



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. 186 MONROE COUNTY State Game Lands (SGL) 186 is one contiguous tract totaling 967.2 acres located in the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Northeast Region. It lies in central Monroe County, in Jackson Township. SGL 186 is 7 air miles west of Stroudsburg. Interstate 80, Interstate 380, and Route 33 provide nearby highway access from all directions. SGL 186 is 43 air miles from the Northeast Regional Office in Dallas.

On a landscape level, SGL 186 lies within a moderately populated residential area. Private woodlots, cultivated agricultural fields, and large residential subdivisions border SGL 186. Also, in close proximity to the game land are two public access cooperators with over 1,000 acres. Approximately 3 miles to northwest is the start of the Pocono Plateau area of Monroe County which includes SGL 38, Big Pocono State Park, and Bethlehem Water Authority which is a continuous land mass of over 40,000 acres.

There are two parking areas that facilitate public access to SGL 186. One lies on the northern boundary off of Golden Slipper Road (State Route 3028). The second is off of Running Valley Road (TR434), a township road that transects SGL 186. All of SGL 186 lies within 1 mile of these existing parking areas. One PGC administrative road crosses SGL 186, providing adequate foot travel through the interior. Several foot trails exist and provide additional access.

SGL 186 lies on the northern edge of the Ridge and Valley physiographic province in the Blue Mountain section. Topography consists of gently undulating upland terrain with xeric slopes and mesic drainages. Elevation ranges from 920 feet where the tributary of Appenzell Creek exits the game lant to 1,240 feet along the southern boundary. It is drained by three small watersheds that feed into the Brodhead Creek before ultimately reaching the Delaware River Drainage basin.

The game land lies within WMU 3D. Hunting opportunities exist for whitetail deer, black bear, wild turkey, grouse, and squirrel. Furtaking opportunities include coyote, gray fox, and raccoon.

Hiking, cross country skiing, and bird watching are other lawful activities that occur here. There are no approved horseback or mountain bike trails on this game lands.

The overall goal for SGL 127 is to manage for a diversity of mixed successional habitats with a focused emphasis on both late successional areas and permanent early successional areas. Forest management will strive to increase structural and age class diversity through the implementation of extended rotations along with the initiation of early successional habitat where practical.

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