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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. 205
LEHIGH COUNTY

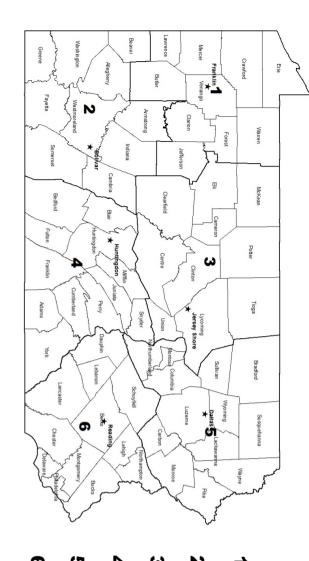
State Game Lands 205 is located in North Central Lehigh County in the townships of Lowhill and Heidelberg. The deeded acreage is 1303 acres and it is in Land Management Group IV of the Southeast Region in Wildlife Management Unit 5C. The Jordan Creek runs through the area and all water flows into the Delaware River Basin via the Lehigh River drainage.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission currently maintains 14 public parking areas on SGL 205, and it is easily accessed from PA Rt. 100 and PA Rt. 309. There are 7 miles of maintained administrative roads providing for public access to this area by foot. The gated roads and right-of-ways provide access for hunters and avenues for hiking, wildlife photography and bird watching. All roads are currently closed year-round to public motor vehicle traffic and there are 2 designated routes for horseback riding and mountain biking.

A twelve shooting position rifle range was constructed in 1978 and rebuilt in 2008. Also in 2008 a designated shotgun area was constructed. It is located off Warden Road and receives heavy use throughout the year. There are 7 miles of maintained administrative roads providing for public access to this area by foot. The gated roads and right-of-ways provide access for hunters and avenues for hiking, wildlife photography and bird watching. All roads are currently closed year-round to public motor vehicle traffic and there are 2 designated routes for horseback riding and mountain biking.

The Game Lands is consistent with central Lehigh County. This area consists of fields interspersed with steep, wooded hillsides. Topography varies from rolling fields to steep-sided creek bottoms. The highest elevation of about 820 feet is found in Compartment 2 around the SGL center. The lowest elevation (420 feet) is along Mill Creek.

Deer, turkey, rabbits, pheasants, and squirrels are found here. Ducks are hunted on the Jordan Creek, and fox and coyote are hunted on the game lands. There are 425 acres in field type habitat and pheasants are stocked and the area is popular with small game hunters. It is part of the Youth Pheasant Hunt Program. Hunting pressure on SGL 205 can be classified as extremely high, particularly during small game and deer seasons. The heavy hunting pressure during small game season is due largely to the put and take pheasant program.



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