



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. 236 SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY State Game Lands (SGL) 236 has 2010 acres and is located in Ararat and Herrick Townships, Susquehanna County. Four separate tracts make up the Game Lands. Compartment 1 lies entirely in Ararat Township and compartment 2 is split by the Ararat and Herrick Township boundary. Compartments 3 and 4 are in Herrick Township. The Game Lands lies between the boroughs of Gelatt to the west, East Ararat to the east, and between the boroughs of Ararat to the north and Dimock Corners to the south.

Topography is gently rolling hills with many wetland areas. Elevation varies from 1,800 feet to 2,100 feet. Seventy-four percent (1482 acres) of SGL 236's acreage exists in terrestrial forest cover. Approximately 2/3 of this forest cover is dominated by northern hardwood forests. The majority of this is site 2 size 2 predominately mature, even-aged, 80-120 year old timber. The last 1/3 is covered by terrestrial woodlands, overgrown shrublands, and conifer plantations.

All compartments have good access provided by S.R. 171 and S.R. 374. Fifteen parking areas are provided to access the four compartments. Several timber sale roads provide good foot access. These roads are gated and used for administrative access.

Running parallel to the four tracts of game lands on the west is SR 81, on the east is SR 171, and bounded in the south by SR 374. All of these roads are within easy driving distance of the game lands which is connected to them by smaller township roads .All but one tract are touched on at least two sides by secondary roads and each area has one, two or several parking lots readily accessible. A few vegetated logging roads are present for walking or emergency access only, but being relatively small tracts most acreage is accessible by the average person within a short walk. Most areas on this game lands remain fairly wet during rainy times of the year, prohibiting access by farm tractors and other equipment at certain times.

This game lands is entirely within Wildlife Management Unit 3C. The principal species hunted on SGL 236 are white-tailed deer, wild turkey, ruffed grouse, American woodcock, waterfowl and cottontail rabbit. Pheasants are hunted on a put and take basis. Furbearers also provide opportunities for sportsman with beaver, mink, raccoon, red and gray fox, bobcat, and eastern coyote available for harvest. Hiking, bird watching, blueberry picking and cross-country skiing are lawful recreational activities that occur occasionally.

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