

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. 232 WASHINGTON COUNTY

State game land (SGL) 232 currently is approximately 5,183.0 acres in Blaine, Donegal, Hopewell, and Independence Townships, Washington County, in wildlife management unit 2A (WMU 2A). State Highway 331 runs to the north and through a portion of the game land. State Highway 221 runs through the game land from the northwest to the southeast through Taylorstown and connects with US Route 40 and Interstate 70. Numerous other state and township roads provide access to and through SGL 232.

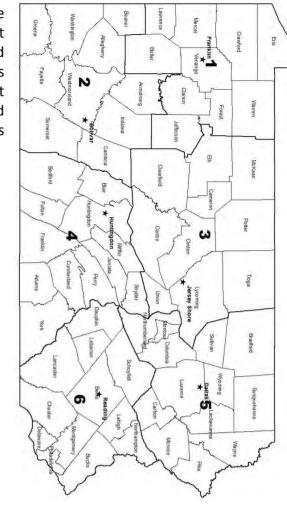
The terrain of SGL 232 is rolling, with elevations ranging from approximately 900 feet to 1,310 feet.

SGL 232 can be accessed from Pittsburgh and points east from Interstate 70, taking Exit 11 (Taylorstown exit), then taking SR 221 north through Taylorstown and to the game land. From the west, Interstate 70 provides access via SR 231 at Exit 6 (Claysville exit) or continuing east to Exit 11 (Taylorstown). Approximately 12 miles to the east on Interstate 70 is Interstate 79 which provides access from the north (Pittsburgh and surrounding metropolitan area) and south.

The PGC currently maintains 18 public parking areas (Figure 3), and there is plenty of room for parking along most of the township and state roads that traverse SGL 232. The farthest area by foot from any parking area or public road is less than one mile.

There are 21.3 miles of public roads within SGL 232, and 16.2 miles of maintained administrative roads. Three roads are open seasonally to hunters. The remaining administrative roads are closed year-round to motor vehicles, and access is controlled with signage and/or 22 locked gates. These roads, along with utility rights-of-way (ROW), herbaceous openings, and old farmstead roads and trails are available for public access by foot.

State game land 232 provides a multitude of quality hunting and furtaking opportunities. Hunting opportunities include white-tailed deer, turkey, ruffed grouse, rabbits and squirrel. Additionally bobcat and bear are present on the game land. Furtaking opportunities include raccoon, mink, muskrat, fox, skunk, opossum, beaver and coyote. Stocking of ring-necked pheasant occure in several areas on high-quality habitat on SGL 323.



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