

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. 196 **BUCKS COUNTY**

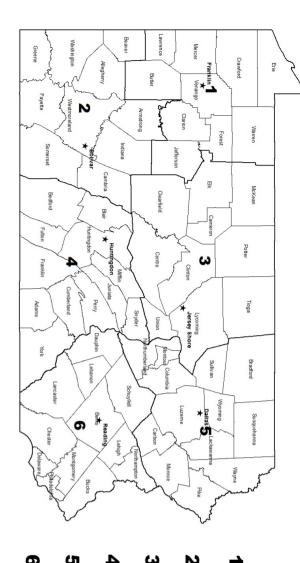
State Game Land (SGL) 196, which totals 424 deeded acres, is located in West Rockhill Township, Bucks County. It is in the Pennsylvania Game Commission's (PGC) Southeast Region and located entirely in WMU 5C. Two tracts make up the Game Lands. The northern tract (352 acres) and the southern tract (72 acres) combine to create SGL 196. State Game Land 196 is 16 air miles Southeast of Allentown and 29 air miles northwest of Philadelphia.

Topography varies from rocky ridges to flat swamps and wetlands. The highest elevation of about 680 is found in the northern portion of the northern tract. The lowest elevation of 460 feet is found in the southern tract.

Ridge Valley Road provides access to the middle of the property, and has a gated administrative road to provide foot access to the fields to the south. Gameland Road runs north from Ridge Valley Road and provides access to the northern part of the gamelands. There is also a short gated administrative road that runs north into the interior of the tract. Thousand Acre Road is the only access for the southern part of the property. There are two parking areas on Gameland Road, and one parking area on Ridge Valley Road.

State Game Land 196 is a uniquely diverse area containing wetlands, upland forests, and food plots. It consists of a wetlands section mainly on the southern section and forested uplands on the northern section. Deer are the predominate species that are hunted on SGL 196. There is also hunting for squirrel, turkey, and ducks on our Partners Wetland. Pheasants are hunted at the present time, but with the advent of managing for woodcock stocking pheasant on the limited agricultural fields isn't good management.

The wetlands are used for birding and dog training occurs in the fields on occasion.



IORTHEAST REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS 1917 MEMORIAL HWY, DALLAS, PA 18612 WILLIAM PENN HWY, HUNTINGDON, PA REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS

JERSEY SHORE, PA 17740

570-675-1143 570-675-1144

814-643-1831 814-643-1835