Sportsmen's Recreation Map

State Game Lands (SGL) 128 consists of 1,710 acres in a single tract in Union, Bethel, and Brush Creek Townships in southwestern Fulton County near the village of Amaranth, approximately 4 miles northwest of Warfordsburg along Interstate 70. It lies primarily on Sideling Hill and consists of forested ridges along with interspersed herbaceous openings. The surrounding landscape is characterized by low to moderately high linear ridges and adjacent valleys and is a mixture of agricultural lands, forested ridges and woodlots, and small villages. Interstate 70 bisects the gamelands and forms the boundary between the two management compartments. Elevations range from about 580 feet above mean sea level along Little Tonoloway Creek to approximately 1,520 feet atop Sideling Hill.

Access to SGL 128 is excellent. Both compartments can be accessed via Interstate 70 at the Amaranth exit. Multiple parking areas located along Moss road allow for easy access. Mill Hill Road (SR 3006) and Interstate 70 permit access to the compartment from the east while Old Route 126 (T-404) and Interstate 70 access the SGL from the west. No seasonally open roads are available for motorized public travel on SGL 128. However, five gated roads and one trail closed to motorized travel provide foot access to the SGL interior. Two roads originating along the west side of Moss Road in compartment 1 and another originating along the east side of Denneen’s Gap Road provide access to compartment 1. In compartment 2, two gated roads originating along the east side of Hendershot Road provide access to the compartment’s interior. The trail begins at Denneen’s Gap Road near Moss Road and heads north into the interior of SGL 128.

Due to its mixture of agricultural uplands and forested mountainous terrain, SGL 128 receives considerable numbers of small game, turkey, and deer hunters. Agricultural openings in the vicinity of Denneen’s Gap and Mill Hill roads are managed primarily for rabbits and pheasants. A put-and-take pheasant stocking program has been conducted for some time. In addition to pre-season and in-season stockings, pheasants are released on SGL 128 for the junior pheasant hunt. Grouse hunters use young forest habitats produced from forest management operations or natural disturbances. Squirrel hunters use the more mature forested stands. Deer and turkey hunting occur throughout.

Hunting opportunities for waterfowl and other migratory game birds are limited due to the lack of suitable habitat. The Little Tonoloway Creek which flows through compartment 1 does provide some marginal wood duck habitat and hunting opportunities. Trapping pressure is minimal, but some furtaking of fox and raccoon through hunting and trapping does occur.

SGL 128 is used sparingly by bikers and birders. Collection of fruit and mushrooms is an occasional activity. No trails are designated as biking or horseback riding routes.