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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 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



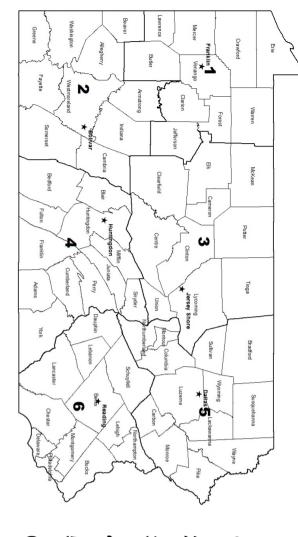
STATE GAME LANDS
No. 288
LANCASTER COUNTY

State Game Lands 288 (88.56 acres) is in Martic Township in rural Lancaster County within the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Southeast Region (Wildlife Management Unit 5B).

State Game Lands 288 has poor access. The Game Lands is all one compartment and is accessible from Fox Hollow Rd and River Rd. No parking areas are maintained but foot travel allows access from the Rt 324 bridge across the Pequea Creek at Martic Forge. The farthest interior point from the bridge is 0.5 miles.

This game lands is entirely within Wildlife Management unit 5B. The principle species hunted are white tail deer, turkey and squirrels. Furbearer trapping opportunities include red fox, raccoon and mink. Hiking, bird watching and geo caching are lawful recreational activities that occur occasionally. People do float the Pequea Creek in tubes as a summer activity. This game lands is small in size and is not a major attraction for these activities.

Game Lands 288 is primarily wooded. Soil conditions, existing wetlands and forest composition present opportunities for several game species as well as species of greatest conservation need. Management focus will be toward, whitetail deer, squirrels and turkey. In addition to practices geared toward game species, all management activities on Game Lands 288 will consider mammalian and avian species of concern and habitat improvements that can be made at the local level that we believe will bolster populations of these species on a landscape scale. Specific attention will be paid to bird species such as wood thrush, brown thrasher, golden-winged warbler, blue winged warbler, yellow-breasted chat and red-headed woodpecker. Habitat generalists including whitetail deer, gray squirrels and turkey will also benefit from proposed management.



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