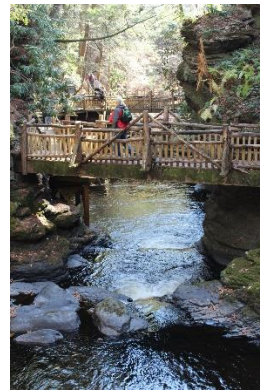


Day: Friday	Start Time: 8:30 am	End Time: 2:00 pm
Co-Leader:	Co-Leader:	Limit: 40 people Radios: 5 / First Aid: 2
Transportation: Bus	Driver: Bus Driver	Bus Captain:
Fees: \$38	Travel Distance: 21 Miles	Travel Time: 36Min

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 one hundred feet. The drop is about three hundred feet from the top of the first falls to the bottom of the lower gorge. 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. It is not your typical nature walk-- it is a sightseeing adventure!

The group will take the two-mile Red Trail, which has 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 also decked.

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

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

Logistics:

- 8:30 am Depart from camp.
- 8:30 am – 9:05 am Travel to Bushkill Falls
- 9:05 am – 9:20 am Bathroom/ Ticket Distribution/ Break into two groups
- 9:20 am—12:00 pm Explore Bushkill Falls via the red trail in two directions. This allows extra time to walk slowly and take pictures.
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch and explore shops.
- 1:00 pm – 1:15 pm Load Bus
- 1:15 pm – 2:00 pm Return to camp

Meet Your Leader Meeting:

- Divide the group into two groups to walk the trails. One group will hike clockwise and the other counterclockwise.
- As of XX, XX people are registered for this activity. Some people are expected to break from the group and do their own thing. They are responsible for returning by 12:45 p.m. 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 must take a Taxi/Uber at their own expense. The cost is approximately \$XX.** One area taxi services have typical wait times of 50 to 60 minutes. [Pocono Cab](#) – (570) 424-2800. Ubers are far and few in this area and can take hours to arrive.
- Review the trail type and equipment needs.

Leader Note: Do **NOT** stop for Ice Cream in Milford on the way back unless you are willing to **pay Mosaic for the extra bus fees** (over \$200 previously) caused by the additional time/stop. Ice cream is available on-site from the vendor. Please stick to the transportation schedule as planned.

Payment: Payment is due on arrival with the final headcount. Brian Horowitz's Credit Card is on File with the company. Please use that card to charge the group. Please give Brian the receipt of the final bill for his records.

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 every day
- Boat House: 11:30 am–5 pm every day

Information on other available trails:

Viewing the Main Falls from the primary observation deck is a short distance. 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. It spans almost two miles, includes all eight falls, and takes over 2 hours to hike.

Map Adventure Program: To enhance your hiking experience, consider taking part in the Map Adventure program. An official trail map has been developed for this adventure. The map is incredibly 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, 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 picnicking. We will have lunch at the picnic area after the hike. It is important NOT to feed the wildlife, nor do we want them pursuing you for your food. Various snacks are available in our souvenir shop and snack bar in the main building. Be prepared to potentially engage in bird watching while hiking the trails.

Bird Watching on the Trails: The Pennsylvania Poconos is home to various local and migratory bird species, including songbirds, ducks and geese, wild turkeys, and birds of prey such as owls, hawks, and eagles. Other areas' wildlife includes black bears, white-tail deer, bobcats, red and grey foxes, coyotes, raccoons, skunks, opossums, rabbits, squirrels, woodchucks, and chipmunks.

Shops: Bushkill Falls offers several shopping options for the enthusiast. All the shops are located near the trail entrance. Look for the cabin-style buildings arranged in a small village-like setting.

- **Main Stand:** The souvenir shop has 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 will 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.

- 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 various fudge flavors. Freshly made funnel cakes can also be enjoyed. We feature Hershey's hand-dipped ice cream, sodas, and sundaes.
- There is a picnic area 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 visited 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. Still, others came on foot, strolling up from 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 where the last great glacier had been carved so dramatically. He wanted to share its beauty with others. His dream was to turn three hundred acres, prophetically purchased by his father, uncle, and grandmother, into something all could see. It all began with a driveway cut through the woods from the nearest road to the high ground above the central 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 visitors make the trip annually.

The Estate of Charles E. Peters still owns Bushkill Falls. Management has maintained Peter's determination to protect and preserve the natural environment. The streams feeding the falls are rated Exceptional Value, 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.)

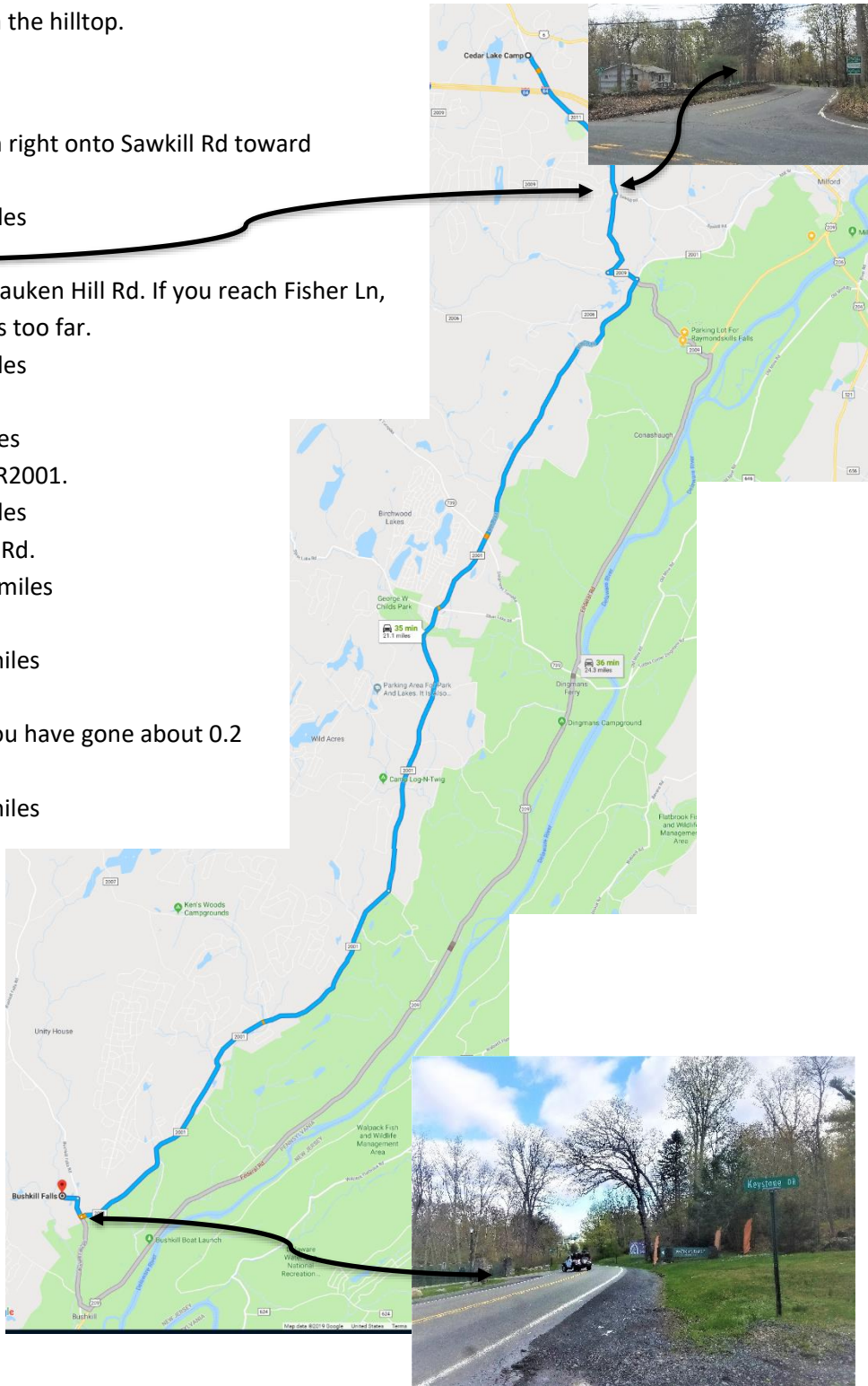


JOE 2025 Information Packet for **Bushkill Falls Hike**

Directions from Camp to Bushkill Falls Park via the hilltop.

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1. Go out of the camp driveway and turn right onto 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. If you reach Fisher Ln, you have gone about 0.7 miles too far.
 - b. 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 first left.
 - a. If you reach Pacmont Loop, you have gone about 0.2 miles too far.
 - b. Then 0.18 miles, 21.01 total miles
7. Take the first right.
 - a. Then 0.02 miles, 21.03 total miles
8. Bushkill Falls: 138 Bushkill Falls Trail, Bushkill, PA 18324 (41.117473, -75.007428 / 41°07'02.9"N 75°00'26.7" W)



Nearest Hospital: [Lehigh Valley Hospital – Pocono](#)

24 Min / 14 ½ Miles: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/raETAQSJuxxiDdC7>

206 East Brown Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301-3006

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