

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 have been set aside as propagations areas for non-game shore birds. Numerous other projects are planned on State Game Lands and other public properties which will also provide food and habitat for non-game wildlife.

The future of Pennsylvania's wildlife resources requires the concern, cooperation and financial support of everyone, hunters and non-hunters alike. "Working Together for Wildlife" is the answer. Send your contributions to "Working Together for Wildlife", 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110-

## SPORTSMEN'S RECREATION MAP



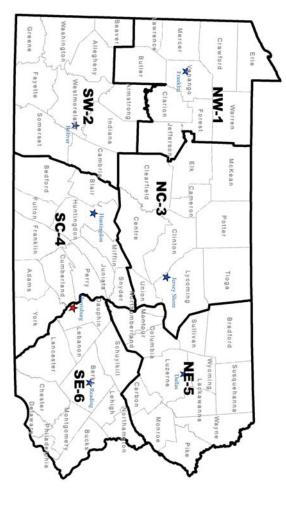
**STATE GAME LANDS** No. 050 **SOMERSET COUNTY** 

State Game Land (SGL) 050 is located in Black and Somerset Townships, Somerset County, in wildlife management unit 2C (WMU 2C) and currently has a deeded acreage of 3256.187 acres. Located in Pennsylvania Game Commission land management group four.

There are 14 public parking areas on SGL 050, and it is easily accessed from numerous township and state roads and lies between State Routes (SR) 281 and 219 in central Somerset County. There are 7.1 miles of maintained administrative roads throughout the game land providing for public access to this game land by foot. The farthest point on SGL 050 by foot from a parking area or public road is approximately 0.9 miles. There is one designated trail for horseback riding, mountain biking, and snowmobiling. There are two shooting ranges on SGL 050: a rifle and pistol range located on Walter Mills Road and a group-use pistol range near the maintenance buildings. All water from SGL 050 flows into Coxes Creek eventually reaching the Gulf of Mexico via the Youghiogheny-Monongahela-Ohio and Mississippi.

State Game Land 050 is 96% forested with a small amount of terrestrial herbaceous openings and utility rights-of-ways present. The forest is comprised primarily of black cherry, oak, and mixed hardwoods, but also includes other eastern deciduous forest types. There is a large component (415 acres) of hemlock dominated riparian and upland habitat. Sixty-four percent of the forest is in the 40 to 79 year age class, with the remainder in the 6 to 39 year age class. This is in part a result of extensive gypsy moth mortality and salvage.

Management will be focused on game and non-game species that will benefit from management for mixed succession. These practices favor the habitat requirements for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, ruffed grouse and woodcock, as well as forest species of concern including scarlet tanagers and several warbler species. Hunting for these game species as well as for bears, squirrels and cottontail rabbits are popular on this game land. Prominent furtaking opportunities include raccoon, mink, coyote, and red and grey fox, bobcat and fisher.



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