

Day: Friday	Start Time: 8:00 am	End Time: 1:30 pm
Co-Leader: Judy Josephs / Amy Kravitz	Co-Leader: Jeffrey Kay / Laura Aronson	Limit: 40 people Radios: 5 / First Aid: 2
Transportation: First Student Bus 1	Driver: Bus Driver	Bus Captain: Jeffrey Kay
Fees: \$18	Travel Distance: 21 Miles	Travel Time: 45 Min

Bushkill Falls Hike



The “Niagara of Pennsylvania,” Bushkill Falls is among the Keystone State’s most famous scenic attractions. This unique series of eight waterfalls, nestled deep in the wooded Pocono Mountains, is accessible through an excellent network of hiking trails, walkways, steps and bridges which afford fabulous views of the falls and the surrounding forest. The drop of the Main Falls is approximately 100 feet. From the top of the first falls to the bottom of the lower gorge, the drop is about 300 feet. In addition to the beautiful views of the falls, there are plenty of places to marvel at the rock formations and plant life. Rhododendrons, hemlocks, wild asters, maidenhair ferns, lichen & moss, are just a few of nature's wonders to enjoy. Not your typical nature walk-- it’s a sightseeing adventure!

The group will take the two-mile Red Trail with many flights of stairs up and down along the water's edge. Most of the trail (but not all) is decked, and many of the steps are decked as well.

Wear sturdy walking/hiking shoes that have good traction for slippery/ mossy, rocky areas. Hiking poles are not recommended. Bring a hat, sunscreen, water, snacks, pack a lunch at breakfast and \$\$\$ for the gift shop. Carry all belongings with you on the trail.

YouTube: [Video 1](#) / [Video 2](#) / [Video 3](#) | Websites: [Facebook](#) / [Vendor Website](#)

Logistics:

- 8:15 am Depart from camp
- 8:15 am – 9:00 am Travel to Bushkill Falls
- 9:00 am – 9:15 am Bathroom/ Ticket Distribution/ Break into two groups
- 9:15 am – 11:30 pm Explore Bushkill falls via the red trail in two directions.
- 11:30 pm – 12:30 pm Lunch and explore shops
- 12:30 pm – 12:45 pm Load Bus
- 12:45 pm – 1:30 pm Return to camp

Meet Your Leader Meeting:

- Divide the group into two parts for walking the trails. One group will hike clockwise and the other counterclockwise along the trail.
- As of 8/15 there are 35 people registered for this activity. There is an expectation that some people will break from the group and do their own thing. They will be responsible to be back by 12:30 pm to load onto the bus.
- Be on time for the bus. The bus will leave with or without participants at the designated times. **DO NOT WAIT FOR ANYONE FOR ANY REASON.**
- **Anyone missing the bus on the way back to camp will need to take a Taxi/Uber on their own expense. Cost is approx. \$40**
- Review the trail type and equipment needs.

Payment: Payment due on arrival with final headcount. Brian Horowitz's Credit Card is on File with company. Please use that card to charge the group.

Maps: We have purchased four scavenger hunt maps. They have a little more detail than the general maps. Pick these up when you pay.

Vendor Info: Bushkill Falls:

- 138 Bushkill Falls Trail, Bushkill, PA 18324 (41.117473, -75.007428 / 41°07'02.9"N 75°00'26.7"W)
- <https://www.visitbushkillfalls.com> / info@visitbushkillfalls.com
- (570) 588-6682 / 888.287.4545 / Fax 570.588.9060
- Main Gate: 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Everyday
- Boat House: 11:30 am–5 pm Everyday

Information on other available trails:

It's a short distance to view the Main Falls from the primary observation deck. Three additional hiking trails provide numerous viewing angles of all eight waterfalls. The trails are designed to appeal to varying ages and physical conditioning.

- **Green trail:** View the Main Falls from the green trail, which takes about 15 minutes. No climbing is involved. However, there are steps.
- **Yellow trail:** View the Main Falls, the Lower Gorge Falls, Laurel Glen, and Upper Canyon, which takes about 45 minutes.
- **Blue trail:** View Pennell Falls, which takes approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- **Red Trail:** This trail is for the avid hiker in that it spans almost 2 miles, includes all eight falls, and takes over two hours to hike.

Map Adventure Program: To enhance your hiking experience, you may suggest taking part in the Map Adventure program. An official trail map has been developed for this adventure. The map is especially detailed and accurate and includes 20 "control points" that can be found on the trails. When five, ten, or twenty locations have been found and verified with a unique punch of your card by a park official, you will become eligible for a monthly prize drawing.

The Map Adventure map includes a handy tree guide, along with facts and trivia about Bushkill Falls. The map and punch card can be purchased in the main gift shop before hiking the trail.

Picnic Notice: While the vendor does allow backpacks on the trail, they discourage any picnicking on the trails. We will have lunch at the picnic area after the hike. It's important NOT to feed the wildlife. Nor do we want them pursuing you for your food. A variety of snacks are available in our souvenir shop and our snack bar located in the main building. Be prepared to potentially engage in bird watching while hiking the trails.

Bird Watching on the Trails: The Pennsylvania Poconos are home to a wide variety of local and migratory bird species including songbirds, ducks and geese, wild turkey, and birds of prey such as owls, hawks, and eagles. Other area wildlife includes black bear, white-tail deer, bobcat, red and grey fox, coyote, raccoon, skunk, opossum, rabbit, squirrel, woodchuck, and chipmunks.

Shops: At Bushkill Falls, several options are available for the shopping enthusiast. All of the shops are located near the entrance of the trails. Just look for the cabin-style buildings, all arranged in a small village-like setting.

- **Main Stand** The souvenir shop with plenty of variety to remember your visit.
- **Nature Nook** Offers nature-oriented items, such as rocks & minerals with identification cards, figurines, and natural soap.
- **Trading Post** Where you'll want to go for Native American mementos.
- **Outfitters** Offers hiking apparel, t-shirts, and hats.
- **Fudge Kitchen** Offers a wide variety of fudge. Be sure to take home several flavors.

Food: Bushkill Falls offers a variety of food to satisfy even the hungriest of appetites. We will be following the Red Trail.

- Their Snack Bar serves beverages, burgers, pizza, wraps, and pulled pork BBQ sandwiches.
- A trip to the Fudge Kitchen will provide a glimpse and taste of a wide variety of fudge flavors. Freshly made funnel cakes can also be enjoyed. We feature Hershey's hand-dipped ice cream, ice cream sodas, and sundaes.
- There is a picnic area complete with charcoal grills, picnic tables, and covered pavilions for your comfort and convenience.

History

Bushkill Falls has been an attraction in the Pocono Mountains since 1904. Early visitors arrived by horse-drawn wagon or carriage. Those who came to the area on day trips could hire a ride from the closest railroad station. Some arrived by vehicles furnished by nearby boarding houses, hotels, and resorts. And still, others came on foot strolling up from the Peters House, located about two miles below or walking down from Unity House.

Bushkill Falls' founder, Charles E. Peters, was convinced that the scenic glens, ravines, and falls, once they were made easily accessible, were destined to be enjoyed by many people. Peters loved the area, which had been so dramatically carved by the last great glacier. He wanted to share its beauty with others. His dream was to turn 300 acres, almost prophetically purchased by his father, uncle, and grandmother into something that could be seen by all. It all began with a driveway cut through the woods from the nearest road to the high ground above the main falls. The trees he felled were used to build a bridge. A path was cleared to the Main Falls, and he christened his attraction "The Niagara of Pennsylvania" and posted a sign that said "Admission 10 cents."

During the last summer before the United States entered World War I, about 30,000 visitors viewed Bushkill Falls. Today, more than 200,000 visits annually.

Bushkill Falls is still owned by the Estate of Charles E. Peters. Management has maintained Peters' determination to protect and preserve the natural environment. The streams feeding the falls are rated Exceptional Value which is among the cleanest and most outstanding waters in all of Pennsylvania. The falls also support excellent diversity and populations of aquatic life.

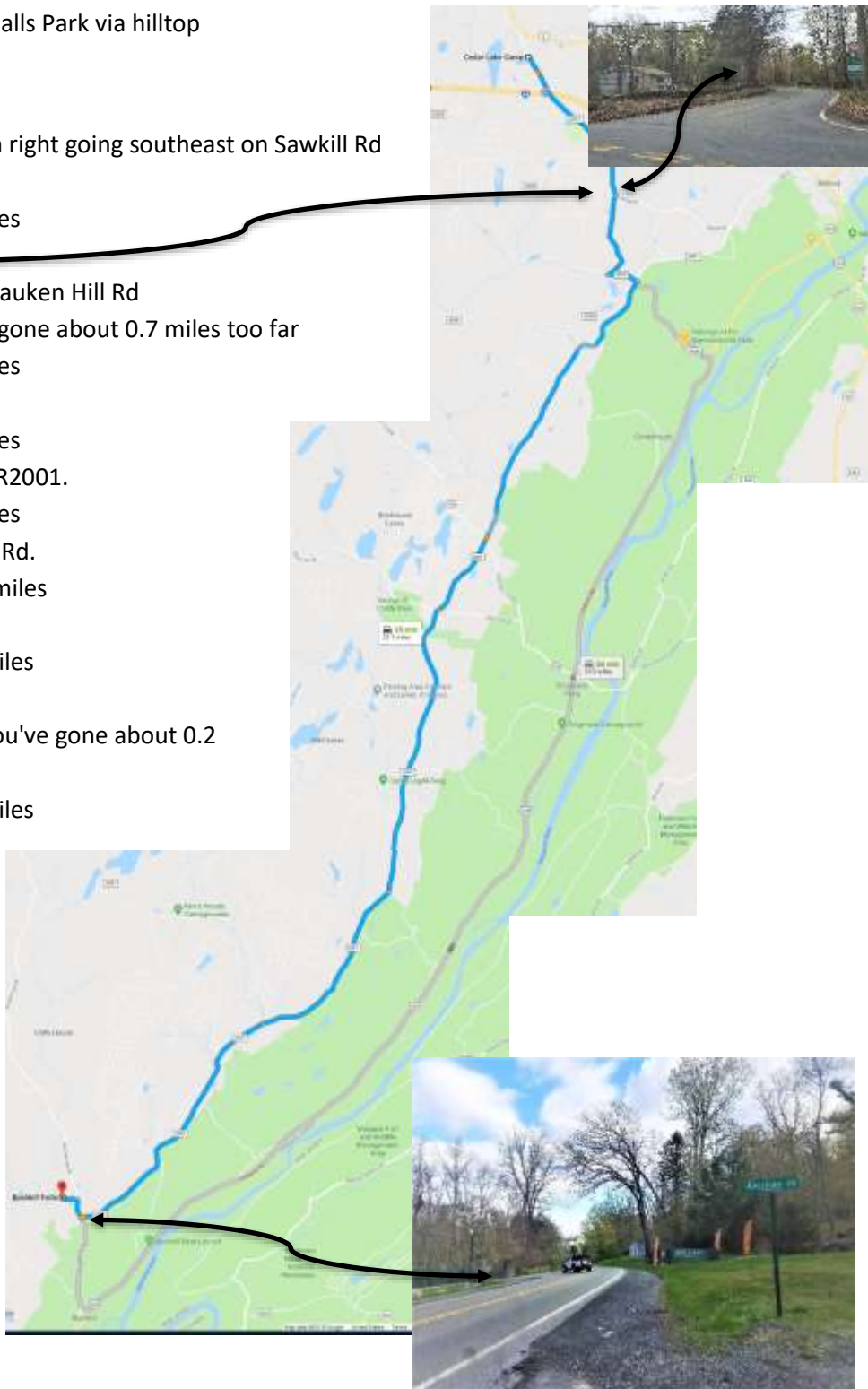
(Excerpts from "The Story of Bushkill Falls – From the Delaware Indians to Charles Peters and His Dream." Available at Bushkill Falls.)

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Directions from Cedar Lake Camp to Bushkill Falls Park via hilltop

41MIN 21.0MI

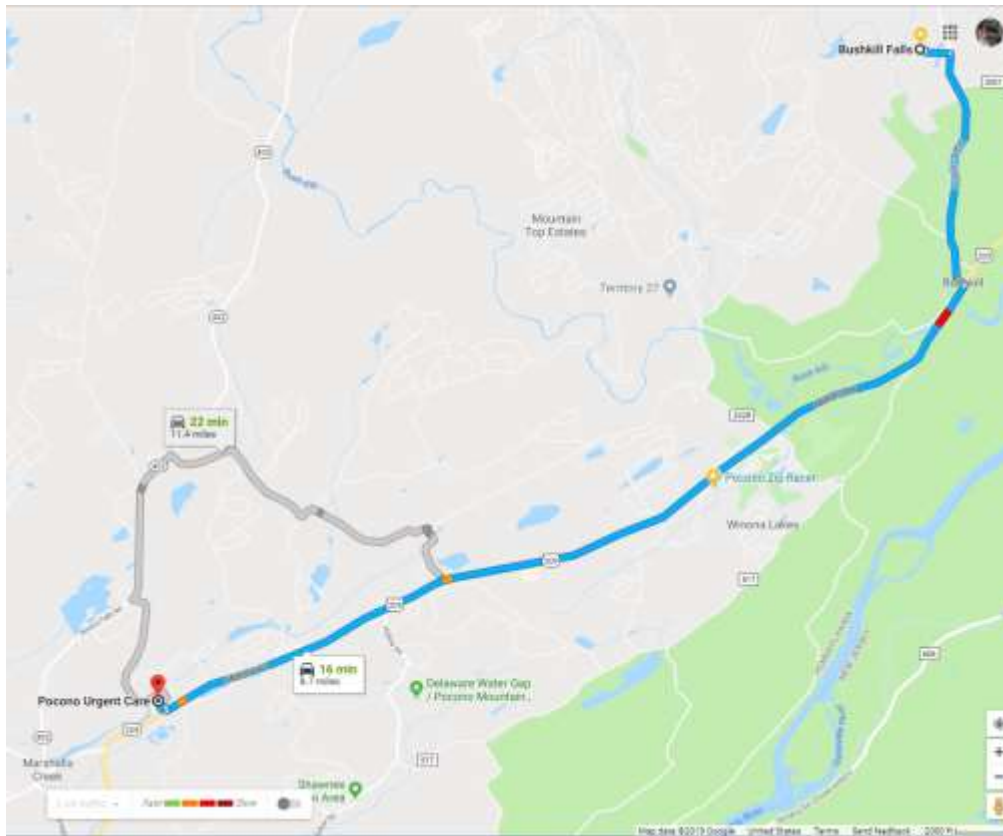
1. Go out of the camp driveway and turn right going southeast on Sawkill Rd toward Honeywell Rd.
 - a. Then 2.35 miles 2.35 total miles
2. Turn right onto Kiesel Rd.
 - a. Kiesel Rd is 0.1 miles past Vanauken Hill Rd
 - b. If you reach Fisher Ln, you've gone about 0.7 miles too far
 - c. Then 1.26 miles 3.60 total miles
3. Turn left onto Raymondskill Rd.
 - a. Then 0.44 miles 4.04 total miles
 - b. Turn right onto Route 2001/SR2001.
 - c. Then 1.83 miles 5.88 total miles
4. Route 2001/SR2001 becomes Milford Rd.
 - a. Then 14.68 miles 20.56 total miles
5. Turn right onto Bushkill Falls Rd.
 - a. Then 0.27 miles 20.83 total miles
6. Take the 1st left.
 - a. If you reach Pacmont Loop, you've gone about 0.2 miles too far
 - b. Then 0.18 miles 21.01 total miles
7. Take the 1st right.
 - a. Then 0.02 miles 21.03 total miles
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Pocono Urgent Care, Marshalls Creek (East Stroudsburg)

- www.poconocares.com / poconourgentcare@poconocares.com
- Phone: (570) 872-9615 / Fax: (570) 872-9255
- 4545 Milford Rd, Suite 140, East Stroudsburg, PA, 18302
- M-F 9 AM – 7:30 PM / Sat 10 am – 7 pm / Sun 10 am – 6 pm



Driving directions from Bushkill Falls to Pocono Urgent Care, Marshalls Creek (East Stroudsburg)

16MIN 8.7MI

1. Start out going south on Bushkill Falls Rd toward Milford Rd.
 - a. Then 1.82 miles 1.82 total miles
2. Turn right onto Milford Rd/US-209 S.
 - a. Then 6.41 miles 8.23 total miles
3. Pocono Urgent Care, Marshalls Creek (East Stroudsburg) is on your right in the Price Chopper Mall next to Family Dollar.
 - a. Your destination is 0.1 miles past Yale Ct
 - b. If you reach Mount Nebo Rd, you've gone about 0.1 miles too far