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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



No. 265
FAYETTE COUNTY

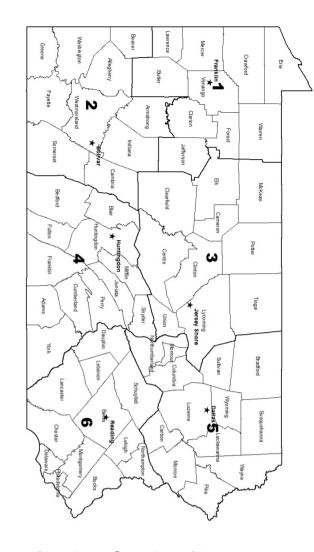
State game land (SGL) 265 is located in Henry Clay Township within Fayette County in Wildlife Management Unit 2C, and currently has a deeded acreage of 517.47 acres. Located in Pennsylvania Game Commission's Southwest Region and in Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) 2C.

The Game Commission currently maintains one public parking area on SGL 265. There is one mile of maintained administrative road throughout SGL 265, providing public access to this area by foot. The administrative road is currently closed year-round to public motor vehicle traffic and access is controlled with a locked gate.

State game land 265 lies in the Laurel Hill area of the Laurel Ridge. The terrain on SGL 265 is mainly steep and hilly, with elevations ranging from 2,080 feet to 2,538 feet. The area within 2 miles of SGL 265 is a forest-dominated landscape (87%) made up of privately held parcels as well as some state park land. Much of these are deciduous forests (77%), although mixed forest (8%) and conifers (2%) are present.

Hunting and furtaking opportunities include white-tailed deer, bear, turkey, ruffed grouse, and squirrel. Furtaking opportunities include raccoon, coyote, gray fox, mink, fisher and bobcat. Stocking of ringnecked pheasant does not occur on this SGL primarily because of a lack of suitable habitat.

There are no designated trails for horseback riding, mountain biking, and snowmobiling on State game land 265. The gated road and pipeline used for management activities provide very nice avenues for hiking, bird watching, and other similar forms of outdoor activities.



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