



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. 237 BRADFORD COUNTY SGL 237 is located in the Pennsylvania Game Commission's (PGC) Northeast Region. State Game Land 237 is in Asylum and Terry Townships, Bradford County and consists of 161.83 acres. The Game Land is divided in four separate tracts. Three are islands in the Susquehanna River and one is along the river's western shore. Compartment 1, also known as Sullivan's Island (83 acres), is the northern most tract. Compartment 2, also known as Hagerman's Island (32 acres), is the next tract down river. Compartment 3, including Malta Island (46.83 acres), is the southern most tract.

All SGL 237 islands have limited access. Most of the year, a boat is needed.

Game lands 237 is located approximately 33 air miles northwest of Scranton and approximately 34 air miles southeast of Elmira, New York. Compartment 1, Sullivan's Island, is approximately 4.5 miles south of the village of Wysox and about 4 miles north of the village of Durell. It lies just east of S.R. 187 and S.R. 2023. Compartment 2, Hagerman's Island, is approximately 1 mile northwest of the State Historical Site French Asylum at the end of Asylum Township Rt. 458. Compartment 3, is between the village of Terrytown and Wyalusing Borough. It is approximately 1 mile north along S.R. 187 from the river bridge on S.R.2010 (Welles Mtn. Rd.) The topography is fairly flat. The elevation only ranges from 640' to 680'. The Game Lands are located in the North Branch of the Susquehanna River watershed.

Game Lands 237 is typical of habitat types found within the Susquehanna River. This Game Lands have a wide range of species with silver maple dominant, along with some white ash, black and red oak, and an occasional sycamore.

The principal species hunted are waterfowl, primarily mallards, wood ducks, mergansers, and Canada geese. White-tailed deer and Eastern wild turkey are hunted to a lesser extent. Furbearers also provide opportunities with mink, muskrat, beaver, and raccoon. This warm water fishery offers plenty of opportunity for smallmouth bass, walleye, musky, northern pike, channel catfish, bluegills, and carp. There is no fish stocking on the SGL and all populations of fish are self-sustaining due to ecology of the river system.

Through extended rotations, we will establish stands to intersperse late successional structure for cavity nesting waterfowl such as mergansers and wood ducks. Mature forest stands present opportunities for bald eagle, osprey and great-blue heron to nest on the islands. SGL 237 islands also provide roosts along foraging areas and offer wintering grounds for the bald eagles nesting on a nearby privately owned island. 9/30/2011

