

JOE 2025 Information Packet for Fluviarchy Tour

Day: Saturday	Start Time: 8:30 am	End Time: 3:00 pm
Co-Leader:	Co-Leader:	Limit: 15 people
Transportation: Van or Personal Car	Driver:	Bus Captain: N/A
Fees: \$14 Transportation Fee	Travel Distance: Total 34.5 miles	Travel Time: Total 56 min /in five parts

Fluviarchy Tour

Milford offers a unique experience for nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts. It is situated atop an escarpment with breathtaking views of the Delaware River. This remarkable location features a distinctive element known as a "fluviarchy," a spectacular network of waterfalls fed by streams cascading down a 100-foot (30 m) elevation. These stunning falls enhanced the area's natural beauty and played a vital role in Milford's economy during the nineteenth century by providing waterpower for local mills. Discover Milford, where nature meets history, and the community thrives!

George W. Childs Park

First up on our adventure is George W. Childs Park Trail! This scenic trek follows the enchanting Dingmans Creek through a lush ravine with breathtaking waterfalls and historic structures. Our short hike passes three stunning waterfalls: the 30-foot Deer Leap Falls, the 56-foot Fulmer Falls, and the unique three-tiered Factory Falls at 18 feet, all within a shady ravine. Experience nature on our 1.4-mile trail with a minimal elevation gain of 180 feet. Whether you prefer strolls on smooth paths, boardwalks, or exploring gravel trails, there is something for everyone. Discover remnants of an old woolen mill from 1823 to 1832, offering a fascinating glimpse into the area's history. This site is named after George W. Childs, a philanthropist whose widow deeded the land to the state of Pennsylvania in 1912. Immerse yourself in nature and history at this stunning park!

Lower Hornbecks Creek Trail

The Hornbecks Creek Trail, also known as Indian Ladders, is a hidden gem in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. This trail follows an old roadbed alongside Hornbecks Creek, leading to a charming waterfall framed by symmetrical cliffs and a round plunge pool. As you hike, enjoy the picturesque flow of the creek, which is always nearby. The trail offers a gradual ascent and is primarily easy, with short, steep hills. It starts flat and remains close to the creek, featuring a wide, smooth path free of rocks and roots. You will cross several footbridges as the trail meanders.

Raymondskill Falls

Raymondskill Falls, at 150 feet (46 meters), is often deemed Pennsylvania's tallest waterfall, though some argue it shares this title with nearby Dingmans Falls, which has a single drop of 130 feet. The stunning three-tiered cascade flows into a forest ravine. A short, family-friendly hike leads to overlooks offering views of the falls' power and beauty. Ideal for hikers, photographers, and nature lovers, Raymondskill Falls is an unforgettable escape. The trail, starting at the parking area, combines packed dirt, wooden steps, and boardwalks through a tranquil hardwood forest. This 6/10 Mile (1km) hike has a 200-foot (61-meter) elevation gain, with the steepest section leading to the upper platform. After a brief

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downhill walk, you'll find a wooden viewing platform at the base (Viewpoint of Lower Falls) offering an impressive view of the cascading tiers. Continuing up steps, take the right fork to the elevated platform for a dramatic view of the water plunging into the gorge at the Upper Falls Overlook.

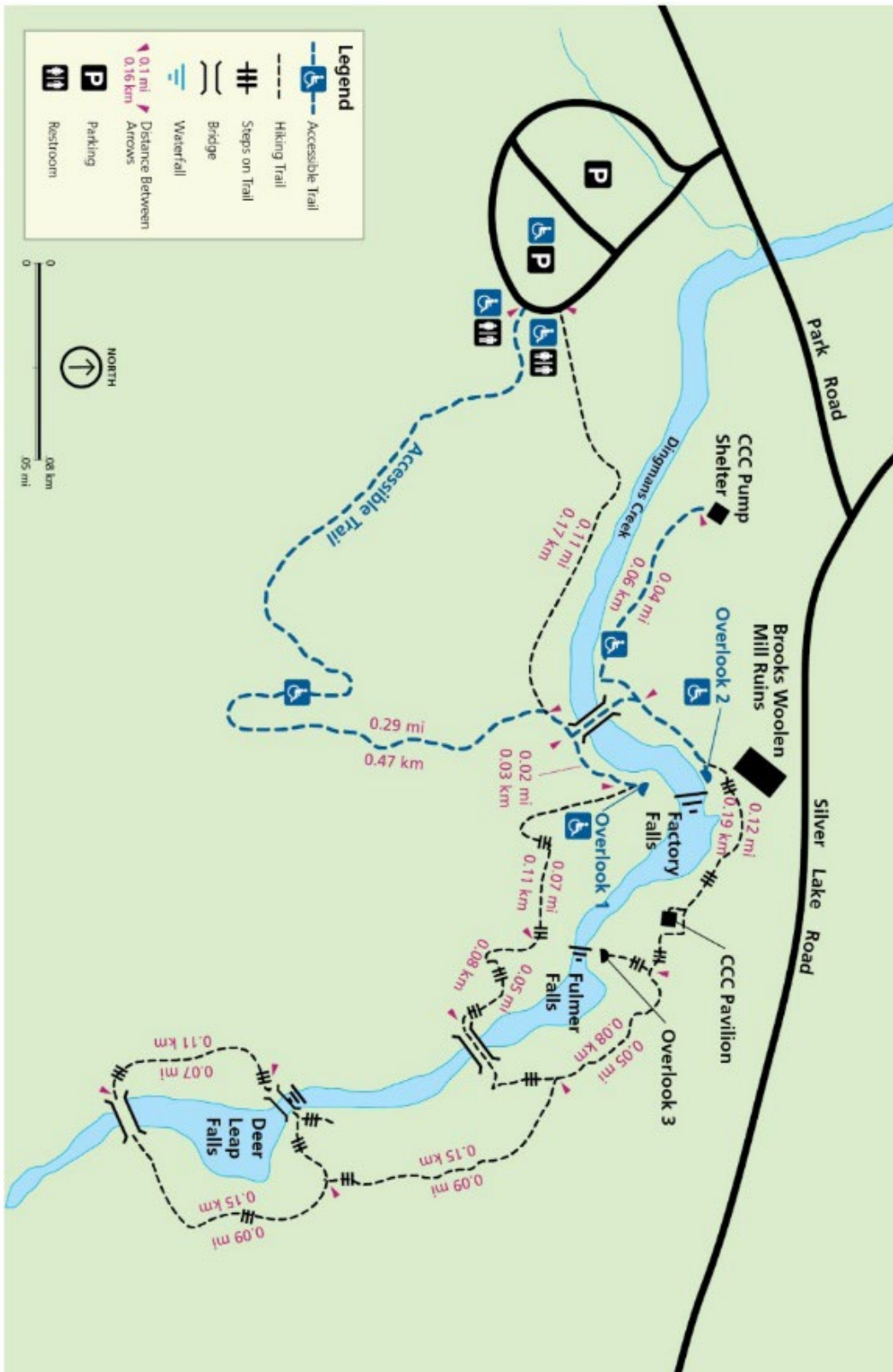
- Bring a hat, food, water, a hiking stick, sturdy shoes, and water shoes for wading.
- Pack lunch at breakfast to bring with you.
- Maps: NYNJTC Delaware Water Gap & Kittatinny Trails Map 2021 - 8th edition Paper / Digital
- Cost: \$14 Transportation Fee (bring cash with you for ice cream)
- Time: 8:30 am ~ 4:30 pm
- Limit: 12 People
- Round Trip Driving: 34 miles / 52 min broken into five parts.
- Vehicle: Passenger Van or Personal Cars (TBD)

Logistics:

- Pack Lunch during breakfast.
- 8:30- Depart from camp.
- 8:30 – 8:50: Travel from Camp to George W. Childs Park
- 8:50 – 9:00: Gear Check and Hike Prep
- 9:00 – 10:30: Explore George W. Childs Park
- 10:30 – 10:45 Travel from George W. Childs Park to Hornbecks Creek Trail
- 10:45 – 1:15 Explore Hornbecks Creek Trail to Lower Indian Ladder Falls (have lunch at the falls)
- 1:15 – 1:30: Travel from Hornbecks Creek Trail to Raymondskill Falls
- 1:30 – 2:30: Explore Raymondskill Falls
- 2:30 – 2:45: Travel from Raymondskill Falls to Downtown Milford and Dairy Bar
- 2:45 – 3:30: Ice Cream
- 3:30 – 3:45 Travel from Milford back to camp.
- It is an option to explore Milford if the group all agree, but please be back at camp by 4:30

George W. Childs Park

George W. Childs Park features three waterfalls about 1.4 miles of walking trails.



George W. Childs Park Trail

The first waterfall is about a third of a mile down on a wide, handicapped-accessible trail. This waterfall is known as Factory Falls because it is next to a 19th-century woolen mill. The stone foundations of this mill remain, adding a lovely touch of history to this beautiful hike.

A short distance after Factory Falls, you will find Fulmer Falls, which does not require directions. Fulmer Falls is listed at 56 feet tall and is the largest of the Childs Park waterfalls. This waterfall is unique because the creek descends into a semi-circular rock basin before continuing downstream.

Continuing downstream, the last waterfall at Childs Park is Deer Leap Falls. I assume the name comes from the narrow gorge at the top of the waterfall, which appears as if a deer could leap across. Today, a bridge spans the top of this waterfall, providing a scenic view and an opportunity to look down from above. A bridge is just downstream of the falls, marking the park's official bottom of the loop.

Parking: [N41° 14.227' W74° 55.151'](#)

Restrooms: Composting toilet in the parking lot.

Hike Directions: There is only one unmarked trail. From the parking lot, the accessible trail leads to a bridge, which branches off into a loop.

Links of interest:

[NJHiking](#) / [AllTrails](#) / [Wikipedia](#)

[Reopening of the park in 2024](#)

[Picture of George W. Childs Park](#)

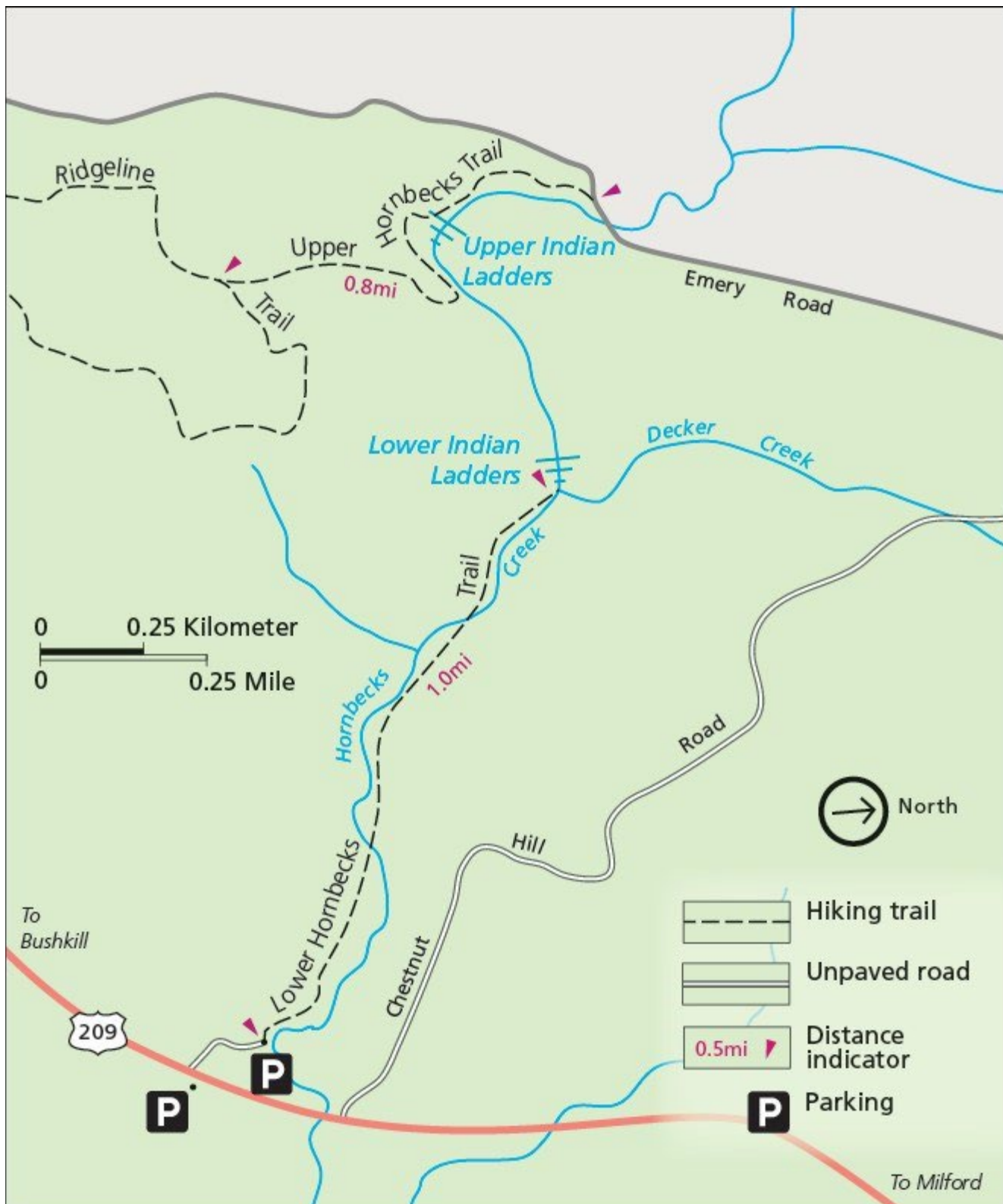
Vendor:

National Park Service: 570-426-2451

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area - 1978 River Rd, Bushkill, PA 18324 / (570) 426-2452

For park alerts: <http://www.nps.gov/dewa/index.htm>

Lower Hornbecks Creek Trail

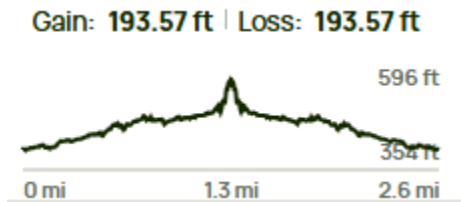


Lower Hornbecks Creek Trail

Difficulty: Easy

Trailhead Location: [directions to Lower Hornbecks Creek trailhead](#); mile marker 10.4 on US 209 (just south of Chestnut Hill Road); short gravel drive to the trailhead

Restrictions: Swimming and wading are prohibited within 50 feet upstream of waterfalls and at the waterfalls themselves.



- Length 2.6 mi round trip
- Elevation gain 193ft.
- Estimated time: 1.5 Hours (taking a break at the falls)
- Trail Type: Out & back
- The Lower Hornbecks Creek Trail dead-ends at the base of Lower Indian Ladders Falls (GPS coordinates 41.19480, -74.90259).
- Links of interest: [AllTrails](#) / [National Parks Planer](#) / [PA Bucket List](#) / [TripAdvisor](#)
- YouTube: [Nature of Pennsylvania in 360° VR](#) / [The Wandering Woodsman](#) / [Trekking PA and Beyond](#)
- Paper Map: *[New 2021* Delaware Water Gap & Kittatinny Trails Map](#)
- Digital Avanza App [Delaware Water Gap & Kittatinny \(Combined Map\): 2021: Trail Conference](#)



Raymondskill Creek Trail

Raymondskill Falls Trail can be accessed from both the lower and upper lots on Raymondskill Road. Summer trip? Check out the Raymondskill Hiker Shuttle!

Trail Information:

- Length: 0.3 mile
- Type: Loop; Out and Back spur
- Difficulty: Easy to Moderate
- Elevation Change: 178 feet
- Trailhead Location: directions to the Raymondskill Road trailhead
- Other Information: Restrooms are located in the upper lot.

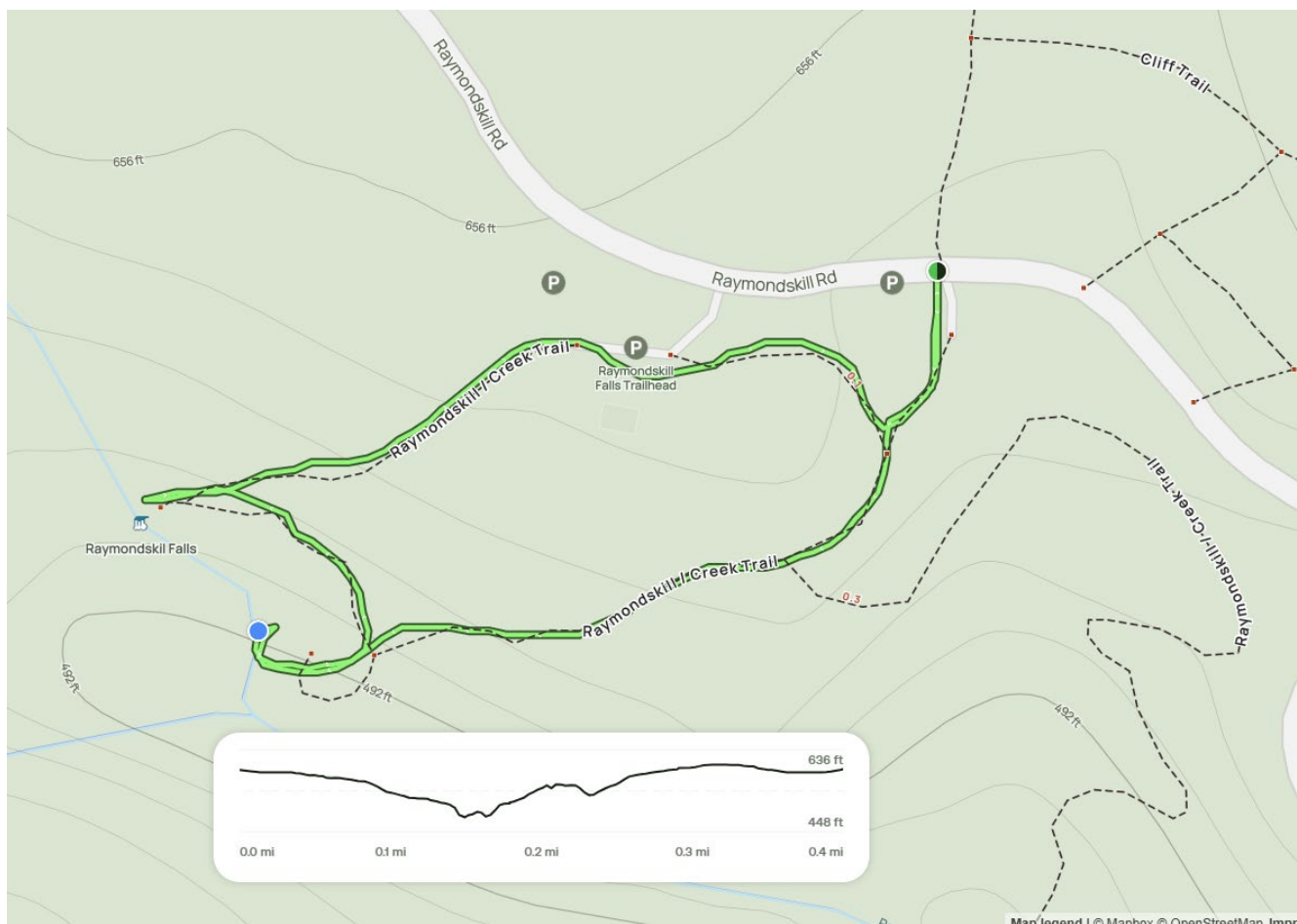
Restrictions:

- Swimming and wading are not permitted within 50 feet upstream of waterfalls or in the waterfalls themselves.
- Pets are not permitted on the trail.
- Food, picnics, and alcohol are prohibited at this site.

Trail Description:

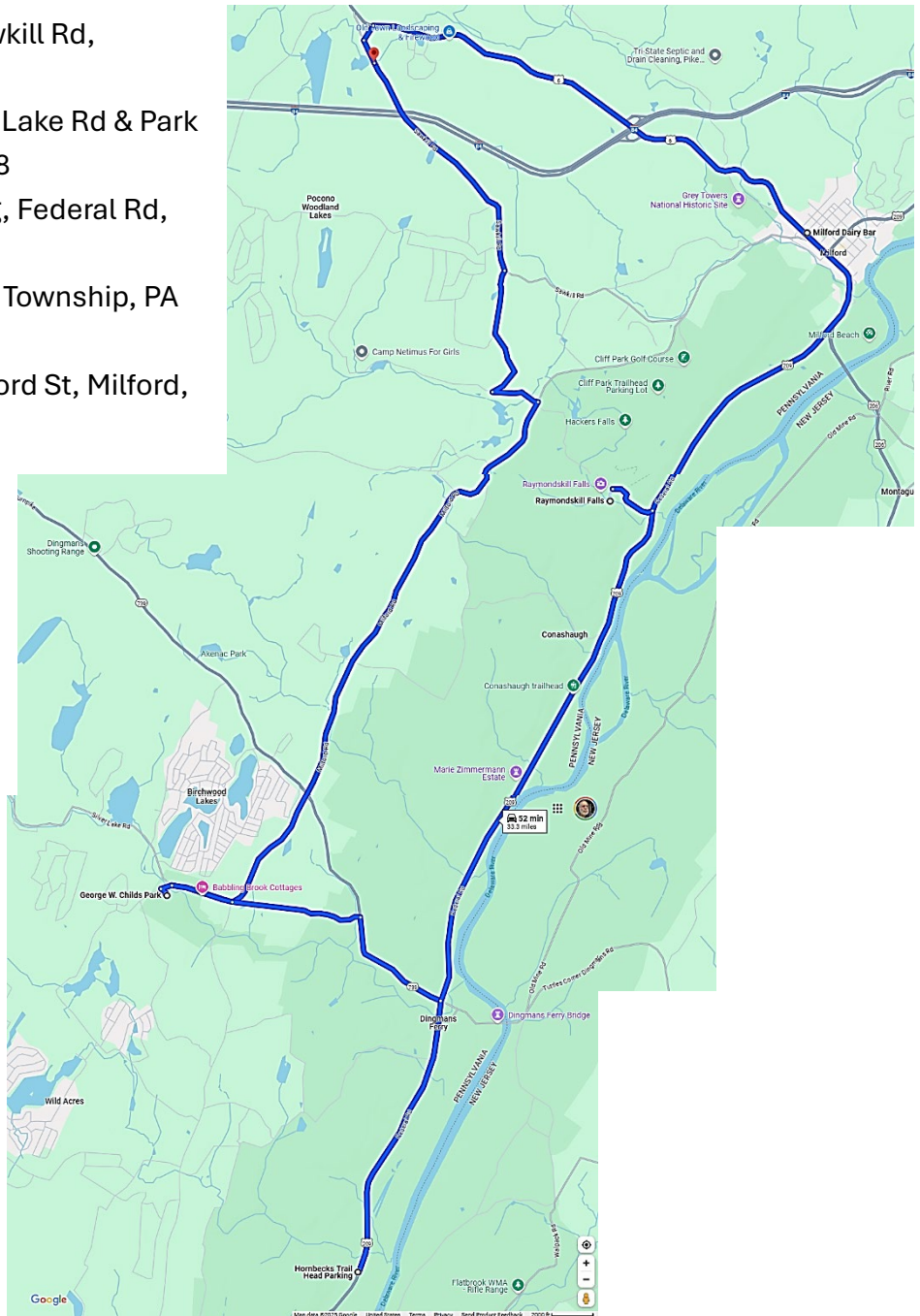
- The three-tiered Raymondskill Falls is the tallest waterfall in Pennsylvania. If you add the height of each cascade together, the waterfall is only a few feet shorter than Niagara Falls. While the trail is short, it is fairly steep and uneven. The upper viewing area provides a view of the upper pool and its large cascade. The lower viewing area offers 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 spur is open from Fall to Spring, and does not lead to the bottom of the falls.
- Links of interest: [AllTrails](#) / [PA Bucket List](#) / [TripAdvisor](#), [NJHiking](#)
- [Raymondskill Falls: A Journey Through Nature's Splendor](#),
- YouTube: [Raymondskill Falls: The Tallest Waterfall in Pennsylvania](#) / [YouTube 2 \(good view of the trail conditions\)](#) /
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Locations and Map

1. Camp Nah-Jee-Wah, 570 Sawkill Rd, Milford, PA 18337
2. George W. Childs Park, Silver Lake Rd & Park Rd, DINGMANS FRY, PA 18328
3. Hornbecks Trail Head Parking, Federal Rd, Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328
4. Raymondskill Falls, Dingman Township, PA 18337
5. Milford Dairy Bar, 307 W Harford St, Milford, PA 18337



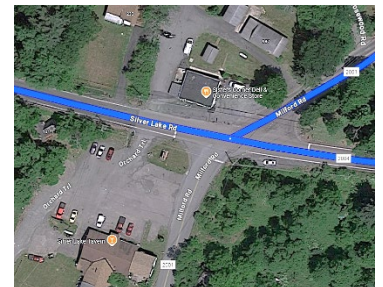
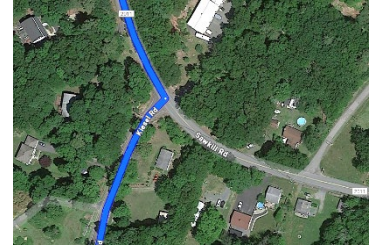
Driving Directions: In five parts

Total Driving for full tour: 56 min (34.5 miles)

Part I:

Start: Camp Nah-Jee-Wah - 570 Sawkill Rd, Milford, PA 18337

- Turn right out of the driveway of the camp, heading southeast on Sawkill Rd toward Nah-Jee-Wah Rd
 - Go 2.3 mi.
- Turn right onto Kiesel Rd. Follow it until you reach the end, where it intersects Raymondskill Road.
 - Go 1.3 mi.
- ↩ Turn left onto Raymondskill Rd. Continue straight until the second right onto Rt. 2001. Raymondskill Road veers to the right and then takes a quick left. Avoid this route, as it will take you down a steep, winding, narrow road with little chance to turn around.
 - Go 0.4 mi.
- Turn right onto County Rd 2001.
 - Go 5.6 mi.
 - One mile before the park entrance, you will come to the light for Rt 739 (Digman's Turnpike). There is a Citgo and other stores on the corner.
 - At the corner of County Rd 2001 and Silver Lake Rd, there will be Sisters Corner Deli and Convenience Store on the right and Silver Lake Tavern on the far-left corner.
- Turn right onto Silver Lake Rd
 - Go 0.6 mi.
- ↩ Turn left onto Childs Park Rd/Park Rd/T344
 - Continue to follow Park Rd/T344
 - Go 0.1 mi.
- ↩ Turn left 46 ft into the Park Entrance



END: George W. Childs Park, 102 Park Rd, Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328 (41.237794, -74.919937)

First leg 17 min (10.4 mi)

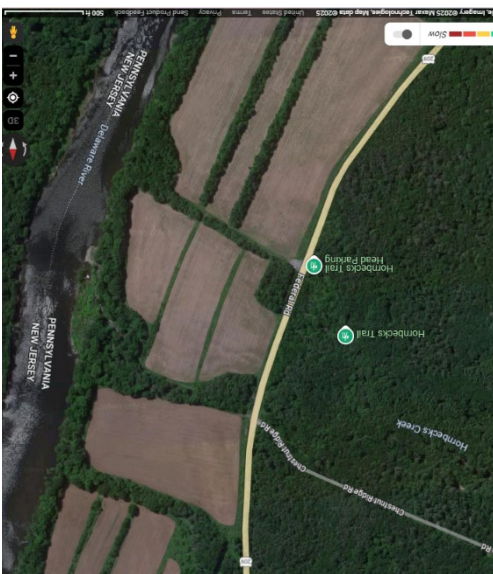
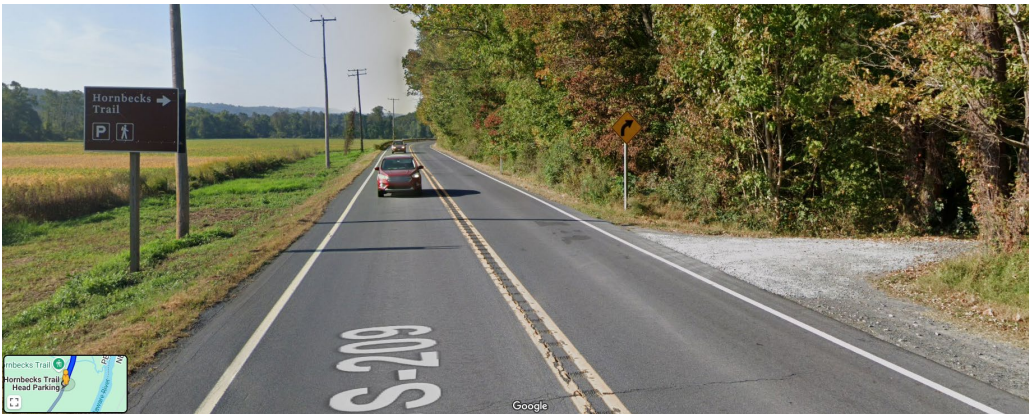
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Part II: 9 min (5.8 mi)

Start: **George W. Childs Park**, Silver Lake Rd & Park Rd, DINGMANS FRY, PA 18328

1. Out of the parking lot and turn right onto Park Rd/T344
 - a. Go 0.1 mi
2. At the T intersection, turn right onto Silver Lake Rd. Take until the road ends at PA-739
 - a. Go 1.8 mi
3. Turn right onto PA-739 S.
 - a. Go 1.2 mi
4. Turn right at the 1st cross street/light onto US-209 S.
 - a. Go 2.7 mi to the destination, which will be on the right. ¼ mile south of Chestnut Ridge Rd.

END: **Hornbecks Trail Head Parking**, Federal Rd, Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328 (41.18711, -74.88541)



South

Small parking lot



North

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Part III: 12 min (8.1 mi)

Start: Hornbecks Trail Head Parking, US-209 (Federal Rd),
Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328

1. Turn left out of the parking lot to head north (back the way you came from) on US-209 N toward Chestnut Ridge Rd. Go 7.6 mi
2. Turn left onto Raymondskill Rd. Go 0.5 mi up a very windy hill.
3. You will find the Raymondskill Falls Parking lot on your left.

End: Raymondskill Falls, Dingman Township, PA 1833



Lower Parking Lot (1st)



Upper parking lot (2nd)

There are two parking spaces. The lower lot is smaller, accommodating approximately 15 cars. The upper lot is where the trail begins, and it includes restrooms. The downside is that if you miss the parking lots, there is no turnaround until a mile up the winding road.

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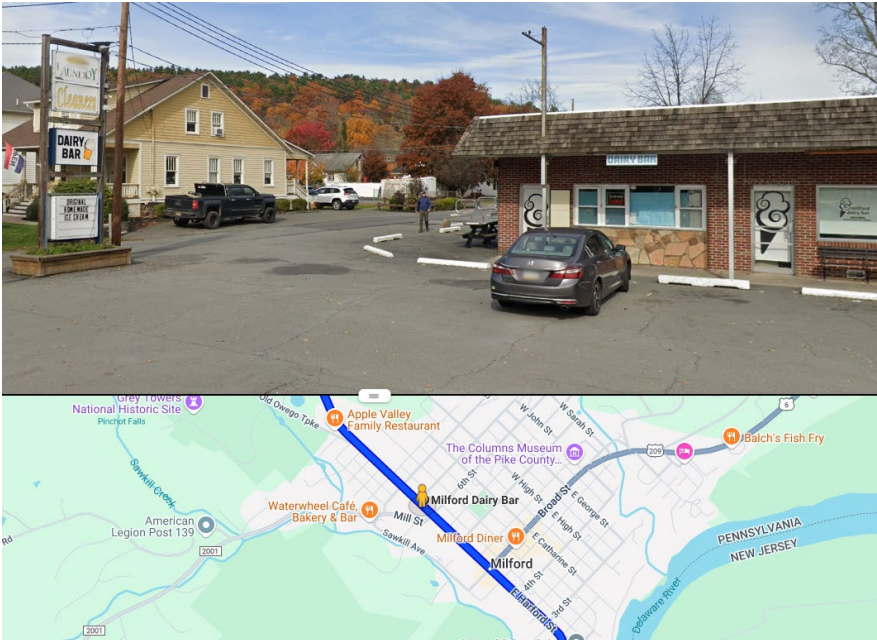
Part IV 7 min (4.0 mi)

Start: **Raymondskill Falls**, Dingman Township, PA 18333

1. Turn right to head downhill on Raymondskill Rd toward US-209
 - a. Go 0.5 mi
2. At the bottom of the hill, the road ends at US-209
3. Turn left onto US-209 NGo 3.2 mi to the only traffic signal in Milford.
4. Continue straight to take Rt. 6 North (Rt. 6 South joins US-209 to the right)
5. Follow Rt. 6 North (W Hartford Street) another 3/10 mile to find the Milford Dairy Bar on the right.

END: Milford Dairy Bar, 307 W Harford St, Milford, PA 18337

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LEG IV:17 min (11.1 mi)

Start: Milford Dairy Bar, 307 W Harford St, Milford, PA 18337

- Continue northwest on US-6 W/W Harford St toward Currant Alley to head out of the other end of town.
 - Go 4.6 mi.
 - You will be heading out of town. Then, cross over I-84 and Eureka Stone Quarry. Bridge Street is one mile after the Quarry.
- ↩ Turn left onto Bridge Rd
- Go 0.2 mi.



- ↩ Turn left onto Sawkill Rd
- Go 0.2 mi to the gate for camp.



- ↪ The destination will be on the right.

END: Camp Nah-Jee-Wah, 570 Sawkill Rd, Milford, PA 18337

For the **George W. Childs Park** hike in the Delaware Water Gap, here is a detailed time estimate:

Estimated Hike Time (Main Loop):

- **Round-Trip Distance: ~1.3 miles** (easy, well-maintained loop).
- **Time Needed: 45–90 minutes** (depending on pace & stops).

Breakdown:

1. **Full Loop Walk (No Stops):** ~30–40 mins.
2. **Leisurely Pace (Photos, Rest at Waterfalls):** 60–90 mins.

Key Features (Where Time Goes):

- **Three Stunning Waterfalls:** Factory Falls, Fulmer Falls, and Deer Leap Falls—each worth lingering at.
- **Historic Stone Bridges & Benches:** Great spots to pause.
- **Paved/Boardwalk Sections:** Easy walking, but can be crowded on weekends.

Trailhead & Access:

- **Parking:** George W. Childs Recreation Area lot (off Dingmans Falls Road, PA).
- **Fee:** \$15/car (or free with National Parks Pass).
- **Hours:** Typically, sunrise to sunset (check for seasonal closures).

For a hike on the **lower section of Hornbecks Creek Trail** (a scenic but rugged path in the Delaware Water Gap), here is what to expect for timing:

Estimated Hike Time (Lower Hornbecks Creek Trail):

- **Round-Trip Distance:** ~2.5 miles (out & back from trailhead to first major cascades).
- **Time Needed:** 1.5–2.5 hours (depending on pace and stops).

Breakdown:

1. To the Cascades (1.25 miles one-way):

- **Hiking In:** 35–50 mins (moderate pace, rocky/uneven terrain).
- **Exploring/Photos:** 10–20 mins (creek crossings & small waterfalls).
- **Hiking Back:** 35–50 mins (slightly uphill return).

2. Full Trail (If Continuing Beyond Lower Section):

- The **entire Hornbecks Creek Trail** is ~4.5 miles one-way (steep and challenging), but most day hikers turn around at the first major cascades.

Key Factors Affecting Time:

- **Terrain:** Rocky, root-filled, and occasionally muddy—slows progress.
- **Creek Crossings:** May require careful footing (especially after rain).
- **Fitness Level:** More technical than Raymondskill Falls; not for beginners.

Trailhead Location:

- **Parking:** Hornbecks Creek Trailhead (Old Mine Road, NJ side of Delaware Water Gap).
- **Combining Trails:** Pair with nearby **Van Campens Glen** (easier) for a longer day.

Pro Tip: Wear sturdy boots, bring trekking poles if unstable on rocks, and check for ticks afterward!

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You should allow **30–60 minutes** to comfortably hike Raymondskill Falls, depending on your pace and how long you spend enjoying the views. Here is a detailed breakdown:

Time Estimates:

- **Fast Hiker (No Stops):** ~20–25 minutes round trip (just walking).
- **Average Pace (With Photos/Short Breaks):** 30–45 minutes.
- **Leisurely (Kids, Seniors, or Extended Viewing):** 45–60+ minutes.

Factors Affecting Time:

1. **Trail Conditions** – Mud or ice may slow you down.
2. **Crowds** – Busy weekends mean slower movement at viewpoints.
3. **Upper Overlook Detour** – Adds ~5–10 minutes (steep stairs).
4. **Photography/Relaxing** – The falls are stunning—many linger!

Suggested Itinerary:

- **Quick Visit:** 30 mins (lower falls only).
- **Full Experience:** 45–60 mins (lower + upper overlooks).
- **Combined with Dingmans Falls:** Add 30–45 mins (another 0.8-mile round trip).

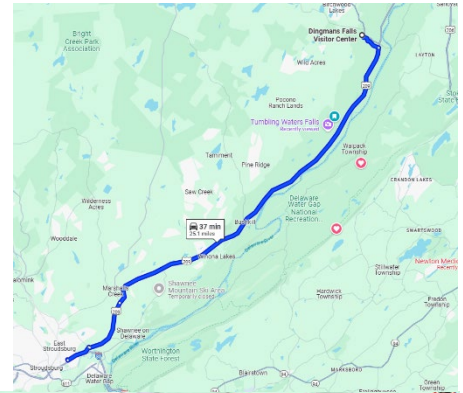
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Nearest Hospital: **Lehigh Valley Hospital – Pocono**

206 E Brown St, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

<https://www.lvhn.org/locations/lehigh-valley-hospital-pocono-mattioli-emergency-center>

[\(570\) 421-4000](tel:5704214000) / [Get Directions](#)



← from Dingmans Falls Visitr Ctr, Dingmans Falls Vi...
to 206 E Brown St, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

37 min (25.1 miles)
via US-209 S
This route starts on Dingmans Falls Rd, which is closed now

Dingmans Falls Visitr Ctr
Dingmans Falls Visitor Center, 224 Dingmans Falls Rd,
Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328

- ↑ Head south toward Dingmans Falls Rd
▲ May be closed at certain times or days
335 ft
- ↑ Continue onto Dingmans Falls Rd
▲ May be closed at certain times or days
1.1 mi
- ↗ Turn right onto US-209 S
📍 Pass by Taco Bell (on the left in 17.1 mi)
19.6 mi
- ↘ At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit onto US-209
3.0 mi
- ↗ Turn right onto PA-447 N
282 ft
- ↙ Turn left onto E Brown St
1.3 mi
- ↗ Turn right
📍 Destination will be on the left
246 ft

206 E Brown St
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

