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PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

## STATE GAME LANDS 273

INDIANA COUNTY

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Feet

1,142.1 Acres REVISED: June 2023





# SPORTSMEN'S RECREATION MAP



## STATE GAME LANDS No. 273 INDIANA COUNTY

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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 acres 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 sixty-five percent is used by the general public for non-hunting purposes.

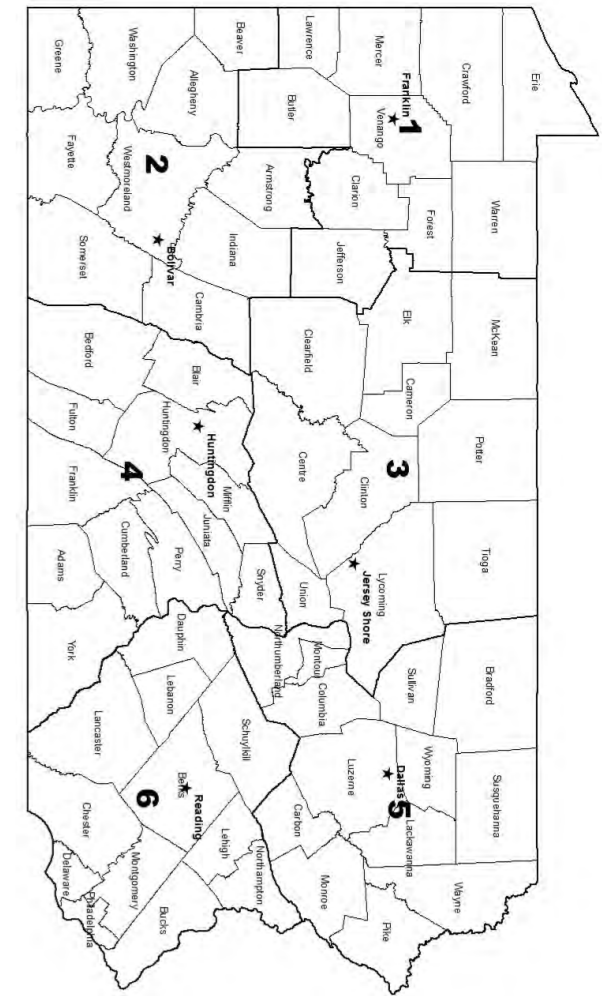
“Working Together for Wildlife” is a Game Commission program providing everyone an opportunity to help support wildlife management in the areas for endangered and non-game animals. Monies derived from the “Working Together for Wildlife” Program are being used in Pennsylvania to re-introduce the osprey, 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 non-game shore birds. Numerous other projects are planned on State Game Lands and other public

State game land 273 is located in Brush Valley and Center Township, Indiana County, in wildlife management unit 2E (WMU 2E) and currently has a deeded acreage of 1,183.63 acres. All water flows into to Ohio River Basin via the Kiskiminetas River drainage.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission currently maintains two public parking areas on SGL 273; one is located along SR 954 where it crosses Yellow Creek and the other is at the end of Township Road (TR) 694. There are 9.1 miles of maintained administrative roads throughout the game land providing for public access to this area by foot. The gated roads and rights-of-way provide access for hunters and avenues for hiking, wildlife photography and bird-watching. All roads are currently closed year-round to public motor vehicle traffic and there are no designated routes for horseback riding, mountain biking, or snowmobiling.

Hunting and furtaking opportunities include white-tailed deer, bear, turkey, grouse, rabbit and squirrel. Furtaking opportunities include raccoon, red and gray fox, mink, muskrat and coyote. No stocking of ring-necked pheasant occurs on the SGL. Hunting opportunities are impacted by the relatively small and easily accessible nature of this SGL. Species such as deer, bear, and turkey move readily on and off the SGL and adjacent private land based on levels of hunting pressure and food availability. Habitat practices encouraging mixed succession stages will improve the availability of food and cover for deer and turkey and, consequently, may encourage greater proportions of these animals' home ranges on the SGL.

This relatively small game land is not of sufficient size to accommodate horseback riding, mountain biking and snowmobiling and does not contain any designated routes for these activities. It does, however, contain multiple gated roads and trails used for management activities and the operation of the multiple gas wells, as well as a road that is currently in use by Amfire Mining for transporting coal across the SGL. These gated roads and rights-of-way provide avenues for hiking, bird watching, and other, similar forms of outdoor activities. Roughly 3,000ft of Ferriers Run, a tributary to Yellow Creek, and approximately 2¾ miles of Yellow Creek proper occur on this management area. Yellow Creek is a popular stocked trout fishery (TSF) close to the borough of Indiana, PA. Low impact activities such as berry and mushroom collection would also be compatible recreational uses.



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