

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 aces 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-

SPORTSMEN'S RECREATION MAP



STATE GAME LANDS No. 160 SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

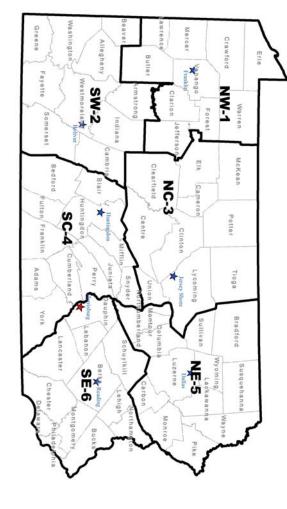
State Game Lands 160 is located in Western Schuylkill County in the townships of Washington and Pine Grove. The deeded acreage for this game lands is 245.8 acres and is in Land Management Group III of the Southeast Region in Wildlife Management Unit 4C. A crew of three Food and Cover Corps employees maintains SGL 160. The Lower Little Swatara Creek and many of its unnamed tributaries flow into the Susquehanna River.

The Pennsylvania game commission currently maintains one parking area on SGL 160 and one State Building No. 124. There is one mile of maintained administrative roads providing for public access to the game lands by foot. The gates roads provide access for hunters, fishermen and avenues for hiking, bird watching and wildlife photography. All roads are currently closed year-round to public motor vehicle traffic and there are no designated routes for horseback riding, mountain biking or snowmobiling.

Topography varies from gentle slopes to bottomland. Elevations range from 750' along the upper slopes of the property to 550' along Lower Little Swatara Creek. The surrounding area is intermixed farmland and forest.

The habitat management goal for SGL 160 is to maintain mixed successional conditions with a focus on practices that favor habitat requirements for white-tailed deer, ruffed grouse, and woodcock. Hunting for these species as well as for turkey, rabbits and squirrels is popular in this area. Prominent furtaking opportunities include raccoon, mink, muskrat and red fox. In addition to practices geared toward game species, all management activities on SGL 160 will consider avian, mammalian and reptilian species of concern and habitat improvements that can be made at the local level that we believe will bolster populations of these species on landscape scale. On SGL 160, specific attention will be paid to bird species of concern that use the riparian hemlock habitat found there (e.g., black-throated green warblers, blue-headed vireos, prairie warbler, and scarlet tanager), and enhancing local habitat for birds and reptiles that utilize different habitat stages for surviving.

Generally, silvicultural approaches to achieve management goals include even-aged management in the woodcock habitat areas. Some uneven-aged selection non-commercial cuts will be used to retain and enhance stand structure and oak regeneration. Herbaceous openings will be maintained in grass / legume vegetation and annual food plots of grains maximizing soil defined growth potential on this SGL. Ultimately, the long-term strategy for herbaceous openings will be a minimal maintenance approach, planting multi-season and perennial forbs and providing for early successional habitat in openings through mowing and spraying of herbicides.



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