

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 sixty-five percent is used by the general public for non-hunting 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 non-game shore birds. Numerous other projects are planned on State Game Lands and other public properties which will also provide food and habitat for non-game wildlife.

The future of Pennsylvania's wildlife resources requires the concern, cooperation and financial support of everyone, hunters and non-hunters alike. "Working Together for Wildlife" is the answer. Send your contributions to "Working Together for Wildlife", 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110-

SPORTSMEN'S RECREATION MAP



STATE GAME LANDS No. 082 **SOMERSET COUNTY**

State game land (SGL) 82 is located in the rural townships of Brothers Valley, Larimer, Northampton, and Summit in Somerset County and currently has a deeded acreage of 6,775.213 acres. The main body of this game land lies in Larimer and Northampton Townships, while a smaller parcel of the game land lies in Brothers Valley, Larimer, and Summit Townships.

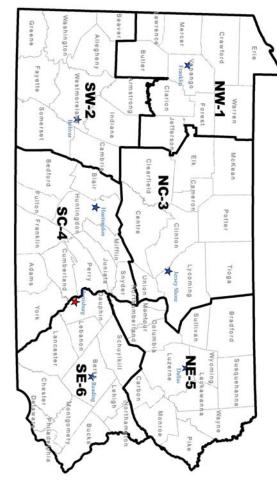
The PGC currently maintains 29 public parking areas on SGL 82. The farthest point on SGL 82 by foot from a parking area or public road is approximately 1.5 miles. There are 10.5 miles of maintained administrative roads throughout the game land providing for public access to this area by foot. The gated roads and rights-of-way provide access for hunters and avenues for hiking, wildlife photography and bird-watching. All roads are currently closed year-round to public motor vehicle traffic and there are no designated routes for horseback riding, mountain biking, or snowmobiling. Access is also provided by 13.3 miles of public roads. During winter, Gamelands Road, Milwaukee Road, and County Bridge Road have no winter maintenance and can become impassable, the other roads are maintained but to a limited extent. The main body of SGL 82 is bisected by a township road (Game Land Road).

The initial purchases of property for SGL 82 was in 1932 and 1933 when 1,283.7 acres were acquired from John Shoemaker and John Lunger. Further purchases occurred in 1940, 1967, 1968, 1970 (1,754.5 acres), 1971 (2,245.5 acres were purchased), 1976 (2,676.2 containing the Callimont area), 1994 (51.455), 2008 (15 acres) with donations occurring in 1977, 1981, 1989 and 2001. The Callimont area of SGL 82 was to be developed as a ski resort, but financial difficulties forced the abandonment of this plan by the original owners and remains of a ski lift tower can be found in this area.

A main CSXT rail line runs along the northern boundary of SGL 82. This rail line is fairly heavily used and is a popular spot for train watchers.

SGL 82 contains very diverse habitats resulting in quality hunting and furtaking opportunities for a wide variety of species to include whitetailed deer, bear, turkey, cottontail rabbits, ruffed grouse, American woodcock, and squirrel. Prominent furtaking opportunities include raccoon and red fox. The habitat management goal for SGL 82 is to maintain mixed succession conditions with a focus on practices that favor habitat requirements of deer, turkey, woodcock, grouse, and ring-necked pheasant.

In addition to practices geared toward game species, all management activities on SGL 82 will consider avian and mammalian species of concern and habitat improvements that can be made at the local level that we believe will bolster populations of these species on a landscape scale. On SGL 82, specific attention will be paid to enhancing local habitat for the golden-winged warbler, and forest interior bird species of concern (e.g., black-throated green warblers, blue-headed vireos, cerulean warbler and scarlet tanager), and providing roosting opportunities for a variety of bat species of concern through the creation of snags and preservation of shag-bark hickory trees.



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