

Day: Sunday	Start Time: 8:30 am	End Time: 4:30 pm
Co-Leader: Ariel Hopes	Co-Leader: Robin Schaffer	Limit: 12 people
Transportation: Van C	Driver: Stacey Cohen	Radios: 2 / First Aid Kit: 1
Fees: none	Travel Distance: 6 miles one-way	Travel Time: 10 min one-way

Moderate Hike in Cliff Park with Waterfalls and Mountain Views

Hike seven miles with 900 ft overall elevation gain (400 ft. in the first mile) in Cliff Park, Milford, PA including views of Hackers Falls and the Delaware Water Gap. Add an optional one mile/220 ft elevation change for views of Raymondskill Falls (the highest waterfall in Pennsylvania). The trail to Hackers Falls is relatively easy with some rocky areas. The trail to Raymondskill Falls is rooty and steep, with some steps.

Cliff Trail offers some of the most spectacular overlook views in the serpentine Delaware River Valley from atop the Raymondskill Ridge. Reward-to-effort ratio is high on this hike. After an initial uphill climb, follow a mostly level ridge with views from at least four vantage points, it is possible to see three states (Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York). These views were so inspiring to early filmmakers that several westerns were filmed using this magnificent scenery as stand-ins for the landscapes out west. About halfway, you arrive at Milford Knob where you will have a vantage point of the town of Milford, PA below and High Point, NJ in the background.

As you go deep in a thick forest, you can hear the flow of water as you descend into the mystical valley that holds the fan-shaped Hackers Falls, which is more than 20 feet tall. As you near the falls, the thundering sound is a dead giveaway to the exact location. Time to turn off the phone, and enjoy what has been provided to us for free.

Back at the parking lot, head down about a ½ mile to visit Raymondskill Falls. The three-tiered Raymondskill Falls is the tallest waterfall in Pennsylvania. If you add the drops from each tier together, the waterfall is only a few feet shorter than Niagara Falls. While the trail is short, it is fairly steep and uneven. The upper viewing area provides a view of the upper pool and the top of one of the drops. The lower viewing area provides a great photo opportunity of the falls. A spur off the main trails provides a quarter-mile, one-way walk to Raymondskill Creek (this trail does not lead to the bottom of the falls).

- Bring standard hiking gear: Hat, Food, Water, Hiking Stick, Sturdy Hiking Shoes
- Pack your lunch during breakfast
- Distance from camp: 6 miles / 10 min one way
- [Facebook of Hackers Falls](#) | [Google Images of Hackers Falls](#)

Logistics:

- 8:30 am Leave Camp
- 8:30 am – 9:00 am Travel to lower Raymondskill Falls parking lot/ prep to hike
- 9:00 am – 2:30 pm Hike Cliff Park. Have lunch at Hackers Falls
- 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm View Raymondskill Falls
- 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm Travel back to camp

Statistics

Cliff Park loop with Hackers Falls from the lower Raymondskill Falls parking lot

- Distance: 7.0 miles
- Duration: 4.5 hours
- Average Speed: 1.6 mph
- Minimum Elevation: 660 feet
- Maximum Elevation: 1,035 feet
- Total climb: 940 feet
- Total descent: 923 feet
- <https://www.njhiking.com/cliff-park-milford-knob-hackers-falls/>
- <https://www.eastcoasthiker.com/trails/raymonskillfalls/>

Raymondskill Falls out & back from the lower Raymondskill Falls parking lot

- Distance: 1.1 miles
- Duration: 1 hour, 34 minutes
- Average Speed: 0.7 mph
- Minimum Elevation: 485 feet
- Maximum Elevation: 693 feet
- Total climb: 356 feet
- Total descent: 328 feet
- <https://www.njhiking.com/raymondskill-falls/>

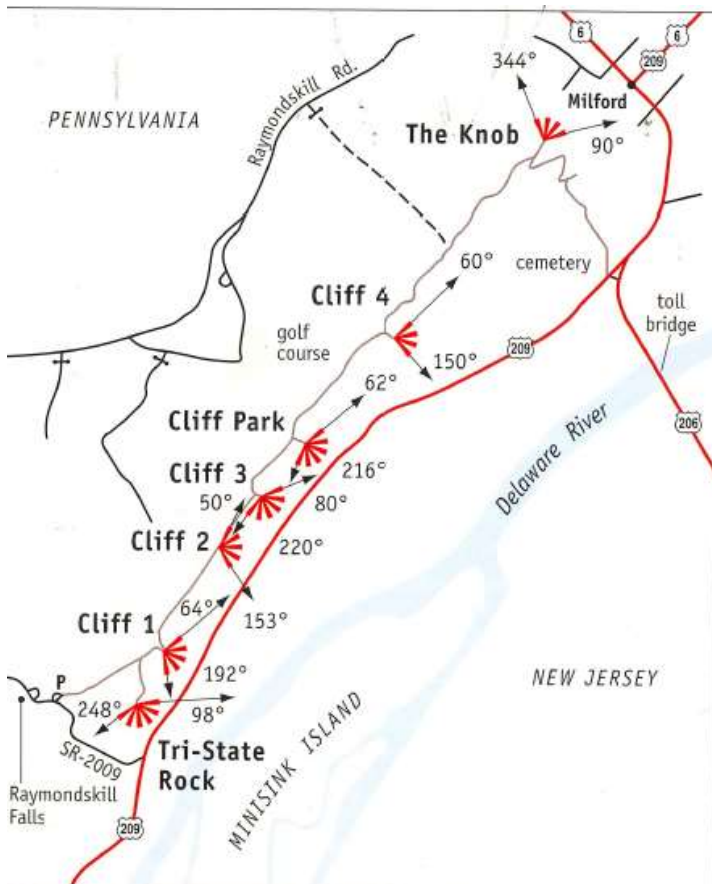


There are two parking areas in Cliff Park. The lower parking lot was picked because it is the best location to hit both waterfalls and the cliff overlooks. The upper parking lot has a restroom.

Land Manager: NPS - Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

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Tri-State Rock



- **Type:** cliff **Field of view:** 98° to 248°
- **Rating:** 5 **Relief:** 100 feet
- **GPS:** 41° 17.420'N, 74° 50.089'W
Elevation difference: 475 feet
- **Faces:** 192° **Height:** 841 feet

Cliff 1

- **Type:** cliff **Field of view:** 64° to 192°
- **Rating:** 5 **Relief:** 80 feet
- **GPS:** 41° 17.576'N, 74° 49.972'W
Elevation difference: 522 feet

Cliff 2

- **Type:** cliff **Field of view:** 50° to 153°
- **Rating:** 5 **Relief:** 90 feet
- **GPS:** 41° 17.884'N, 74° 49.766'W
Elevation difference: 600 feet
- **Faces:** 110° **Height:** 937 feet

Cliff 3

- **Type:** cliff **Field of view:** 80° to 220°
- **Rating:** 5 **Relief:** 150 feet
- **GPS:** 41° 18.013'N, 74° 49.623'W
Elevation difference: 500 feet
- **Faces:** 140° **Height:** 944 feet

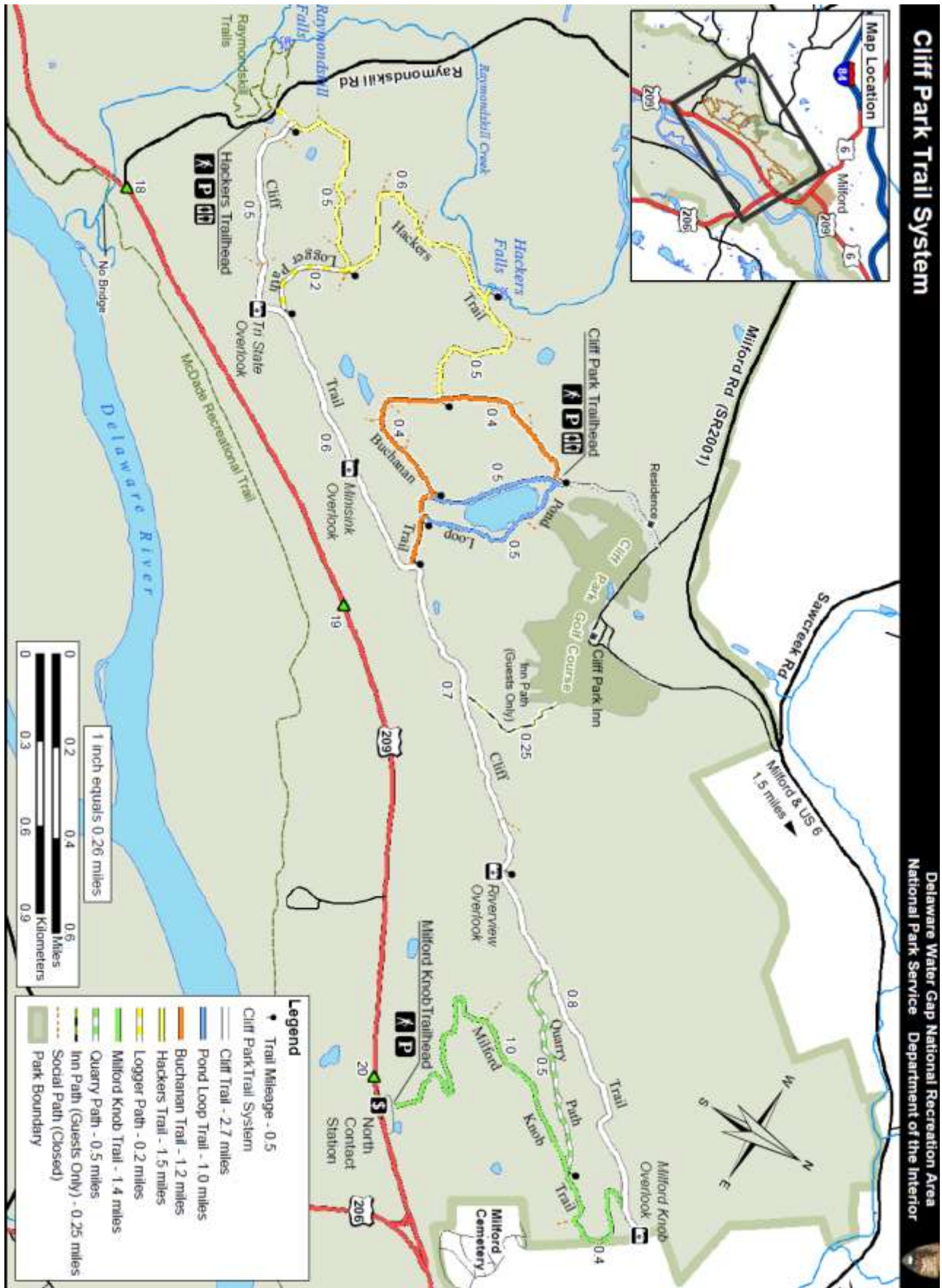
Cliff 4

- **Type:** cliff **Field of view:** 60° to 150°
- **Rating:** 15 **Relief:** 50 feet
- **GPS:** 41° 18.503'N, 74° 49.085'W
Elevation difference: 573 feet
- **Faces:** 100° **Height:** 940 feet

The Knob

- **Type:** ridge **Field of view:** 344° to 90°
- **Rating:** 2 **Relief:** 20 feet
- **GPS:** 41° 19.086'N, 74° 48.491'W
Elevation difference: 453 feet
- **Faces:** 53° **Height:** 820 feet
- **Best times:** sunrise through midmorning
Time: 3 hours
- **Difficulty:** easy to moderate; several ups
- **Elevation change:** 700 feet and downs
- **Distance:** 6.8 miles
- **Best lenses:** All
- **Faces:** Southeasterly





The Cliff Trail

Trail Description from <https://www.eastcoasthiker.com/trails/raymonskillfalls>

Across the street from the **lower** parking lot is the start of the Cliff Trail. **The first 0.1 miles** is the yellow-blazed Hackers Trail. From the Hackers Trail, you will take a 90-degree **right** turn onto the Cliff Trail, cross a bridge and head up the hill. The **blazes for the Cliff Trail are white circles**. You will gain about 300 feet in elevation over 0.5 miles on this wide well-maintained trail. When you have reached the top of the hill, most of the hard work is over, and you will begin to see views. In this picture, you can see the Delaware River and the [High Point NJ monument](#).

Stay on the marked trail; this will take you to all the main vistas (about 4). The end of this linear trail is at the Milford Knob Overlook; if you have not guessed it already, the view is of the Town of Milford.

After you stop for the view at Milford Knob go back the way you came until you reach Buchanan Trail on the right (orange blaze). Note: Buchanan Trail is 0.7-mile past Quarry Path Trail (on the left) on the return trip.

Optional Add-On: About 0.4 miles on the Buchanan Trail, you will come to Pond Loop Trail to the right. This will go around a small pond and add about a ½ mile to your hike. There is a bathroom at the far end of the pond at the other parking lot in the park. It will reconnect to Buchanan Trail on the other end. You will need to turn right onto Hackers Trail if you use the Pond Loop Trail (see map).

No Add-On: Turn off Cliff Trail onto Buchanan Trail and go just over a ½ mile (about the midpoint of Buchanan Trail) to Hackers Trail on the left. The **Hacker Trail** is marked with a yellow circle, do not get confused and take an unmarked trail.



Buchanan Trail Marker



Pond View from Pond Trail



Hackers Trailhead Marker



View from Milford Knob

The Hacker Trail is an easy hike, and it does not take long to get to the falls. The waterfall is about 20 feet high and is a nice addition to the day's hike. The falls is a good spot for water and/or food break.

After the falls, proceed along a steep, uphill climb. At the top of the hill, you will come to a T. Hackers Trail leads to the left back to the parking lot. As an option, the unmarked/unmapped trail to the right will end farther down Hackers Trail (turn right to head down to the parking lot).



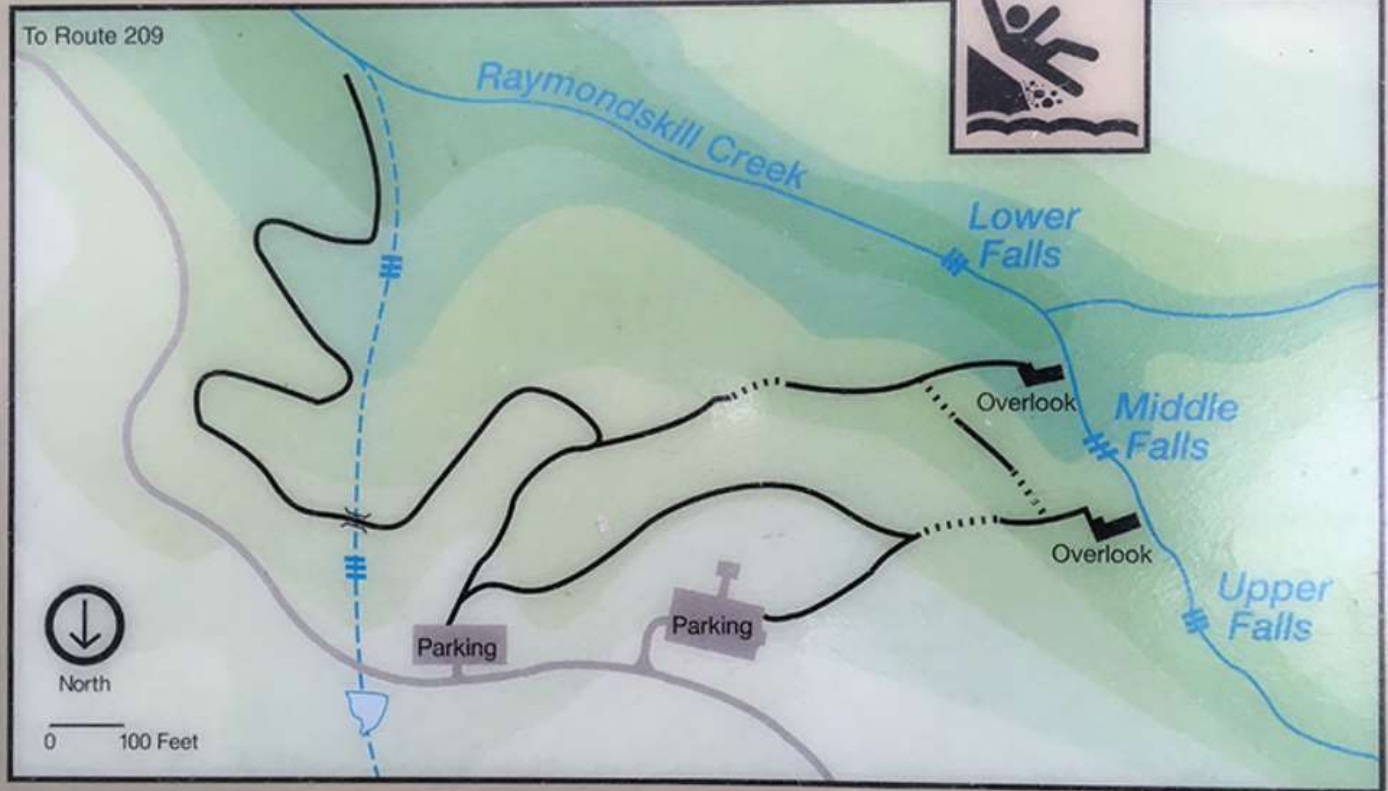
Hackers Falls

Please stay on the trail.

Persons with medical conditions should limit their activity.

The trail is steep and has steps.

Wet rocks are slippery!



Raymondskill Creek
1 mile round trip
200-ft ascent on return

Middle Falls
1/2 mile round trip
150-ft ascent on return

Upper Falls
1/4 to 1/2 mile round trip
70-ft ascent on return

njakking.com

Raymondskill Falls

Raymondskill Falls is made up of three tiers, which have the effect of creating a dramatic cascade. The frothing falls are the tallest waterfall in Pennsylvania. Combined, the total height is only a few feet shorter than Niagara Falls. Visitors to the park will enjoy the short trip along the Raymondskill Creek Trail, where the falls soon come into view. There is a lower viewpoint, which highlights the full extent of the tumbling water, and an upper viewpoint, where visitors can take in the serene pool the precedes the waterfall. An additional one mile/200 ft elevation change hike on the Raymondskill Creek Trail will bring you to multiple viewpoints. Be aware that the trail can be surprisingly strenuous down a semi-rugged hill to get to the main part of the falls.

The three tiers to these falls and the trail provided by the national park will bring you to the middle and top. The middle section has a viewing platform where you can see a good portion of the 178-foot waterfall. It is a great experience, especially after a big rainstorm. Steps lead you to the top where you can get a limited view looking down. There is a great view from the bottom but no direct official trail leading there. The unofficial trails leading down are VERY DANGEROUS AND NOT RECOMMENDED. Swimming, wading or jumping are not permitted in the falls or within 50 feet of the falls.

Below is the description of the 1.1-mile loop. The surface is rooty and steep, with some steps.

From the parking lot, head STRAIGHT towards the middle falls overlook (they're not named as such, just going by their position on the detailed map). When done, continue the rocky path to the upper falls overlook. From the upper falls overlook, continue the trail, keeping right to the lower parking lot.

As an option, for the creek trail, veer LEFT on the trail from the parking lot. The trail curves steeply downhill, passing a cascade, until reaching creek level. The creek can be explored to the left and the right a bit. When done, retrace to the junction with the path to Hackers Lot/middle overlook.

[Trip Advisor Review](#)

[Current Trail Conditions within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area](#)

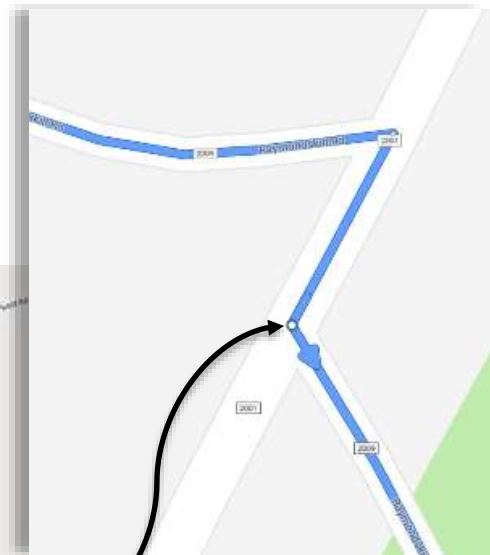
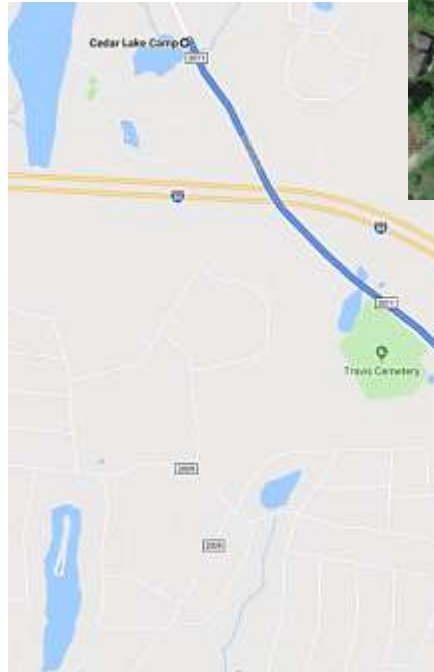
Driving Directions from Cedar Lake Camp to Raymondskill Falls Parking (Raymondskill Rd, Milford, PA 18337)

41°17'24.6"N 74°50'27.8"W | 41.290161, -74.841066

½ mile downhill (SE) from 917 Raymondskill Rd, Milford, PA 18337

10 MIN | 5.3 MI

1. Head 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. At the end of Kiesel Road, turn left onto Raymondskill Rd.
 - a. Then 0.44 miles 4.04 total miles
4. At the end of the road. Turn right at the stop sign onto Route 2001/SR2001. There will be a white picket fence.
 - a. Then 0.01 miles 4.06 total miles
5. Then quick 1st left back onto Raymondskill Rd.
 - a. If you reach Hampton Green St, you've gone about 0.5 miles too far
 - b. Then 1.23 miles 5.29 total miles
6. The parking lot for Raymondskill Falls will be on the right. There are two parking lots on the right, one right after the other. The signs for the parking lot face the other direction. The road will start going downhill on a windy thin road in this area and is no place to turn around (if you miss the parking lots) until you get to the bottom.
 - a. If you reach US Hwy 209, you've gone about 0.4 miles too far.



EMERGENCY Urgent Care:

Milford Health & Wellness, 111 East Catharine Street, Suite 130, Milford, PA 18337 | 570-409-9700

<https://www.atlantichealth.org/conditions-treatments/urgent-care/milford-urgent-care.html>

Driving Directions from Raymondskill Falls Parking Lot to Milford Urgent Care

7MIN 3.8MI

1. Start out going east on Raymondskill Rd toward US Highway 209/US-209 N/US-209 S.
 - a. Then 0.48 miles 0.48 total miles
2. Turn left onto US Highway 209/US-209 N. Continue to follow US-209 N.
 - a. Then 3.03 miles 3.51 total miles
3. Turn right onto 3rd St.
 - a. 3rd St is just past Strawberry Aly
 - b. If you reach Cranberry Ln you've gone a little too far
 - c. Then 0.15 miles 3.66 total miles
4. Turn left onto E Catharine St.
 - a. E Catharine St is just past Apple Aly
 - b. If you reach E High St you've gone a little too far
 - c. Then 0.17 miles 3.83 total miles
5. Milford Health & Wellness is on the left.
 - a. Your destination is just past 4th St
 - b. If you reach Blackberry Aly, you've gone a little too far

