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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



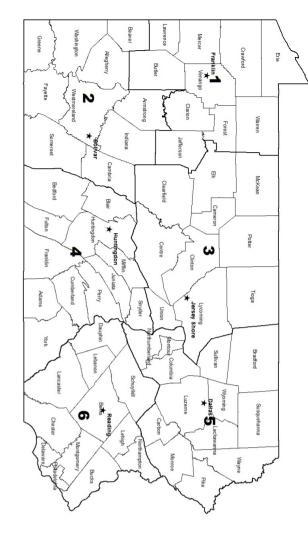
STATE GAME LANDS
No. 294
MERCER COUNTY

State Game Land (SGL) 294 is comprised of three separate tracts located in northern Mercer County with a deeded acreage of 416.62 acres. Compartment 1 of SGL 294 is located in southwestern Fairview Township and Compartment 2 is located in Cool Spring Township in the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Northwest Region (Wildlife Management Unit 1A).

The SGL is easily accessed via US Rte 19, Perry Highway, Delaware Road (T-599) and East Cornell Road (T-539). Two parking lots are located in Compartment 1. Limited available access points are available at various locations throughout the SGL. The furthest point from public access is ½ mile.

Topography is mostly level to gently rolling, which permits management access to most of the game land. Elevation varies from 1,170 feet above sea level in Compartment 1 to 1,100 feet above sea level on most of the SGL along Otter Creek. SGL 294 is fifty-two percent forested, with the majority of the forest cover being bottomland oak – hardwood palustrine forest. The remaining forest habitat types are listed according to percent of coverage: northern hardwood, red oak-mixed hardwood, black cherry – northern hardwood, red maple – black gum palustrine, red maple – black ash palustrine, hemlock (white pine), red maple – elm – willow floodplain swamp, hemlock. This SGL is a natural haven for deer, small game and furbearers, with an abundance of songbirds and other nongame wildlife on the tract. Waterfowl currently nest in many locations on this SGL.

Small game, white-tailed deer and wild turkey hunting abound on this SGL in addition to multiple opportunities for trapping furbearer's especially aquatic furbearers. The majority of hunting on this SGL is for waterfowl. Other lawful recreation Hiking, bird watching, canoeing, cross-country skiing and fishing also occur on this SGL. There are no legal snowmobile or ATV trails on this SGL.



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