

PERMANIA GAME COMM

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



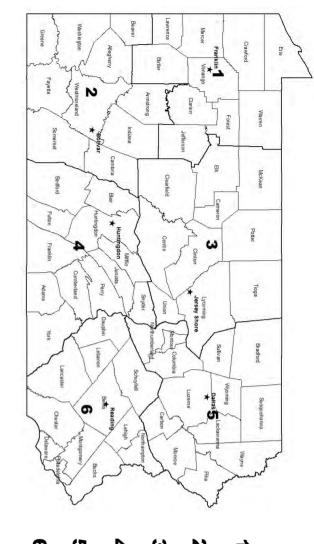
No. 282
WARREN COUNTY

State Game Land (SGL) 282 is comprised of two tracts, separated by Conewango Creek, containing approximately 495.6 acres, located in north central Warren County in the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Northwest Region (Wildlife Management Unit 2F).

East of Conewango Creek State Game Land 282 is bordered by Martin Road (T-625) on the south and by the Old Russell Road (SR-1015) on the east. West of Conewango Creek the game land is bordered by SR 62 on the west. Two parking lots along Martin Road and one along the Old Russell Road provide parking for those using SGL 282. The two abandoned railroad grades provide easy access to SGL 282 from Martin Road. An access road from the parking area along the Old Russell Road provides access as well. The portion of the game land located to the west of Conewango Creek has little access and no safe public parking areas.

Game Land 282 is dominated by palustrine and wetland plant community types with approximately 61 percent of the total acreage categorized as one of these types. The remainder of Game Land 282 is classified as terrestrial forest, terrestrial shrubland and terrestrial herbaceous openings.

The mixed successional habitat conditions and extensive wetland complexes provide good hunting and furtaking opportunities. Depending on the season pressure varies from light to heavy. The most popular hunting on SGL 282 is for waterfowl. Canada geese and many ducks are harvested each year. Put and take pheasant hunting is available. Woodcock, grouse and some turkey hunting take place as well. The small size of SGL 282 allows limited deer hunting opportunities and even in archery season SGL 282 receives limited pressure. Trapping pressure for beaver and muskrat in the main swamp and the other small impoundments is moderate to heavy. Trapping opportunities for mink, raccoon, fox and coyote are present as well. Occasionally a hunter is lucky enough to harvest a bear on SGL 282 but pressure is light. After mowing by F&C personnel several hunters take advantage of the opportunity for long-range shooting for woodchuck along the old Penn-Central railroad grade. Bird watching is very popular as SGL 282. Fishing is also popular in the small impoundments, the main swamp and along Conewango Creek.



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