State Game Land (SGL) 272 is a single contiguous tract containing approximately 185 acres, located in Eldred Township in southwestern Warren County in the Pennsylvania Game Commission’s Northwest Region (Wildlife Management Unit 1B).

SGL 272 is accessed via Spring Creek Road, which un-evenly bisects the Game Land into eastern and western sections, as well as Harrison road, which is the southern boundary of the western portion. The only access to the eastern portion of the SGL is a foot trail, which begins at a parking area along Spring Creek Road and extends 5200 feet to the tract boundary.

State Game Land 272 is located within the Glaciated Northwest ecoregion of Pennsylvania. This ecoregion is characterized by coniferous terrestrial and northern hardwood forests that flourish in glacial tilled soils. A variety of hardwoods such as American beech (Fagus grandifolia), maples (Acer spp.), black cherry (Prunus serotina), birches (Betula spp.), and white ash (Fraxinus americana) are found in the Glaciated Northwest region. This ecoregion also has a substantial coniferous component comprised of eastern white pine (Pinus strobus) and eastern hemlock (Tsuga canadensis). SGL 272 is nearly half forested.

The mixed successional habitat conditions found on this Game Land provide good hunting and furtaking opportunities. Depending on the season pressure varies from light to heavy. Put and take pheasant hunting is very popular. When pheasants are stocked many hunters with dogs inundate the fields and shrub areas. A healthy turkey population brings out many hunters for both spring and fall seasons. The small size of this Game Land allows only limited deer hunting opportunities and even in archery season SGL 272 receives limited pressure. Trapping pressure is light to non-existent, but good coyote and fox trapping opportunities exist.

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