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| Day: Sunday | Start Time: 8:30 am | End Time: 4:30 pm |
| Co-Leader: | Co-Leader: | Limit: 12 people |
| Transportation: Van or Personal Cars | Driver: | Radios: 2 / First Aid Kit: 1 |
| Fees: \$18 Transportation Fee | Travel Distance: 18 Miles R/T | Travel Time: 20 Min R/T |

Moderate Hike in Cliff Park with Waterfalls and Mountain Views



Hike a 7-mile trail in Cliff Park, Milford, PA, featuring a total elevation gain of 900 feet (with 400 feet gained in the initial mile) and stunning vistas of Hackers Falls and the Delaware Water Gap. Optionally, you can extend your hike by an additional mile that includes a 220-foot elevation change, leading to the remarkable Raymondskill Falls, the tallest waterfall in Pennsylvania. The trail to Hackers Falls is easy but does have some rocky patches. In contrast, the route to Raymondskill Falls is steep and rootsy, requiring careful navigation through steps.

Cliff Trail presents breathtaking overlooks of the meandering Delaware River Valley from the crest of Raymondskill Ridge, offering a high reward-to-effort ratio. Following an initial uphill trek, you will traverse a mostly level ridge, offering views from at least four different vantage points. On clear days, you might even catch sight of three states: Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. This awe-inspiring landscape previously captivated early filmmakers, leading them to shoot several Westerns in the area, using its stunning scenery as a stand-in for the American West. Halfway through your journey, you will reach Milford Knob, where you can admire the town of Milford, PA, below, as well as High Point, NJ, in the distance.

As you delve deeper into the lush forest, you will hear the gentle rush of water as you descend into the picturesque valley where the fan-shaped Hackers Falls rises over twenty feet. As you near the falls, the sound of the rushing water will guide you to the exact spot. This is a perfect moment to pause, set down your phone, and soak in the natural beauty surrounding you.

Once you return to the parking lot, you can take a half-mile walk to Raymondskill Falls. This three-tiered waterfall is recognized as the tallest in the state of Pennsylvania. When you combine the heights of all three tiers, it is only a few feet shorter than the famous Niagara Falls. While the trail is brief, it presents a steep and uneven trek. The upper viewing area provides a glimpse of the upper pool and the top of one of its cascades, while the lower viewing area is ideal for capturing stunning photographs of the falls. A spur trail leads you on a quarter-mile, one-way walk to Raymondskill Creek (note that 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: six miles / ten minutes one way
- [Google Map of Cliff Park, Milford Knob, Hackers Falls](#)
- [Facebook of Hackers Falls](#) | [Google Images of Hackers Falls](#)

Logistics:

- 8:30 am Leave Camp
- 8:30 am – 9:00 am: Travel to the lower Raymondskill Falls parking lot and prepare 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

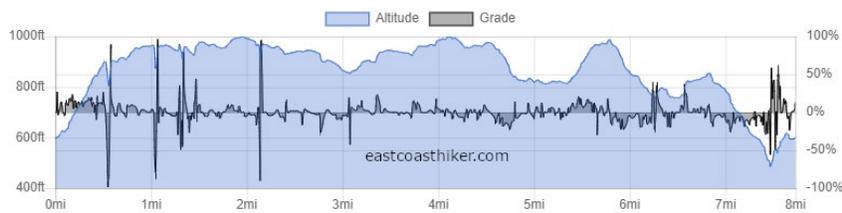
Statistics

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/>

Raymondskill Falls: Out-and-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/>

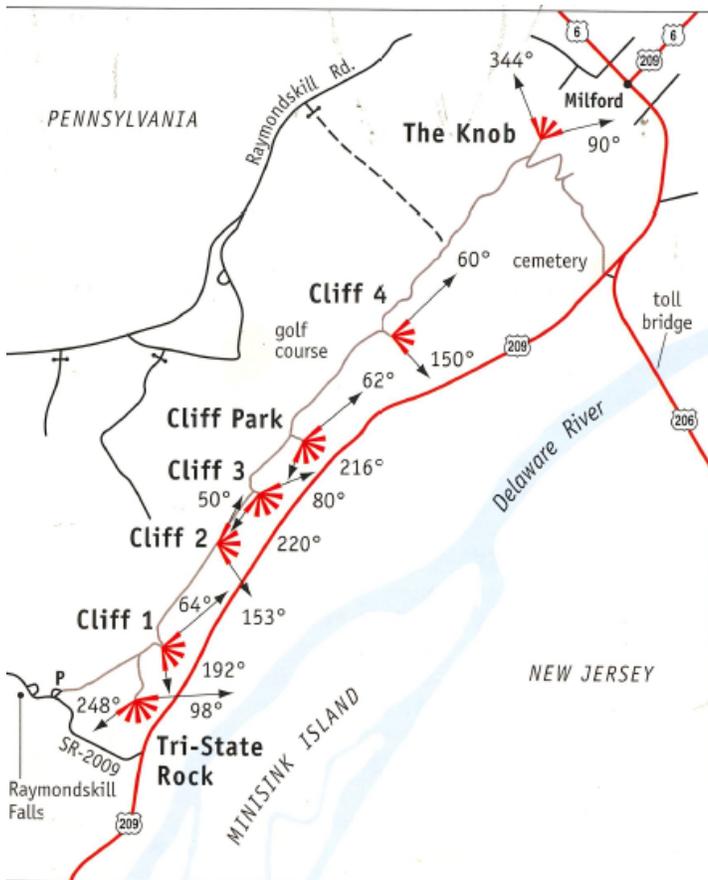


There are two parking areas in Cliff Park. The lower parking lot was picked because it is the best location to hit both waterfalls and the cliff overlooks. The upper parking lot has a restroom.

Land Manager: NPS - Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

Restrooms: Composting toilets are available in a building at the Upper Raymondskill lot, located just a few feet past the lot for this hike and accessible via a short trail. Additionally, there are restrooms in the Cliff Park parking lot, approximately five miles into this route.

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:** eighty 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:** ninety 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

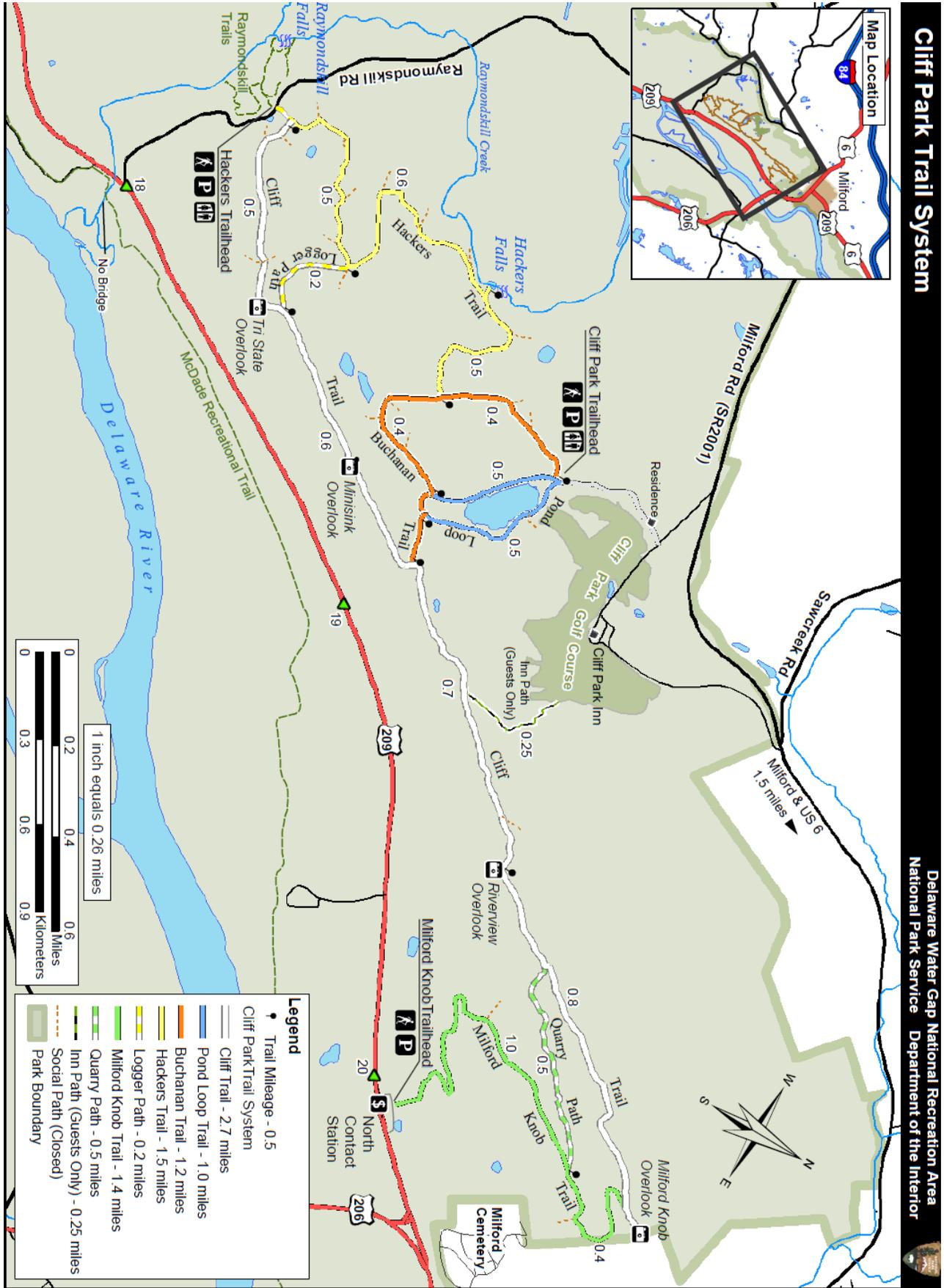
Cliff 4

- **Type:** cliff **Field of view:** 60° to 150°
- **Rating:** 15 **Relief:** fifty 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:** twenty 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 down
- **Distance:** 6.8 miles
- **Best lenses:** All
- **Faces:** Southeasterly





JOE 2025 Information Packet for **Moderate Hike in Cliff Park with Waterfalls and Mountain Views**

Paper Map: [Delaware Water Gap & Kittatinny Trails Map 2021 - 8th edition](#)

Digital: [Avanza Delaware Water Gap & Kittatinny \(Combined Map\): 2021: Trail Conference](#)



The Cliff Trail

Across the street from the **lower** parking lot is the start of the Cliff Trail. **The first 0.1 mile** is the yellow-blazed Hacker's Trail. From the Hacker's Trail, take a 90-degree right turn onto the Cliff Trail, cross a bridge, and proceed up the hill. **The blazes for the Cliff Trail are white circles.** You will gain approximately three hundred feet in elevation over 0.5 miles on this vast, well-maintained trail. When you reach the top of the hill, most of the challenging work is behind you, and you will begin to see the views. You will be able to see the Delaware River and the High Point Monument in New Jersey.

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 miles past Quarry Path Trail (on the left) on the return trip.

Optional Add-On: Approximately 0.4 miles along the Buchanan Trail, you will come to the Pond Loop Trail, located to the right. This route will take you around a small pond, adding ½ mile to your hike. There is a bathroom located at the far end of the pond in the other parking lot of the park. It will reconnect to the Buchanan Trail on the other end. To access the Pond Loop Trail, turn right onto Hackers Trail, as indicated on the map.

No Add-On: Turn off Cliff Trail onto Buchanan Trail and proceed for just over a half mile (the midpoint of Buchanan Trail) to Hackers Trail on the left. The Hacker Trail is marked with a yellow circle; please avoid confusion and stay on the marked 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 reach the falls. The waterfall is about twenty feet high and is a nice addition to the day's hike. Falls are an excellent spot for a 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-junction. Hackers Trail, which leads to the left, returns you to the parking lot. As an alternative, the unmarked, unmapped trail to the right will continue farther down Hackers Trail; turn right to head down to the parking lot.



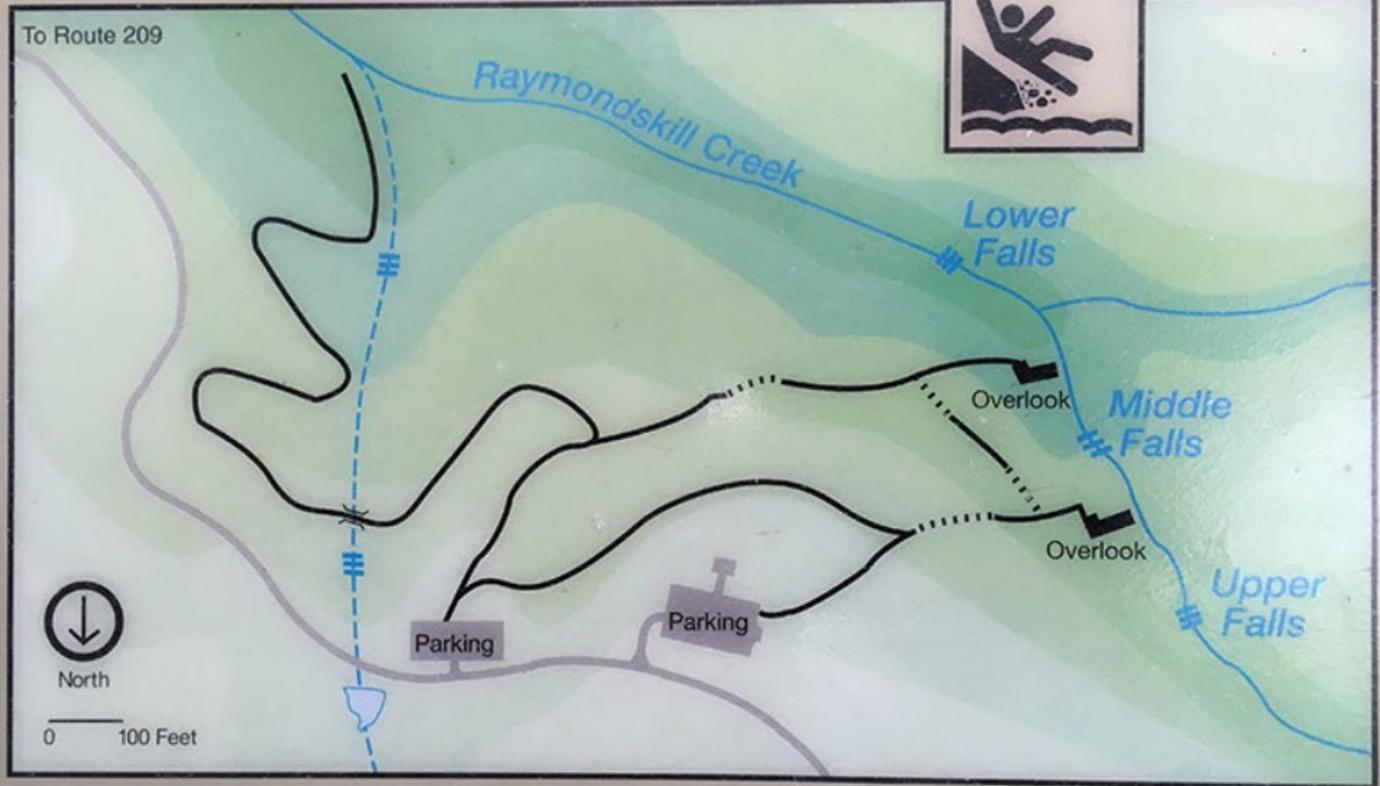
Ramondskill Falls

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

njtrailing.com

Raymondskill Falls

Raymondskill Falls is composed of three tiers, which create a dramatic cascade effect. 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 come into view soon. 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 that precedes the waterfall. An additional 1-mile/200-foot elevation change hike on the Raymondskill Creek Trail will bring you to multiple viewpoints. Be aware that the trail can be surprisingly strenuous, especially as it descends a semi-rugged hill to reach the central part of the falls.

The three tiers of these falls, along with the trail provided by the national park, will bring you to the middle and top levels. The middle section features a viewing platform that offers a clear view of a sizable 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 an excellent view from the bottom, but no direct official trail leading there. The unofficial trails leading down are hazardous and not recommended for use. Swimming, wading, or jumping are not permitted in the falls or within fifty feet of the falls.

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

From the parking lot, head STRAIGHT towards the middle falls overlook (they are 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 to the right to reach 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 it reaches creek level. The creek can be explored to the left and the right a bit. When done, retrace your steps to the junction with the path to Hackers Lot/Middle Overlook.

[TripAdvisor Review](#)

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

Driving Directions from Camp Nah-Jee-Wah to Raymondskill Falls Parking (Raymondskill Rd, Milford, PA 18337)

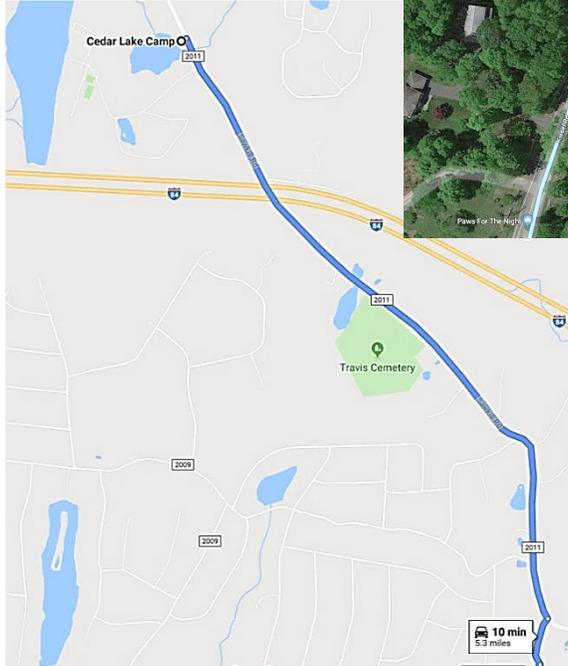
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½ mile downhill (SE) from 917 Raymondskill Rd, Milford, PA 18337 - 10 MIN | 5.3 MI

1. Exit the camp driveway and turn right, heading southeast on Sawkill Road toward Honeywell Road.
 - 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. Then, 1.26 miles, for a total of 3.60 miles.



3. At the end of Kiesel Road, turn left onto Raymondskill Road.

- 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, quickly turn left and back onto Raymondskill Rd.

- a. If you reach Hampton Green St, you have 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 spaces on the right, one right after the other. The signs for the parking lot face the other direction. The road starts going downhill on a winding, narrow road in this area, and there is no place to turn around (if you miss the parking lots) until you reach the bottom.

- a. If you reach US Hwy 209, you have gone about 0.4 miles too far.

