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 sixty-five percent is used by the general public for non-hunting 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 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 propagation areas for non-game shore birds. Numerous other projects are planned on State Game Lands and other public

State Game Lands (SGL) 300 contains 5,756 acres and is located in Pennsylvania Game Commission’s (PGC) Northeast Region. State Game Lands 300 lies in Wildlife Management Unit 3D covering parts of Jefferson Township and Carbondale, Lackawanna County, and South Canaan Township, in Wayne County. In Lackawanna County, east of SR 6, the Salem Mountain road travels from Cortez in Wayne County through the interior in a westerly direction to Archbald Borough. The game land is southeast and east of the Boroughs of Carbondale and Archbald, respectfully.

Public access is provided by the Salem Road (SR 1012) from Archbald, Lackawanna County to Cortez, Wayne County. An improved roadway across the top of the mountain in a northerly direction presents the main access to the interior of the tract. Two PPL power lines run east and west through two different corners of the game lands near the Salem Mt. road portion. On the southwestern side, Land owned by the Nature Conservancy abuts on the game lands, and provides access by foot or bicycle travel.

The northern portion of ridge top is accessible by vehicle travel during most hunting seasons by an improved maintenance road. A few vegetated mining/logging roads are present for walking or emergency access only. The southern portion is accessible by non motorized means only.

There are seven public parking areas. Access by foot is available on several roads that were used in past mining operations. These roads are grass covered and have mostly moderate grades that make for comfortable hiking opportunities. The trails and power lines are used for administrative access and are also non-motorized designated routes.

The terrain of SGL 300 is mostly ridge top, with higher elevations averaging about 2,300 feet and gradually sloping to 1,400 feet in the west and rapidly dropping to 1,600 feet in the east. It is forested, with scrub oak barrens on the top, and has several wetland areas. State Game Lands 300 is mostly forested with a large scrub oak barrens complex existing mainly along a prominent ridge top. Located on the northeastern end, Robinson Pond, a man made wetland/mash impoundment of approximately 50 acres, includes cattails and phragmites with pole stage birch trees along the periphery.

State Game Lands 300 species popular for hunting are whitetail deer, eastern wild turkey, Black bear, coyote, ruffed grouse and squirrels. Snowshoe hares are also present on SGL 300. Furbearers available for pursuit include raccoons, grey foxes, bobcats, and the eastern coyote.

Hiking and cross country skiing are activities that are popular on these game lands. Mushroom and berry picking is popular with the locals who prefer to explore by foot during warmer seasons of the year. Fishing for crappie and bullheads is another popular activity. There is a large public shooting range located further down the mountain above the Archbald Borough, off the Salem Mt. road.