

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 sixtyfive percent is used by the general public for nonhunting 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 nongame shore birds. Numerous other projects are planned on State Game Lands and other public

## SPORTSMEN'S RECREATION MAP



**STATE GAME LANDS** No. 229 SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

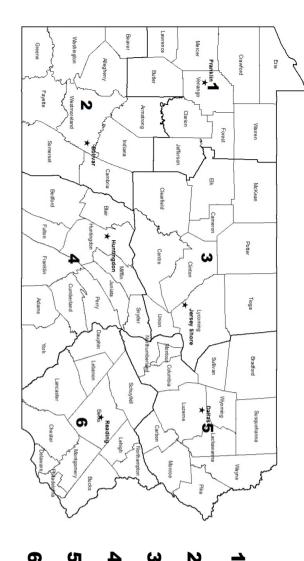
SGL 229 is 2,891 acres located in Western Schuylkill County in the townships of Pine Grove, Reilly and Tremont Townships. State Game Lands 229 is located in the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Southeast Region Wildlife Management Unit 4C.

The Game Land's two separate compartments are easily accessed via state roads and township roads. The Pennsylvania Game Commission currently maintains one parking lot on the western parcel of SGL 229 and five lots on the eastern section. There are 6.8 miles of maintained administrative roads providing for public access to the game lands by foot and vehicles. There are no designated routes for horseback riding, mountain biking or snowmobiling.

The property is situated along high ridges and deep valleys. Red Mountain and Sharp Mountain are divided by the Swatara Creek drainage at the eastern section while Loreberry Creek separates Second Mountain and Sharp Mountain in the western parcel. Elevation ranges from 1300 feet at the summit of Second and Sharp Mountains to 700 feet in both stream drainages.

This Game Land is situated entirely in Wildlife Management Unit 4C. Both big game and small game are hunted on SGL 229. Deer, stocked pheasants, black bear, turkey, grouse, rabbits and squirrels are found here. Coyotes, foxes and raccoons are actively trapped on the game

Public utilization of this game lands is very extensive. Sport hunting for game species is not the only major activity. Intensive public activity can be found year round. Hiking and bird watching are the primary non-consumptive activities that take place on the game lands.



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