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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 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



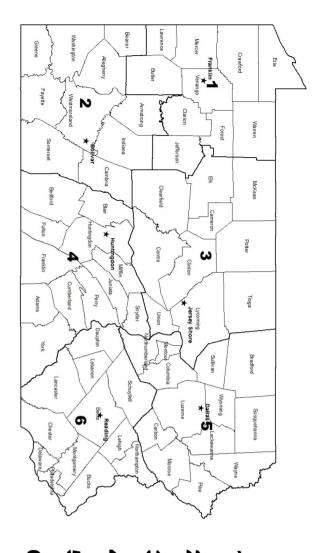
No. 199
CRAWFORD COUNTY

State Game Land 199 is a single tract consisting of 1,132 acres within the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Northwest Region, Wildlife Management Unit 1B. It is about 8 miles south of Union City and 23 miles northeast of Meadville. It is 35 miles south of Erie, and equidistant from the major population centers of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Cleveland, Ohio, and Buffalo, New York at about 115 road miles.

State Route 77 bisects the game land and provides quick and easy access. The game land is also well accessed through a series of dirt and gravel township roads making almost every portion of the game land easily available to visitors. There are 6 parking areas, each with a large sign backboard, on the game land. During periods of heavy snow in the deer season, the food and cover crew makes an effort to plow these parking areas for hunter parking.

A mixed successional habitat approach has been adopted for SGL 199 featuring Squirrels, turkey, small game such as rabbits and stocked put-and-take ring-necked pheasants. In one area grassland ground nesting bird species will be featured. There is some opportunity for waterfowl hunting, but it is rather limited. Although a snowmobile trail once existed on SGL 199, it was eliminated in 2003. Currently there are no legal snowmobile trails, designated routes, or handicapped ATV trails on this game land.

Currently, the game land may appear to have a mixed successional character, but in reality the forested stands tend to lean toward the larger size classes and the open areas consist primarily of agricultural food plots and mowed grass-legume fields. Existing shrub areas are dominated by the non-native invasive shrub species multiflora rose, autumn olive and a complex of Asian honeysuckles.



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