

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

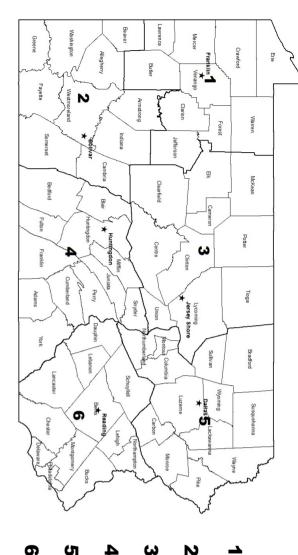


STATE GAME LANDS No. 275 **DAUPHIN COUNTY**

State Game Land 275 is an island situated in the Susquehanna River adjacent to Harrisburg International Airport (formerly Olmstead Field) in Dauphin County. The Game Land is in the Southeast Region (Wildlife Management Unit 5B) and is only accessible by watercraft. The Game Land is officially named Spaydes Wharf Island on the deed, although on many maps it is labeled as Spades Wharf Island. This is the smallest game land consisting of 2.75 acres.

Game Land 275 is a typical small island in the Susquehanna River, held together by several large silver maples; it is occasionally inundated during high water events. River birch, red maple and willow also grow there. While many bird species probably roost there during migration and several common species nest in the trees, the only bird species listed in the Pennsylvania Action Plan that would likely use the island for roosting is the Bald Eagle. No mammals are known to make their home there.

Waterfowl hunters use the island occasionally for duck and goose hunting.



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