



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. 280 **BERKS COUNTY**

State Game Lands No. 280, consists of 2,552 acres, located in Berks County northwest of Reading. This tract is managed in conjunction with 2,732 acres, surrounding Blue Marsh Lake, which is owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The terrain is mostly rolling hills with large herbaceous openings and areas of reverting fields interspersed with woodlots and small drainages. The principle game species found here are deer, squirrel, rabbit, morning dove and waterfowl.

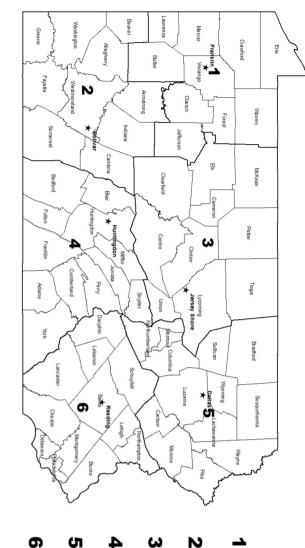
State Game Lands now totaling more than 1,492,861.20 acres are purchased, managed and maintained primarily for outdoor recreation in the form of sport-hunting.

While portions of sportsmen's license fees and taxes on sporting arms and ammunition have made the acquisition and development of these lands possible, other users are welcome. Recreation such as boating, fishing, hiking birdwatching, and nature study is encouraged.

The Game Commission is concerned with protecting and perpetuations non-game wildlife species, along with managing for an annual harvest of all game species. While sport hunting, embracing the elements of fair chase, is the ultimate goal in wildlife management, other benefits have enhanced the quality of life for all who enjoy the out-of-doors.

For benefit of all users, please respect posted rules and regulations. Entry upon posted wildlife refuges and propagation areas is prohibited. Motorized vehicles are prohibited on gated roads and trails; snowmobiles excepted where so designated and posted.

For current conservation-sport hunting information, read the Pennsylvania Game News and visit the Pennsylvania Game Commission's home page http://www.pgc.pa.gov or write to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797.



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