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 5,000,000 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 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 17110-8797.

State Game Land (SGL) 143 is comprised of one contiguous tract containing approximately 8,500 acres in Pittsfield Township, Warren County in the Game Commission’s Northwest Region (Wildlife Management Unit 1B). SGL 143 is bordered for the most part by industrial timber company lands and private farms.

Overall, the area is very rugged with steep valley sides, entrenched streams, high-gradient channels and many waterfalls. Local relief is typically 500-700 feet and reaches about 1,300 feet in valleys that were cut by large volumes of glacial melt water. The terrain is nowhere muted by glaciation, although its western-most parts, including SGL 143, were covered by at least two pre-Wisconsinan glaciations. The natural vegetation was primarily Northern Hardwoods with some intermixed bogs and a perimeter of Appalachian Oak Forest. Extensive logging and burning removed most of the natural vegetation during the nineteenth century.

There are five parking areas that provide walking access to SGL 143. The first parking area located on "Warner Road" off of SR 27 provides walking access to the eastern portion of SGL 143. The second parking area is located at the terminus of Moore Lane off of SR 27 and provides walking access to the southern and interior portions of SGL 143. The third parking area is located along SR 426 and provides walking access to the western portion of SGL 143 east of Brokenstraw Creek. The fourth parking area near Stoe's Mill off of Homsler Run Road provides walking access to the far western portion of SGL 143. The fifth parking area located at the terminus of Spets Hill Road provides walking access to the northern and interior portions of SGL 143. During the rifle deer season 5.12 miles of road are open for vehicular travel for deer hunters. The farthest distance from a parking area that a person would have to travel to access SGL 143 is 1.7 miles.

Bear, deer, turkey, grous, pheasant and squirrel are the most popular species pursued on SGL 143. Some furbearer trapping and hunting occurs as well. Hunters pursue deer in the archery, rifle and flintlock seasons. Bear hunting occurs here as well on numerous heavily timbered areas and numerous oak stands provide optimal habitat. Pheasant are stocked at both the northern and southern ends of the SGL. SGL 143 is listed in the annual Hunting and Trapping Digest as the location in Warren County for the Youth Pheasant Hunt.

Blue Eye Run is a stocked trout stream so recreational fishing occurs frequently. Hikers, horseback riders and bicyclists frequently travel the roads open for their use. There is a lawful snowmobile trail that traverses SGL 143. The disabled hunter ATV trail follows the same route as the lawful snowmobile trail.