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PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

STATE GAME LANDS

147

BLAIR COUNTY

0 3,000 6,000 12,000 18,000 24,000

Feet

9,253.9Acres

REVISED: November 2023

SPORTSMEN'S RECREATION MAP



STATE GAME LANDS No. 147 BLAIR COUNTY

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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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.

“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 propagations 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 17110-9797.

State Game Lands (SGL) 147 in the Game Commission's southcentral region consists of 9,253.9 acres in three separate tracts located in Blair, Frankstown, Huston, Taylor, and Woodbury townships in western Blair County. The Game Lands lies on Loop and Lock mountains and consists of steep, rocky terrain and gently sloped flats. Elevations range from 880 feet above mean sea level to 2,502 feet atop Loop Mountain.

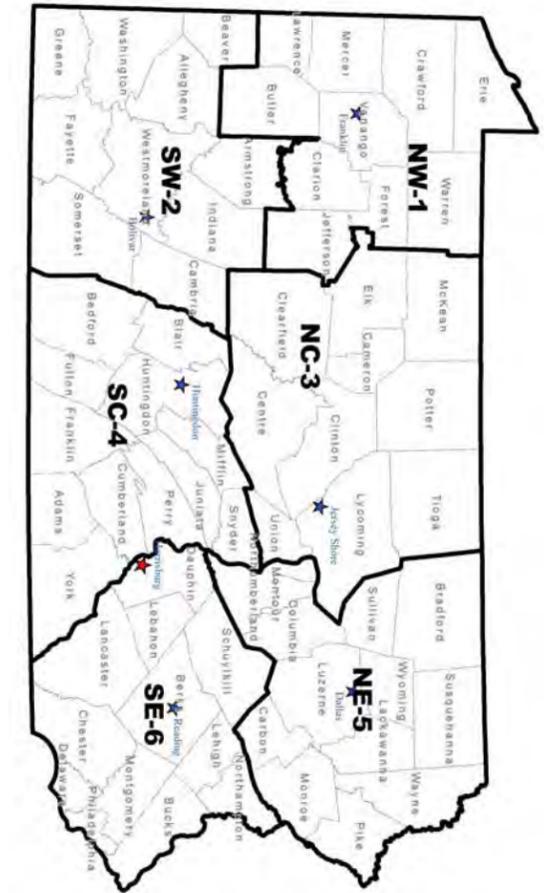
State Game Lands 147 is dominated by deciduous forests with interspersed coniferous stands, streams, herbaceous areas, and unvegetated areas. Of the total Game Lands acreage, 96.1% is forested, almost entirely of hardwoods and of that about half in oak types. Seventy-four acres are maintained in herbaceous areas. There are approximately 80 acres of mountain boulder fields, a modest acreage of shrublands, and 31 acres in utility rights-of-way.

The main access point to SGL 147 is just north of Martinsburg at Seldom Seen Road. Several gated administrative roads branch off Seldom Seen Road and provide pedestrian access to the Game Lands interior. State Route 2020 (Lock Mountain Road) provides access to an established parking area just west of Royer. Wertz Road provides access to northern areas of the SGL via 2 established parking areas near Ganister. This entry point also provides pedestrian access. Limited public access also is available on the extreme north end of Lock Mountain via an established Rails-to-Trails pathway.

State Game Lands 147 is located entirely within wildlife management unit 4A and receives considerable numbers of deer, bear, turkey, and small game hunters. Cultivated herbaceous openings that support some rabbits and also receive stocked pheasants are located in compartments 1 and 4. Grouse are present, particularly in the southern compartments where salvage logging was extensive in the 1980s and 1990s. Some furtaking opportunities exist here, although activity is minimal. Bird watching, hiking, and dog walking are common activities throughout this SGL, which has several scenic vistas.

Common game species of SGL 147 include white-tailed deer, black bear, raccoon, opossum, gray squirrels, and coyote. Wild turkey and ruffed grouse are present reliably, mourning doves make some use of the managed openings, and pheasants are stocked for youth and regular put-and-take hunting opportunities. Forest birds include broad-winged hawk, cerulean warbler, scarlet tanager, wood thrush, worm-eating warbler, Louisiana waterthrush, and black-throated green warbler.

Historically, primary management emphasis on SGL 147 was directed at deer, bear, turkey, in-season pheasant hunting cover, and to a limited extent, grouse and terrestrial furbearers. These species will continue to receive management attention via careful application of silvicultural treatments and maintenance of herbaceous wildlife openings and cultivated habitats. Recent timber sales were designed to increase extent of early successional forest habitat, which will benefit deer, grouse, and non-game birds of early successional habitats. Openings will continue to be managed for the put-and-take pheasant hunting program, cottontail rabbits, terrestrial furbearers, and mourning doves. Silvicultural activities also will be used to create forest conditions suitable for use by non-game forest birds and mammals.



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