State Game Land (SGL) 180 is made-up of one single tract of land, 11,492.81 acres. Located in the Pennsylvania Game Commission’s (PGC) Northeast Region. It comprises portions of Blooming Grove, Shohola, Dingman and Lackawaxen Townships in Pike County. SGL 180 is situated North and South of State Route 6 and Interstate 84, north of SR 739 and east of SR 434 north of SR 6.

With the exception of steep slopes located near the Shohola gorge, topography mainly consists of rounded hills and broad to narrow valleys. Swamps and peat bogs are widespread throughout the game land. Elevations range from 960 to 1,470 feet. State Game Land 180 is very typical of the oak forest types within the Appalachian Plateau. This Game Land has a wide range of tree species including red oak, white oak, and chestnut oak being the most dominant. There are a wide range of other hardwoods and softwoods from black oak, scarlet oak, white pine, and eastern hemlock. Approximately 765 acres are comprised of wetlands, which fluctuate in size depending on the presence of beavers and their stage of activity. Shohola Lake waterfowl impoundment consists of approximately 909 acres.

Primary public access to Game Lands 180 is from State Route 6, SR 434 and SR 739. These routes provide access from the Wyoming Valley, to the west, and New York and New Jersey to the east. State Route 6, SR 434 and SR 739 bisect the game lands. The main access to this game lands is an interior road, known as the Farms Road. Farms Road travels from State Route 6 in a southern direction in Blooming Grove Township and ends at Shohola Creek near the waterfowl propagation area just south of Shohola Lake. The road is approximately 4 miles long and contains several parking areas and small areas for roadside parking. This administrative road’s access is limited to the various hunting seasons and is otherwise closed beyond the southernmost boat launch on Shohola Lake. There are a total of 20 public parking areas. Access by foot is available on several roads that were used in timber sale operations. These roads are grass covered and have mostly moderate grades that make for comfortable hiking opportunities.

State Game Land 180 is located entirely within Wildlife Management Unit 3D. The most popular species for recreational hunting opportunities are white-tailed deer, eastern cottontail, waterfowl, wild turkey, American woodcock, black bear, eastern coyote, ruffed grouse and squirrel. Fur bearer hunting and trapping opportunities include raccoon, grey fox, bobcat, beaver and eastern coyote. There is also a limited population of snowshoe hare.

Geocaching, hiking, sightseeing, recreational boating and fishing are activities that are popular on this game land. Fishing on Shohola Lake is the primary activity on this game lands. It attracts fishermen from all over northeast Pennsylvania for it’s populations of largemouth bass and panfish. The Shohola Creek is an Approved Trout Water in accordance with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Regulations and is stocked annually with trout upstream from the Shohola Lake, east of SR 739 and below the Shohola Dam near State Route 6.