State Game Lands (SGL) 149 is located in the Game Commission’s Northeast Region, Luzerne County. The entire State Game Lands is located in Foster Township. The acreage tabulated by GIS software is 1,991.139 acres.

The Game Lands is approximately 11 air miles northeast of Hazleton and approximately 16 air miles south of Wilkes-Barre. The Game Lands is approximately 2 miles south of the borough of White Haven. Compartment 1 borders portions of SR 2046 to the north and SR 2055 to the west. The eastern boundary of Compartment 1 borders Lehigh Gorge State Park, a satellite park of Hickory Run, operated by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Compartment 2 is located 1 mile southwest of Compartment 1, atop Buck Mountain and is landlocked.

State Game Land 149 lies within the Pocono Plateau physiographic province characterized by a deep gorge, dense vegetation, rock outcroppings, and waterfalls. Topography on SGL 149 varies from flat tops to steep side hills. Elevation ranges from 1780 feet at the top of Buck Mountain to 1000 feet as it descends the Lehigh Gorge.

Like much of the Northeast Region, there is an extensive history of logging and mining activity in the area. In the 1820’s industrialists became interested in the area and bought up extensive timber tracts and anthracite fields. A number of saw-mills, grist-mills, and tanneries sprang up along the Lehigh River. The ‘Upper Grand’ section of the Lehigh Canal and a vast network of railroads were built through the mid nineteenth century to transport coal south. Remnants of this past industrial activity are still visible throughout the game lands. Two railroad grades transect the tract. Post-mining topography is apparent on the ridge tops.

After the coal was removed and industry moved on, the land was passed to private owners before the commission acquisitions. Ownership of one railroad grade is still maintained by the former Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co. The landscape has converted back to forest cover offering only glimpses of historic disturbance.

This Game lands is entirely within Wildlife Management Unit 4C. Hunting opportunities exist for gray squirrels, ruffed grouse, wild turkey, black bear and white-tailed deer. Coyotes and gray fox can be found in the forested areas, while raccoon, mink and muskrat reside in and around the streams and wetland portions of the property. Wood duck and other waterfowl hunting opportunities also exist in the wetland portions of SGL 149.