



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. 215 JUNIATA COUNTY

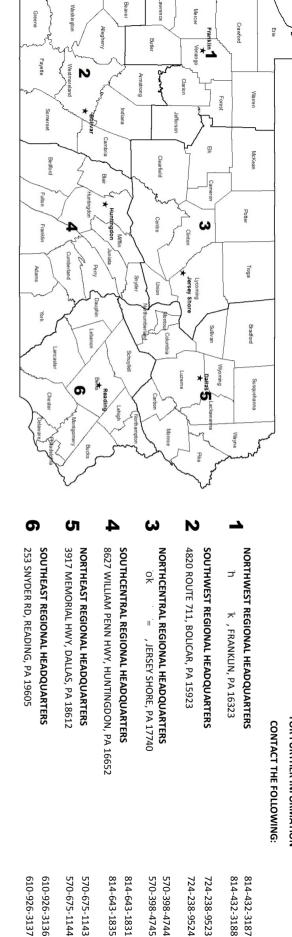
State Game Lands (SGL) 215 of a single tract of 1,276 acres in Lack and Tuscarora Townships, Juniata County. The Game Lands is south of the village of Reeds Gap. SGL 215 is located within the greater Chesapeake Bay Watershed and Appalachian Mountain Section of the Ridge and Valley physiographic of Pennsylvania. The Game Lands is situated primarily on Willow Run Ridge and Turkey Ridge and includes the valley between the two.

Public access to SGL 215 is limited. Vehicular access to the northern end of the Game Lands is possible by using Turkey Ridge Road (T-314) via SR 0035 (Shade Valley Road). Willow Run Road (T-387) also provides access to the northern portion of the Game Lands (Figures 2a,b). PGC administrative roads originating at these access points provide pedestrian access to interior areas. Retired logging roads and skid trails provide additional access for foot travel.

Elevations range from 620 feet above mean sea level along Willow Run to 1,217 feet on Willow Ridge. The broader SGL 215 landscape is dominated Shade Mountain to the northwest, Tuscarora Creek to the southeast, extensive deciduous forestland, and modest agricultural habitats. SGL 215 is dominated by deciduous forest interspersed with conifer stands and herbaceous areas. Of the total SGL acreage, 93% (1,192 acres) is forested. The remaining acreage is composed of open herbaceous areas, administrative and public-use roads and utility rights-of-way.

In 1929-1930, 938 acres were purchased to start a wild turkey propagation area. A 9-foot-tall fence surrounded an area on the north side of the SGL to contain the operation. The Game Lands was used as a propagation area for many years, then later converted to pheasant propagation. Both of these operations eventually were abandoned.

SGL 215 provides a variety of hunting opportunities for deer, turkey, an occasional bear, and small game including cottontail rabbits, squirrels, and ringnecked pheasants, as well as hunting and trapping opportunities for furbearers. SGL 215 has good small-game habitat and is stocked with pheasants during the small-game season. The game land is also used by bird watching enthusiasts. Willow Run is a good wild trout stream with easy access. It flows in a southwest to northeast direction through the northern portion of the SGL and is accessed via Willow Run Road.



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