STATE GAME LANDS
No. 131
HUNTINGDON COUNTY

State Game Lands (SGL) 131 consists of 309 acres in a single tract in Warriors Mark Township, Huntingdon County. Because of its close proximity to SR 453 and I-99, it is readily accessible to larger communities such as Huntingdon, State College, and Altoona.

Located on the northwestern edge of the Appalachian Mountain Section of the Ridge and Valley physiographic province, SGL 131 consists primarily of mixed oak and northern hardwood forest types. Elevations range from about 860 feet above mean sea level along Rt 453 to 1,410 feet on a high knob within the gamelands interior. The terrain is primarily rolling woodlands broken by subtle drainages that feed the nearby Little Juniata River—one of the more pristine and important trout streams in Pennsylvania. There are no streams, rivers or lakes located on SGL 131.

Access to this game land is excellent. From the east, vehicular access is possible from SR 4013 using Butternut Road (TR 534). This township road follows much of the southeastern boundary of SGL 131 and joins SR 4012 at Birmingham. One designated parking area is along this road. An unimproved road beginning at Birmingham provides access to the northern SGL portion. This road follows nearly the entire northern boundary and connects to SR 4023 about ½ mile northeast of SGL 131.

Game land 131 is entirely within Wildlife Management Unit 4D. The principle species hunted on all compartments are white-tailed deer, eastern wild turkey, and gray squirrel. Eastern cottontail are hunted to a lesser extent in appropriate habitats. Furbearer trapping opportunities include eastern coyote, and raccoon. Along with hunting and furtaking, opportunities for hiking, mushroom and berry picking, bird watching, dog training and horse riding do exist. There is access by herbaceous roadway to Township Road T-528 at the parking area.

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 57,000,000 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 box 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 17110-6797.

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