

## SPORTSMEN'S RECREATION MAP



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



**STATE GAME LANDS** No. 206 LUZERNE COUNTY

State Game Lands (SGL) 206 is located in the Game Commission's Northeast Region, Luzerne County. The entire State Game Lands is located in Ross Township, just south of S.R. 118. Acreage is 1524.78 acres. The northern tract is 1,184 acres and the southern tract contains 329 acres. The Game Lands are approximately 10 air miles from the town of Dallas, and approximately 20 air miles from Wilkes-Barre. This Game Lands are within the North Branch of the Susquehanna River water shed.

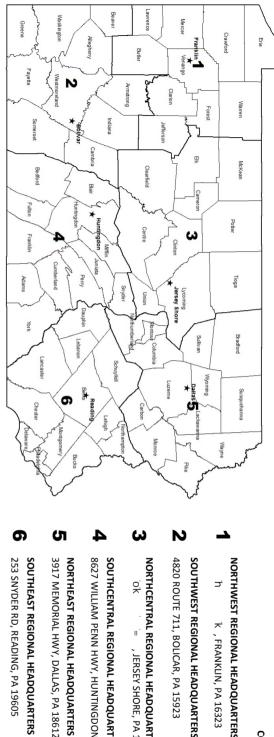
Primary public access to this Game Lands is from Patla Road, off of State Route 118 to the south. Additional road ways providing access to the northern tract includes Kyttle Pike and Huntingdon Creek Road. The Arnolds Creek Road, an administrative road, provides good foot access to compartment 1. Compartment 2 has an old logging road traversing the entire tract along Huntingdon creek providing administrative access to this tract. There are two parking areas in compartment 1 and two in compartment 2.

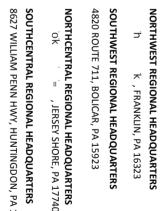
The lowest elevation is about 900 feet, while the highest elevation rises to approximately 1,400 feet. Some of the slopes are steep along the stream banks. The ridge tops are flat with rock outcrops in various locations. The southern tract is traversed by Huntingdon Creek. Very steep slopes are found along this stream, with most of the flat terrain being a relatively narrow strip between Huntingdon Creek and an old logging road. This Game Lands has a wide range of species dominated by Eastern Hemlock, Eastern White Pine, and various oak species. There is a wide range of other tree species which include; tulip poplar, hickory, aspen, American beech, basswood, yellow birch, black birch, and a few white ash. Forest age distribution is heavily weighted toward the 81–125-year age class.

The principal species hunted on this Game Lands include; whitetailed deer, black bear, gray squirrel, and to a lesser extent, eastern cottontail rabbits. The common game bird species hunted across the Game Lands include wild turkey, ruffed grouse, and occasionally American woodcock. Waterfowl can be found at times in the drainages, which includes wood ducks and mallards. Furbearer trapping opportunities include beaver, muskrat, mink, skunk, raccoon, red fox, grey fox, bobcat and eastern coyote.

Important Mammal Area #28, Ricketts Glen State Park/SGL 57, also encompasses all of SGL 206 in Luzerne County. SGL 206 is located approximately 10 miles south of Important Bird Area #48, Dutch Mountain Wetlands Complex (SGL 13 & 57) and Important Bird Area #49, Ricketts Glen State Park/Crevling Lake Area. IBA #48 was documented to host 133 breeding bird species and many of these same species exist on IBA # 49 and may spend time during migration or have home ranges overlapping with SGL 206.

State Game Lands 206 has a rifle range open year around. Lead remediation and backstop improvements were done to the shooting range in 2008. It is located off Patla Road in Ross Township.





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