

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



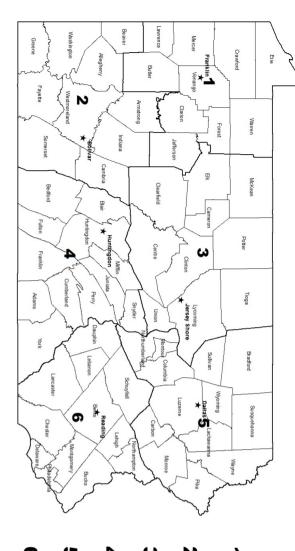
STATE GAME LANDS No. 298 LYCOMING COUNTY

State Game Land 298 (1140.21 acres) is located in Lycoming County within the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Northcentral Region and Wildlife Management Unit 3B.

The game land is in one tract and managed as one compartment, access is very good due to three township roads and three gated PGC administrative roads. Sugar Camp Road, Mill Creek Road and Chaapel Mountain Road, all of which are township roads, go thru SGL 298. There are two gated roads that provide hunter foot access and some PGC administrative access. There is also an un-gated administrative road that provides foot access for the public. This road leads to a series of caves that are known hibernacula for bat species of concern. The northeast corner of the game lands is 4,700 feet from a public access point on the Game Land.

State Game Land 298 topography is a mix of steep side hills and long flat ridgetops, the highest elevation is 1,938 feet and the lowest is 880 feet at the confluence of Mill Creek and Sugar Camp Run. The game land is nearly 100% forested.

Game Lands 298 is located at the western edge of WMU 3B in Lycoming County. The principal species hunted are white-tailed deer, eastern wild turkey, and black bear. Eastern cottontail and gray squirrel are hunted to a lesser extent where appropriate habitat exists. Furbearer trapping opportunities include bobcat (Lynx rufus), eastern coyote, gray fox, mink, opossum, raccoon, red fox, and striped skunk. Fishing, hiking, and bird watching are lawful recreational activities that occur occasionally.



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