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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



No. 304

BUTLER COUNTY

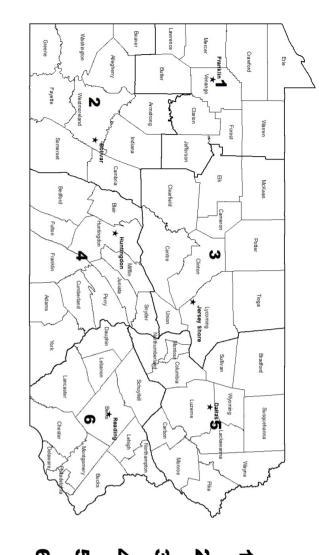
State Game Land 304 is a single contiguous tract of approximately 458 acres in rural eastern Butler County, Clearfield Township, in the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Northwest Region (Wildlife Management Unit 2D).

The game land is easily accessed, located north of State Route 422 near the Butler/Armstrong County line, the game land is easily accessed by and bisected by Irwin Rd (T664, a township road with no winter maintenance). Three parking lots are maintained and foot travel is welcome on 3 miles of gated road. The farthest interior point from a parking area or gate is 0.7 miles.

Topography varies from level to gently rolling, permitting management access to most of the SGL. The elevation ranges from approximately 1,050 feet above sea level near Buffalo Creek to 1,386 feet above sea level in the eastern part of the game land. SGL 304 is 90% forested, with the majority of the forest cover being oak-mixed hardwoods. The remaining forest habitat types are listed according to percent of coverage: northern hardwood, aspen, black cherry – northern hardwood, red maple, pine plantations, bottomland oak – hardwoods and spruce plantations.

This game land is entirely within Wildlife Management Unit 2D. Mixed successional habitat provides good hunting and furtaking opportunities. Depending on the season, pressure varies from light to heavy. The principle species hunted are white-tailed deer, ruffed grouse, and eastern wild turkey. Wood duck and Canada geese are hunted along the stream corridor. The field and shrub areas also receive rabbit hunting pressure. Gray squirrel and black bear are hunted to a lesser extent where appropriate habitat exists. Furbearer trapping opportunities include raccoon, beaver, mink, red and gray fox, and eastern coyote. There is limited pheasant stocking on this game lands.

Hiking, bird watching and cross-country skiing are lawful recreational activities that occur occasionally.



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