

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



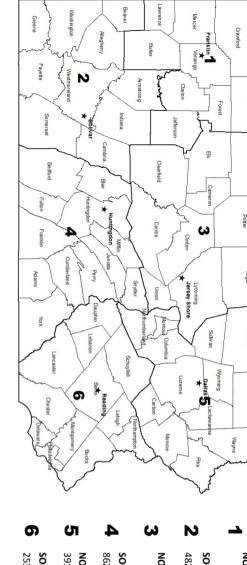
STATE GAME LANDS No. 305 **CUMBERLAND COUNTY** State Game Lands (SGL) 305 consists of 670.791 surveyed acres in South Middleton, and 59.21 surveyed acres in Monroe Township, in southcentral Cumberland County in the Pennsylvania Game Commission's (PGC) Southcentral Region. Total deeded acres are 730.00. SGL 305 is situated just east of Petersburg Road, approximately two miles south of the town of Boiling Springs, which is 5 miles southeast of Carlisle.

SGL 305 sits astride the boundary between northern edge of the South Mountain Section and southern edge of the Great Valley Section of the Ridge and Valley physiographic province of Pennsylvania. It is one continuous tract and consists primarily of mixed oak forest types. Elevations range from 560 feet near Old Town Run to 1,223 feet on a high knob near corner number 13 in the southeastern part of the property. The terrain is gently rolling and includes two drainages, Little Dogwood Run and Old Town Run. These drainages flow in a northwesterly direction and feed Yellow Breeches Creek, which empties into the Susquehanna River near New Cumberland. Of the total gamelands acreage, 99% (724 acres) is forested.

A PGC service road, which connects to township road T-538 (Mountain Road) approximately ½ mile north of the intersection of T-538 and T-518 (Whiskey Spring Road), provides good interior access to the gamelands (Figure 2). Two designated parking areas and several pull-offs are located along this road. This road crosses Little Dogwood Run and continues onto private land near the Diakon Wilderness School operated by Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries (formerly Tressler Lutheran Services). Pedestrian access also is available using the Appalachian Trail adjacent to SGL 305 on the east. Intersecting with the Appalachian Trail at its midpoint, about 0.6 miles south of SGL 305 at Whiskey Springs, is the Mason-Dixon Trail.

SGL 305 offers various opportunities for hunting and furtaking. The oak forests provide hard mast for game species such as deer, squirrel, and turkey. Some seedling/sapling stands provide cover for both big and small game and offer grouse hunting opportunities. Stand 3 contains Virginia pine that provides roosting habitat for turkeys and cover for deer. Trapping is not a common activity on SGL 305, but raccoon, opossum, skunk, fox, and coyote likely are present.

SGL 305 is popular with local hikers, birders, and to a lesser extent, horseback riders and bicyclists. The Appalachian Trail passes along the eastern edge of SGL 305.



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