



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 sixtyfive percent is used by the general public for nonhunting 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 nongame shore birds. Numerous other projects are planned on State Game Lands and other public

## SPORTSMEN'S RECREATION MAP



STATE GAME LANDS No. 184 CAMBRIA & BLAIR COUNTIES State game land (SGL) 184 is located in Dean and Clearfield Townships, Cambria County as well as Logan Township, Blair County in Wildlife Management Units 2E and 4D, and currently has 4,610 acres. Located in Pennsylvania Game Commission's Southwest Region Wildlife Habitat Management Group three, SGL 184 is maintained by a four-member crew. Approximately 2.7 miles of Laurel Run, a cold water fishery, flows through SGL 184, and all water within this SGL is part of the Susguehanna watershed.

The Game Commission currently maintains five public parking areas on SGL 184. There are 12 miles of maintained administrative roads throughout SGL 184, providing for public access to this area by foot. The farthest point on SGL 184 by foot from a parking area or public road is approximately 1 mile. Three administrative roads, totaling 3 miles in length, are open for big game season (weather dependent). Otherwise, the roads are currently closed year-round to public motor vehicle traffic and access is controlled with locked gates. The gated roads and rights-of-way provide access for hunters and avenues for hiking, wildlife photography and bird-watching.

The topography of the game land is rolling with some steeper ravines along the watercourses and ranges from a high point of 2,490 feet to around 1,600 feet maintaining this elevation and terrain to the north and to the south. Approximately one mile east of the eastern boundary, the elevation falls drastically, dropping more than 1,150 feet.

Hunting and furtaking opportunities include white-tailed deer, bear, turkey, ruffed grouse, and squirrel. Furtaking opportunities include raccoon, coyote, gray fox, fisher, and bobcat. No stocking of ringnecked pheasant occurs on the SGL. There are no designated trails for horseback riding, mountain biking and snowmobiling on SGL 184.

Much of the land surrounding SGL 184 is available for hunting. Several thousand adjacent acres are enrolled in the PGC forest game program with three landowners: the Altoona Water Authority, E. P. Bender Coal Company and Cooney Brothers Coal Company. Also, thirteen farmers with 1,380 are enrolled in our farm game program. Another adjoining landowner, the Blair County Solid Waste Authority, has approximately 850 acres open to hunting. Much of the balance of the surrounding land within two miles consists of nearby SGL 108 and SGL 267. 7/3/2017

