State game land (SGL) 279 is located in Allegheny and Gallitzin Townships, Cambria County, in Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) 2E and currently has a deeded acreage of 460.6 acres.

One public road, Vampire Road (TR 430), runs through the eastern side of SGL 279. Vampire Road is accessed from State Route 53, approximately halfway between Cresson and Gallitzin. The public can also access SGL 279 via several adjacent parcels open to public hunting and public access cooperator lands.

The PGC currently maintains one public parking area on this SGL, which is located at the entrance to SGL 279 along Vampire Road. The farthest point on SGL 279 by foot from a parking area or public road is approximately 1.0 mile.

The terrain of SGL 279 is made up of mostly gentle slopes with elevations ranging from 1,900 – 2,080 feet. It is a small, mostly forested game land surrounded by privately held parcels. State game land 279 is 86% forested with a lesser amount of herbaceous openings and shrubland present. The forest is comprised of hemlock, mixed hardwoods and black cherry but also includes other eastern deciduous forest types. Hemlock, both Terrestrial and Palustrine, makes up 35% of the forest cover of the game land and is mostly present in the 40-79 year age class. All water flows into the Upper West Branch Susquehanna Subbasin via the Clearfield Creek River drainage.

Hunting and furtaking opportunities include white-tailed deer, bear, turkey, ruffed grouse, American woodcock and squirrel. Furtaking opportunities include raccoon, coyote, bobcat, and both red and gray fox. Stocking of ring-necked pheasant occurs on the SGL. There is one designated route that can be used for both horseback riding and mountain-biking on this game land.