



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. 279 CAMBRIA COUNTY

State game land (SGL) 279 is located in Allegheny and Gallitzin Townships, Cambria County, in Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) 2E and currently has a deeded acreage of 460.6 acres.

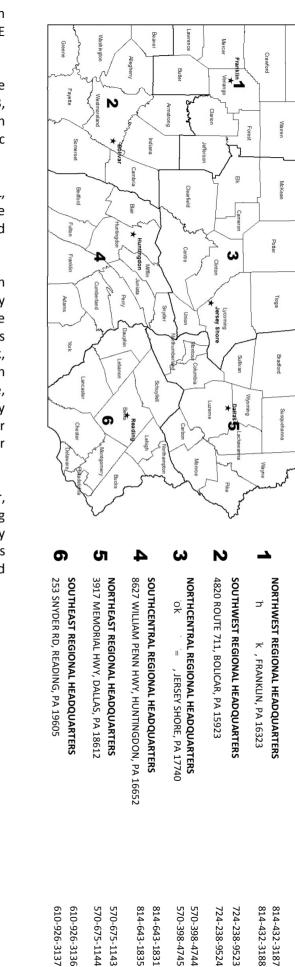
One public road, Vampire Road (TR 430), runs thru the eastern side of SGL 279. Vampire Road is accessed from State Route 53, approximately halfway between Cresson and Gallitzin. The public can also access SGL 279 via several adjacent parcels open to public hunting and public access cooperator lands.

The PGC currently maintains one public parking area on this SGL, which is located at the entrance to SGL 279 along Vampire Road. The farthest point on SGL 279 by foot from a parking area or public road is approximately 1.0 mile.

The terrain of SGL 279 is made up of mostly gentle slopes with elevations ranging from 1,900 – 2,080 feet. It is a small, mostly forested game land surrounded by privately held parcels. State game land 279 is 86% forested with a lesser amount of herbaceous openings and shrubland present. The forest is comprised of hemlock, mixed hardwoods and black cherry but also includes other eastern deciduous forest types. Hemlock, both Terrestrial and Palustrine, makes up 35% of the forest cover of the game land and is mostly present in the 40-79 year age class. All water flows into the Upper West Branch Susquehanna Subbasin via the Clearfield Creek River drainage.

Hunting and furtaking opportunities include white-tailed deer, bear, turkey, ruffed grouse, American woodcock and squirrel. Furtaking opportunities include raccoon, coyote, bobcat, and both red and gray fo. Stocking of ring-necked pheasant occurs on the SGL. – There is one designated route that can be used for both horseback riding and mountain-biking on this game land.

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