STATE GAME LANDS
286
SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

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1 inch = 3,000 feet

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State Game Lands (SGL) 286 covers 478 acres and is located in North Manheim and South Manheim Townships in southern Schuylkill County. All of SGL 286 resides in Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) 4C with the borough of Schuylkill Haven bordering the property on the western end, while a portion of the property on the eastern end lies within the borough of Landingville.

The area consists of the steep north facing slope of the Schuylkill Mountain and the flat basin area adjacent to the Schuylkill River. A small portion of the Game Lands 286 (12 acres) is classified as open areas or strip mine areas due to the deposits of coal silt in what use to be a catch basin from a coal breaker. Elevations range from 460 feet along the Schuylkill River to 960 feet at the summit of the Schuylkill Mountain.

Access to the Game Lands can be obtained from S.R. 2010 (Adamsdale Road) which runs east from Schuylkill Haven to Adamsdale or S.R. 2009 (Berne Drive) which also runs from Schuylkill Haven south to Brommerstown. There is limited parking along these two roads, with the only established parking area being along S.R. 2010. Internal access can be obtained by using two main service roads. Access to the north of the Schuylkill River can be obtained by using the service road at the parking area along S.R. 2010. A second service road which begins along S.R. 2009 south of the Schuylkill River will provide access to the remaining property.

Eighty-seven percent (412 acres) of this Game Lands is forested. The major cover types include mixed oak, cove hardwoods and pine plantations. The original land was used to wash and sort coal. Remnants of the coal industry can still be found throughout the game lands. The flat bottom lands are mainly coal silt from the washing process.

Present populations of grouse, deer, and turkey are good, with the American woodcock utilizing portions of SGL 286 as breeding grounds. The Game Lands also provides many non-hunting recreational opportunities such as fishing, hiking, and bird watching. Due to its proximity to Schuylkill Haven, this Game Lands is frequented by many people.