ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Secondary Highway
- Unimproved Road
- Electric
- Oil Pipeline; Gas Line
- Other Line
- Phone
- Sewer Line; Water Line
- Trail
- Special Trails
- Stream
- P Parking Area
- Food & Cover Crew HQ
- Garage
- Headquarters
- Other
- Storage
- Gate
- Shooting Range
- Tower Site
- Food Plot
- Featured Game Lands
- Adjacent Game Lands
- Wetland

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SPORTSMEN'S RECREATION MAP

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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 17110-9797.

State Game Lands (SGL) 097 consists of 7,612 acres in a single tract and is located in Colerain, Monroe, Snake Spring, Southampton, and West Providence townships in Bedford County, south of Everett. The game land is divided in seven compartments used for management of this Game Lands.
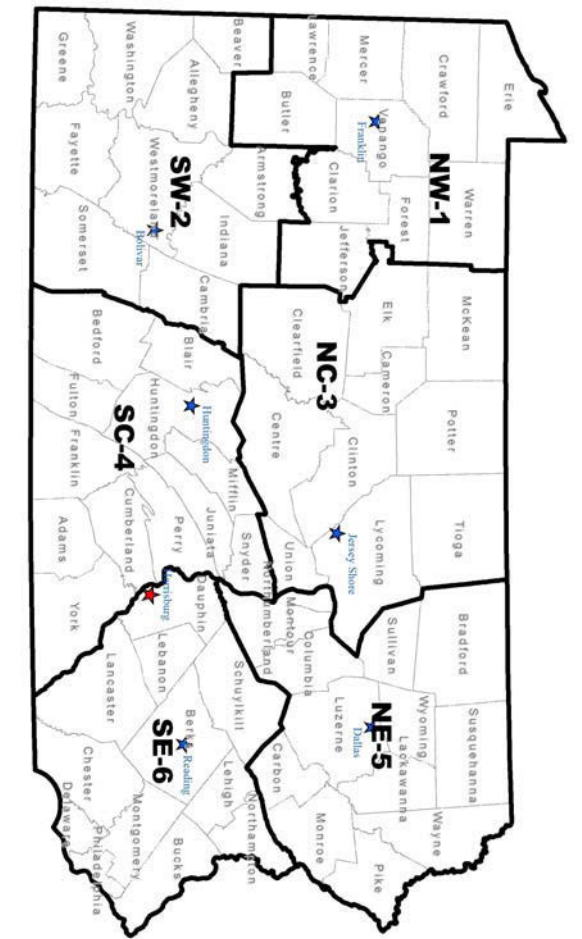
This Game Lands is dominated by deciduous forests with interspersed coniferous forests, shrublands, and herbaceous openings. The surrounding landscape is characterized by linear ridges and valleys with rolling topography. Ridges predominately are forested while valleys are a mix of agriculture land, small forested hills, and woodlots. Several small communities and scattered residences also are present in valleys. Elevation ranges from approximately 1,080 feet above mean sea level just south of Everett in compartment 1 to 2,352 feet above mean sea level atop Tussey Mountain in compartment 5.

Public access to SGL 097 generally is good, in all but one compartment. No seasonally open roads are available to motorized public travel on SGL 097. However, 11 administrative roads and 2 maintained trails closed to motorized travel provide foot access to the Game Lands interior. Parking areas are available at six locations in the southern half of SGL 097.

SGL 097 falls entirely within wildlife management unit 4A. Due to its mixture of agricultural uplands and forested mountainous terrain, SGL 097 receives considerable numbers of small game, turkey, and deer hunters. Agricultural openings on a tract locally referred to as "Biddle Place" (compartment 3) and in the vicinity of Elk Lick Road (compartment 7) primarily are managed for rabbits and pheasants. A put-and-take pheasant stocking program has been in place in these areas for a considerable period of time. In addition to pre-season and in-season stockings for the regular pheasant hunting seasons, pheasants also are released on SGL 097 for the Junior Pheasant Hunt. Grouse hunters use early successional forest habitats produced from silvicultural regeneration treatments while squirrel hunters use the more mature-forested stands. Deer and turkey hunting occur throughout the Game Lands as well as some bear hunting.

Hunting opportunities for waterfowl and other migratory game birds are limited due to the lack of suitable habitat. Opportunities for woodcock hunting can be found in the low-lying shrubland habitat and associated stream bottom habitat on the game lands. Trapping and hunting for furbearers is minimal, but does exist for coyote, fox, and raccoon. Occasionally, beaver are taken on Elk Lick and Sweet Root creeks.

Approximately 11 miles of the Mid-State Trail are located on SGL 097, offering hiking opportunities across Tussey Mountain. Collection of fruit and mushrooms occasionally occurs on this Game Lands. Due to lack of suitable routes, no trails are designated as biking or horseback riding routes.

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