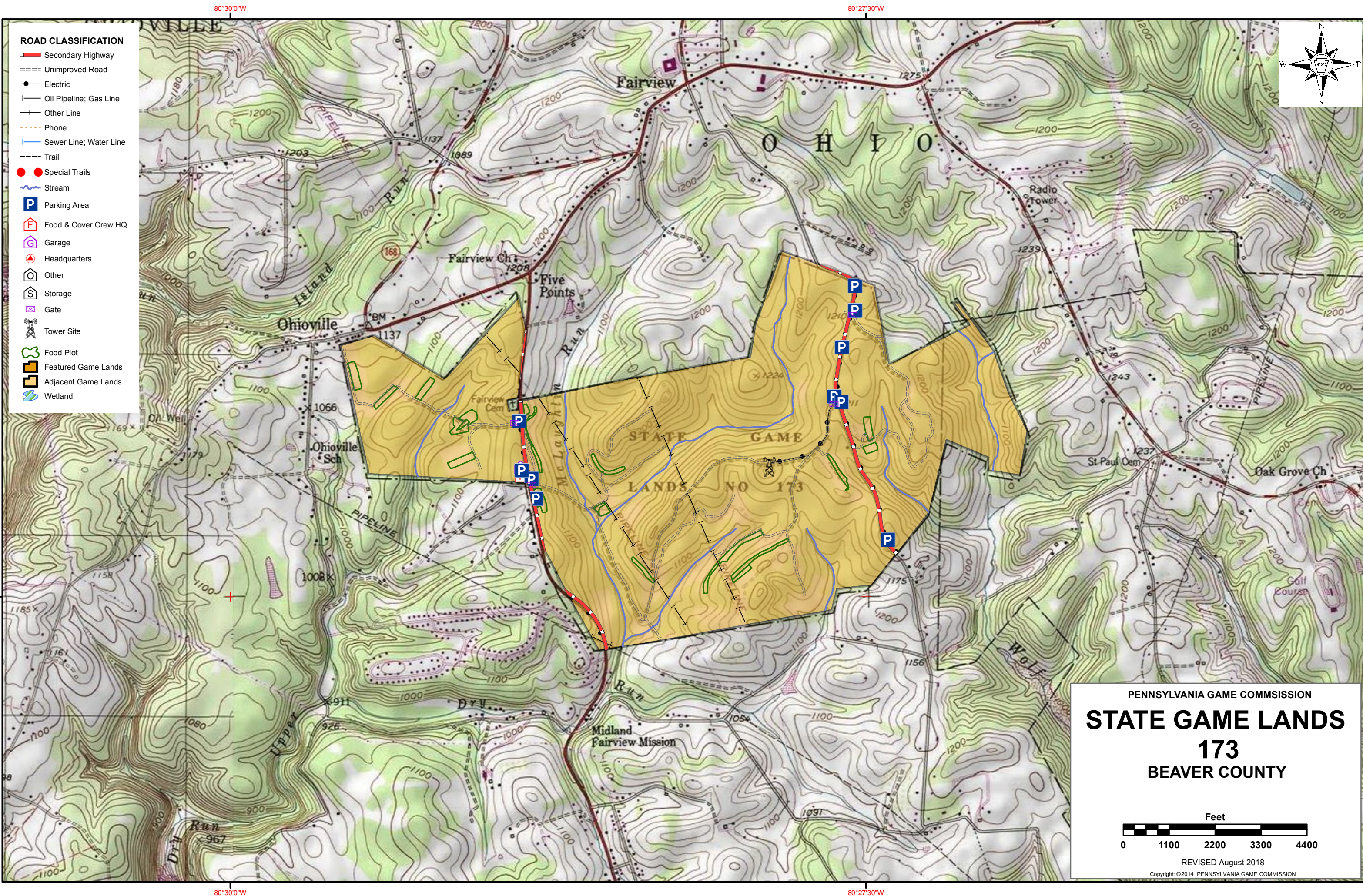






Each time a hunter buys a hunting license, the money he spends goes toward many facets of wildlife management. Since 1920, close to a million and a half acres of State Game Lands have been acquired with these funds. Each year nearly \$7,000,000 is spent to improve wildlife habitat. Habitat improvements 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 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 17110-9797.

SPORTSMEN'S RECREATION MAP



STATE GAME LANDS No. 173 BEAVER COUNTY

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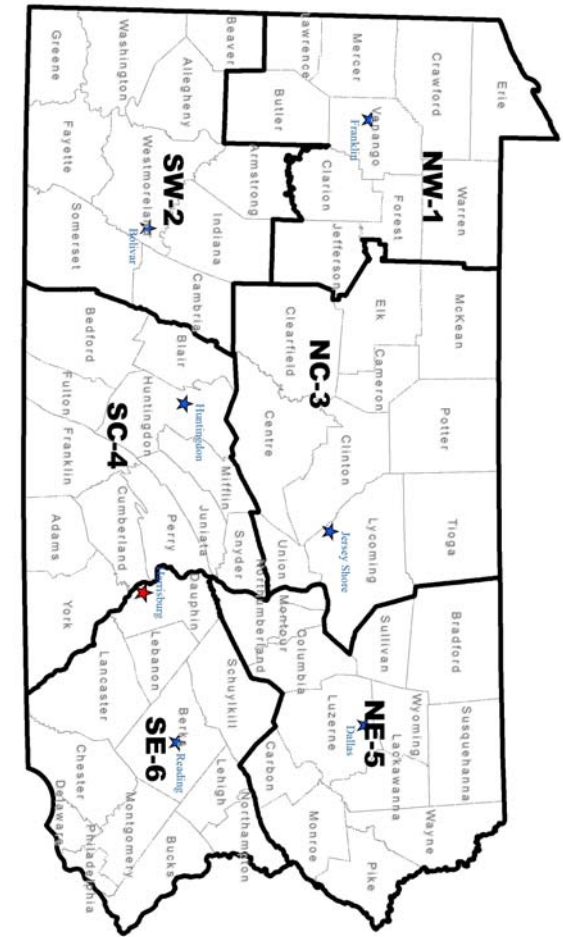
State game land 173 is located in Ohioville Township in Beaver County in wildlife management unit 1A, and currently has 1,063 acres.

Nine public parking areas are maintained on SGL 173. There are nearly 4.3 miles of maintained administrative roads throughout SGL 173, providing for public access to this area by foot. The farthest point on SGL 173 by foot from a parking area or public road is approximately 0.6 miles. All roads are currently closed year-round to public motor vehicle traffic and access is controlled with four locked gates. The gated roads and rights-of-way provide access for hunters and avenues for hiking, wildlife photography and bird-watching.

Hunting and furtaking opportunities include white-tailed deer, turkey, ruffed grouse and squirrel. Furtaking opportunities include raccoon, coyote, red fox, gray fox, beaver, mink, muskrat and possibly bobcat. Stocking of ring-necked pheasant occurs on the SGL. Hunting opportunities are impacted by the relatively small and easily accessible nature of this SGL. Species such as deer and turkey move readily on and off SGL 173 and adjacent private land based on levels of hunting pressure and food availability.

There are no designated trails for horseback riding, mountain biking, and snowmobiling. Multiple gated roads and trails used for management activities and gas line rights-of-ways provide very nice avenues for hiking, bird watching, and other similar forms of outdoor activities.

The habitat management emphasis, a mixed succession structure was selected as a management goal for SGL 173 based on the habitat surrounding the area, the physiographic features of the site, and the species of primary management interest, which focuses on practices favoring the habitat requirements for white-tailed deer and ruffed grouse. This goal will benefit a variety of additional species including turkey, squirrel and non-game birds. Forest management will focus on balancing the forest age class distribution to maximize mast production and improving available habitats for bird species of special concern such as the Kentucky warbler, scarlet tanager and cerulean warbler. Practices will be pursued to encourage the preservation of mature trees, such as the shagbark hickory, and to create standing snags for the nesting and foraging opportunities they provide for bats, woodpeckers and other forest interior birds.



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