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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



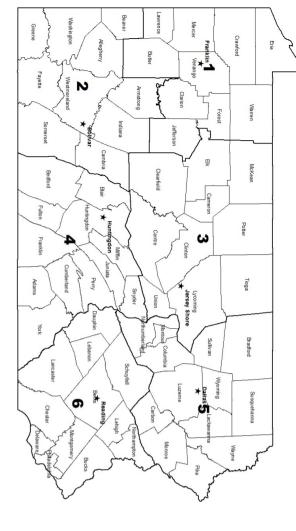
No. 306
WARREN COUNTY

State Game Land 306 is comprised of one nearly contiguous tract separated by an active railroad grade containing approximately 1,038.15 acres located in Columbus and Freehold Townships in northwestern Warren County in the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Northwest Region (Wildlife Management Unit 1B). US Route 6 borders and intersects the southern portion of the Game Land while State Route 957 borders the Game Land on the north side.

SGL 306 is accessed via SR 957 from the north, Swamp Road from the east and SR 6 from the south. Access to the central portion of Game Land 306 is limited. One parking area on US Route 6 provides access to the upland portion of the Game Land south of US Route 6 and to the warm season grass fields and the swamp north of US Route 6. A second parking area is located on Swamp Road. This parking area provides access to portions of Game Land 306 to the east of Swamp Road and to portions of the main swamp on the west side of Swamp Road. The third and final parking area is along State Route 957 and provides access to warm season grass fields, food plots, impoundments and herbaceous / shrub areas south of that location. The farthest distance from a parking area or road that a person would have to travel to access the Game Land is 3000'.

The purchase of SGL 306 began as a Marsh Project designed to protect the natural wetland complex in and around the core area of Benson Swamp. Game Land 306 is dominated by terrestrial and palustrine plant community types with 95.5 percent of the game land in this type.

Pheasant and woodcock hunting and furbearer trapping are popular on SGL 306. Many trappers have successfully harvested beaver, muskrats and mink in Benson Swamp and its tributaries. Hunters pursue deer in the archery, rifle and flintlock seasons. Several bear have been harvested on or adjacent to the Game Land. Waterfowl hunting is also very popular throughout the wetland portions of SGL 306. Fishing does occur but primarily in the constructed impoundments near SR 957.



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