

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



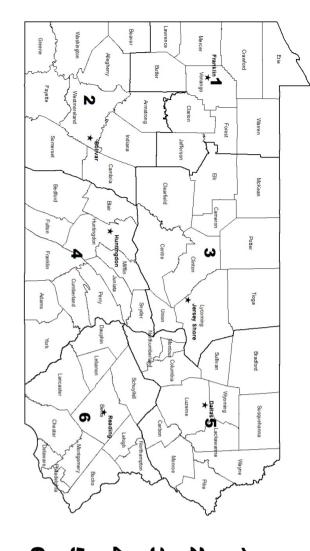
**STATE GAME LANDS** No. 271 SOMERSET COUNTY

State game land (SGL) 271 is located in Addison Township in Somerset County in Wildlife Management Unit 2C, and has a deeded acreage of 1,855.45 acres.

The Game Commission currently maintains four public parking areas on SGL 271. During the winter months Green Road (a township road) is not maintained, therefore winters with heavy snowfall make access to SGL 271 difficult. There are 1.85 miles of maintained administrative roads throughout SGL 271, providing for public access to this area by foot. The farthest point on SGL 271 by foot from a parking area or public road is approximately 1 mile. All roads are currently closed year-round to public motor vehicle traffic and access is controlled with locked gates. The gated roads and rights-of-way provide access for hunters and avenues for hiking, wildlife photography and bird-watching.

State game land 271 is located on Meadow Mountain in the Allegheny Mountains section of the Appalachian Plateaus Province. The terrain of the management area is gently sloped, with elevations ranging from 2,460 feet to 2,788 feet. It is a small, mostly forested area located in a mosaic landscape made up of privately held parcels; around all sides of this SGL the landscape is predominantly forest with small agricultural fields inter-mixed among wooded areas.

Hunting and furtaking opportunities include white-tailed deer, bear, turkey, ruffed grouse, and squirrel. Furtaking opportunities include raccoon, coyote, red fox, and gray fox. No stocking of ring-necked pheasant occurs on SGL 271. Species such as deer, bear, and turkey move readily on and off this SGL and adjacent private land based on levels of hunting pressure and food availability. Habitat practices encouraging mixed successional stages of forest regeneration will improve the availability of food and cover for deer and turkey and, consequently, may encourage greater proportions of these game animals' home ranges to be within SGL boundaries. There are no designated trails for horseback riding, mountain biking, and snowmobiling on SGL 271. Gated roads and trails used for management activities and the operation of gas wells provide very nice avenues for low impact activities such as hiking, bird watching, berry and mushroom collection, and other similar forms of outdoor activities.



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