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Public utilization of this Game Lands is very extensive. Sport hunting for game species is not the only major activity. Intensive public activity can be found year round. Fishing in the Schuylkill River and the properties numerous small streams, observation of raptors, fall foliage tours, and heavy usage of the Appalachian Trail corridor are examples of non-consumptive uses of the game lands. Winter season enables the public to take advantage of the snowmobile trail system.

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.

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