State Game Lands 224 is located in the Pennsylvania Game Commission's (PGC) Northeast Region. It is in central Luzerne County. It lies within Union, Hunlock, and Plymouth Townships. The Game Lands lie on three separated tracts. The larger tract borde

route 11, 2.5 miles north of the borough of Shickshinny and 3.5 miles south of West Nanticoke. It is approximately 11 air miles west of downtown Wilkes-Barre. The smaller tract is transected by Jesse Road (township road). It is 6 air miles west of Wilkes-Barre. The third lies approximately 1.5 air miles southeast of the larger tract.

Topography on SGL 224 varies from gently sloping shoulders to steep side hills. Elevation ranges from 1,540 feet on the ridge top to 600 feet as it descends to route 11 along the Susquehanna River Valley. SGL 224 is predominately forested. Dry oak- heath and dry oak-mixed hardwood forest types represent 571.3 acres (89% of total area). Red, chestnut, white, scarlet, and black oak dominate, with a lesser component of red maple, yellow-poplar, black birch, and sassafras. The majority of SGL 224’s forestland is 70–90 years old. Much of the larger parcel is 90 years old. Stands 3, the reverting field, is in the 20–40 year age class. Stand 8 is a younger cohort (40 years), resulting from a past timber harvest. The only early successional habitat is found within the pole line right of ways. The entirety of the smaller parcel is 75 years old.

There are two designated SGL parking areas that facilitate access to the smaller parcel. They are located along Jesse Road. There are no maintained parking areas on the larger tract, but parking is available in a state owned rest stop adjacent to the boundary. The only infrastructure that exists on this parcel is a gated 4x4 trail that connects to the power line. This power line provides adequate foot access to the entire parcel.

SGL 224 is split between two wildlife management units (WMU). The larger parcel lies in WMU 4E. The smaller parcel is in WMU 3B. Hunting opportunities on both parcels exist primarily for whitetail deer, wild turkey, cottontail rabbit, gray squirrel, and ruffed grouse. Coyotes, bobcat, and grey fox may also provide furtaking opportunities on this game lands. No pheasant stocking opportunities exist on this game lands.

Hiking, bird watching, and berry picking are other lawful activities that occur on this game lands. This game lands is relatively small in size and is not a major attraction for these activities. No mountain bike, snowmobile, or horseback trails are located on either parcel of SGL 224.