominent furtaking opportunities include raccoon and red fox. Bats are the non-game mammals of interest on SGL 105; US Steel Mine is a known bat hibernaculum, and will remain gated to prevent people from entering.

Planned noncommercial and commercial timber harvests will improve the available habitat for woodcock and ruffed grouse by providing early succession habitat components (open canopy, increased sunlight to the forest floor, enhanced diversity and abundance of shrubs and forbs) within a landscape context of differing forest age-classes. The improvement of aspen stands will provide an excellent source of early successional cover and food for many species. SGL 105 contains approximately 297 acres of aspen stands that will be evaluated approximately every ten years for stand characteristics beneficial to grouse. Generally, silvicultural approaches to achieve management goals include even-aged management. Conifers will be planted to enhance this forest component and to provide additional winter thermal cover. Additional emphasis will be on enhancing the unique habitat provided by the riparian buffer and the hemlock forest stands for the nongame bird and mammal species of concern that utilize these habitat types. Herbaceous openings will be maintained in legume and legume/mix vegetation, maximizing soil-defined growth potential on this SGL.

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