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PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION  
**STATE GAME LANDS  
179**  
0 2,000 4,000 8,000 12,000 Feet  
5817.5559 Acres REVISED: September 2023



# SPORTSMEN'S RECREATION MAP



## STATE GAME LANDS No. 179 GREENE COUNTY

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 land 179 consists of four separate tracts located in Aleppo, Gilmore, and Jackson Townships, Greene County in WMU 2A and currently has 5,715.6 acres. This game land is located in the Monongahela River and Wheeling Creek drainages and is therefore part of the Ohio River watershed.

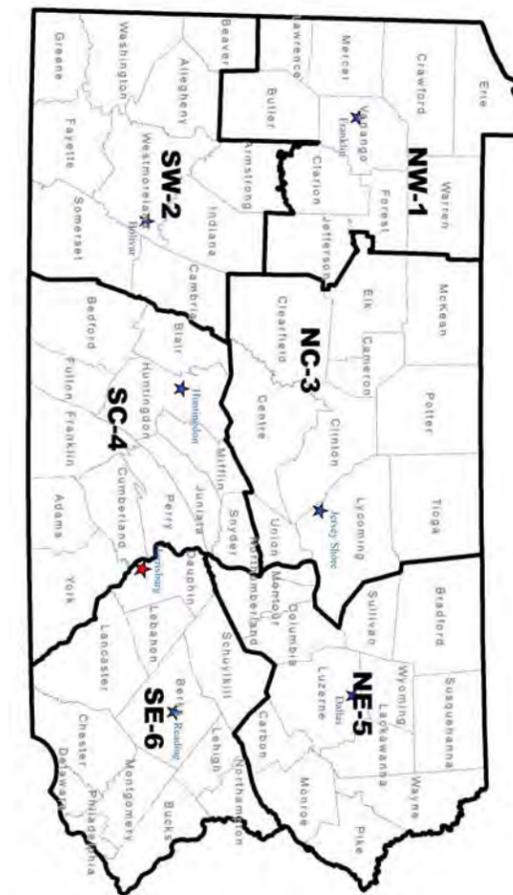
There are 10.7 miles of maintained administrative roads throughout the game land providing for public access to this area by foot. All roads are currently closed year-round to public motor vehicle traffic and access to most is controlled with locked gates. There are 14 parking lots throughout the game land and the farthest point on SGL 179 by foot from a parking area or public road is approximately 3/4 mile.

The topography of SGL 179 can be considered somewhat severe. The terrain consists of many ridges with average elevation changes of 300 feet and average slopes of 25 percent. The gentler sloped ridge tops are narrow (less than 200') and the stream bottoms poorly drained. The rounded hills remain in forest and pasture. There is some limited farming in the area, mainly corn and hay. Most of the surrounding area reflects the broken habitat types found within the game land. The game land is dominated by forest, with 93% classed as mixed mesophytic. The majority of the forest on SGL 179 is in the 50+ years age class. This game land has 50 acres of managed herbaceous openings as well as some reverting fields and numerous utility rights-of-way.

State game land 179 is a popular location for deer and turkey hunters. Pursuit of deer definitely draws the greatest numbers. Year after year, SGL 179 also produces some of the highest success levels for hunters who travel to this remote location. Greene County ranks at the top of counties annually for success among spring gobbler hunters; this game land is a key contributor to those results. Fox squirrel are often overlooked on this game land and are without a doubt the top small game species found here. A limited number of pheasant are stocked in the few food plots and sharecropped fields.

Early successional habitat crisscrosses this area with numerous utility rights-of-way (ROW). These areas support good rabbit populations and seem to show some resurgence of grouse. Several spring fed streams flow through the valleys, and beavers have created a few small wetlands. Several species of water birds as well as a few woodcock frequent the area. Muskrat and raccoons are the most common furbearers found here.

Other recreational opportunities include fishing, shooting, bird watching, hiking, or collecting edible berries and mushrooms. The three ponds on the property hold bass, bluegill, catfish and carp. Some of the bass here have exceeded five pounds. There is a 300-yard public shooting range nestled in the valley where there are seldom swirling or crossing winds. Six uncovered handicapped accessible shooting benches are available for shooting distances 25, 50, 100, and 300 yards.



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