



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. 328 INDIANA COUNTY

State Game Land (SGL) 328 consists of nearly 517 acres in Conemaugh Township, Indiana County. It is located one mile north of the community of Tunnelton along the Tunnelton Road (S.R.3003), and adjoins the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Conemaugh Flood Control lands (Pennsylvania Game Commissions' Management Area #411). It can also be accessed from Auen Road (T-312). State game land 328 falls within Wildlife Management Unit 2D. It is managed by Land Management Group II.

State game land 328 is directly accessed from SR 3003 Tunnelton Road and Conemaugh Township Road (TR) 312, Auen Road. The Conemaugh Valley Conservancy maintains the West Penn Trail through SGL 328, and the trail on the eastern game land boundary continues into the Conemaugh Flood Control lands. On the western boundary, the trail continues and joins the Saltsburg section of the trail on the old West Penn railroad bed. The two public parking lots on SGL 328 also provide access to the West Penn Trail. All interior game land roads are gated and closed to public vehicles, yet they provide access to utility company facilities located within. The terrain of State Game Land 328 is primarily rolling hills. An exception to the rolling hills terrain is a steep bank adjacent to the south side of the unnamed tributary flowing westerly through tract, and the prior rock mining area. Hunting and furtaking opportunities include white-tailed deer (Odocoileus virginianus), turkey (Melagris gallopovo), and squirrel (Sciurus spp.). Furtaking opportunities include raccoon (Procyon lotor), coyote (Canis latrans), red fox (Vulpes vulpes), gray fox (Urocyon cinereoargenteus), mink (Mestela vison), and muskrat (Ondatra zibethicus). Although black bear (Ursus americanus), are regularly seen in the area, hunting pressure for them is light. Ringnecked pheasant (Phasianus colchicus) are released in the suitable habitat found in the western portions of the game lands. Both hens and cock birds are released and legal to hunt in WMU 2D. Having the West Penn Trail corridor traversing the length of the game land brings many trail users into this game land. Most are hikers and bikers. Others take advantage of the trail, the administrative roads and gas well spurs for bird watching, wild

flower viewing and berry picking as well as other non-consumptive activities. Establishment of trails for snowmobiling, horseback riding or mountain biking are not practical due to the size of this game land and the partitions created by public roads passing through.

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