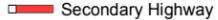
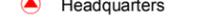
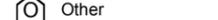
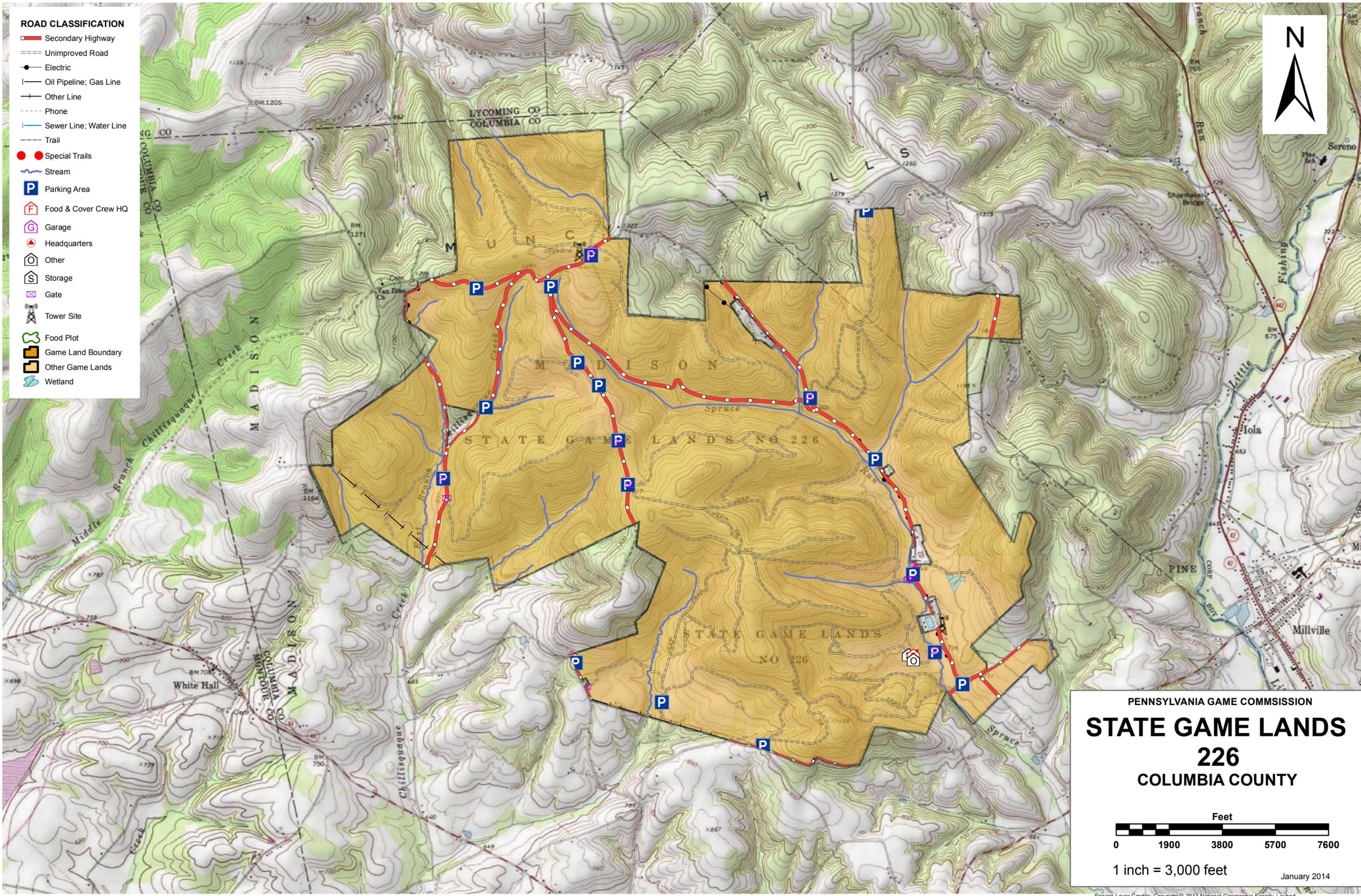


**ROAD CLASSIFICATION**

-  Secondary Highway
-  Unimproved Road
-  Electric
-  Oil Pipeline; Gas Line
-  Other Line
-  Phone
-  Sewer Line; Water Line
-  Trail
-  Special Trails
-  Stream
-  Parking Area
-  Food & Cover Crew HQ
-  Garage
-  Headquarters
-  Other
-  Storage
-  Gate
-  Tower Site
-  Food Plot
-  Game Land Boundary
-  Other Game Lands
-  Wetland



PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

# STATE GAME LANDS

## 226

### COLUMBIA COUNTY

Feet



0 1900 3800 5700 7600

1 inch = 3,000 feet

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# SPORTSMEN'S RECREATION MAP



## STATE GAME LANDS No. 226 COLUMBIA COUNTY

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
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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 acres 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

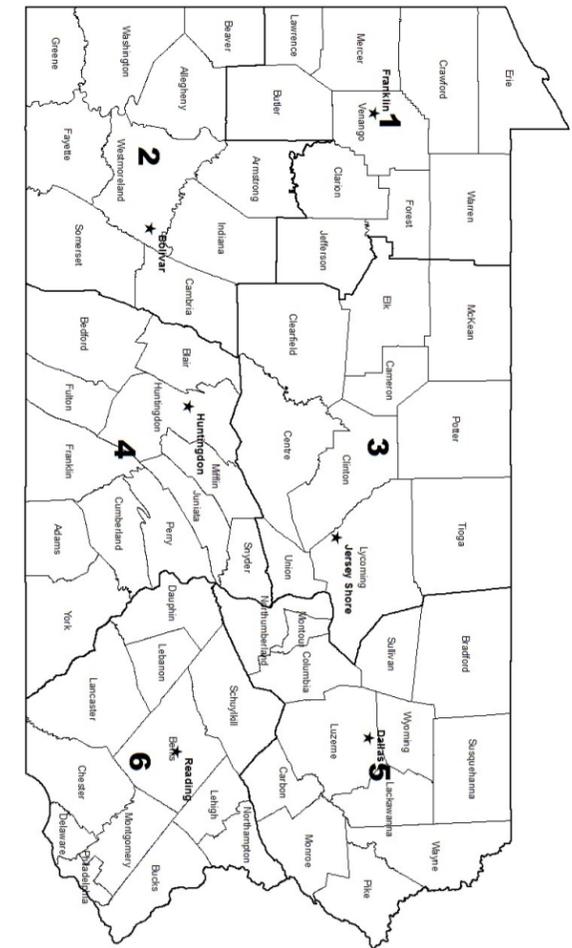
State Game Lands (SGL) Number 226 is located in the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Northeast Region, Madison and Pine Townships, Columbia County. The Game Lands are approximately 55 air miles north of Harrisburg, and about 32 air miles southwest of Wilkes-Barre. The Game Lands are one large, contiguous tract with a highly irregular boundary. There are a number of private inholdings. The Game Lands are approximately 2 miles west of the borough of Millville.

Public access to SGL 226 is excellent. The gamelands is located in proximity to PA 42, PA 44, and PA 254; however, none of these Pennsylvania traffic routes enter the gamelands. Direct access is provided by SR 4023 (Spruce Run Road), SR 4025 (Ants Hill Road), SR 4027 (Legion Road), along with a number of township roads. There are many parking areas located throughout the tract, along with several gated administrative roads.

The topography is rolling with well-defined valleys. Elevations range from around 700 feet near the lowest point of Spruce Run on the southeastern edge of the gamelands, to 1400 feet on the hilltop at the head of Spruce Run in the Muncy Hills. SGL 226 is predominately an oak-hickory forest, with a wide variety of hardwood species and several conifer species also present. Oak species present include red, white, scarlet, black and chestnut. Other common hardwood species found are red and sugar maple, black birch, and yellow poplar. Conifer species include: hemlock; white, pitch, red and scotch pines; and Norway spruce.

State game lands 226 is located in WMU 4E. Hunting opportunities exist for gray squirrels, cottontail rabbits, ruffed grouse, American woodcock, wild turkeys, black bear, and white-tailed deer. The farmland areas of the property are intensively managed with small game hunting in mind and are liberally stocked each fall with ring-necked pheasants for "put and take" hunting. The property is also a site where birds are released for the Game Commission's annual youth pheasant hunting season and beginning in 2009, was used by the local chapter of Pheasants Forever for their annual mentored youth pheasant hunt. It is anticipated that these activities will continue in the future. For the furtaking enthusiast, coyotes and gray fox can be found in the forested areas while raccoons and mink reside in and around the streams and wetland portions of the property. Although currently protected by law, bobcats and fishers can also be found on this tract.

Berry picking, hiking, trail running, cross country skiing, and bird watching are other lawful activities that occur here. 10.93 miles of agency authorized and marked snowmobile trails are also found on the property. Additionally, a horse back trail riding agreement between the Game Commission and the PA. Equine Council/Columbia County Trail Stewardship Program opens 9.39 miles of interior game lands roads to these activities. Also, the Blazing Saddles 4-H Club traditionally uses the property twice a year, under the authority of PGC special permits, to host fund raising "Ride-a-Thons" for local charities.



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| <b>1</b> | <b>NORTHWEST REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS</b><br>Franklin, PA 16823                             | 814-432-3187<br>814-432-3188 |
| <b>2</b> | <b>SOUTHWEST REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS</b><br>4820 ROUTE 711, BOLLICAR, PA 15923             | 724-238-9523<br>724-238-9524 |
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