



# Wonderful Waterfall Tour

The Settlers Inn Founders Grant and Jeanne Genzlinger compiled this guided tour of their favorite Poconos area waterfalls. Spend the day meandering back roads on a day filled with excellent hiking, scenic views and tumbling waterfalls.

Since the mid-19th century the Pocono Mountains region, near the Wild and Scenic Upper Delaware River, has attracted visitors from around the world to its awe-inspiring and abundant waterfalls. The terrain, which features numerous prominent cliffs and ledges, creates the ideal landscape for dramatic waterfalls as tributaries flow into the Delaware River.

Today, waterfalls remain a dynamic accent to the area's lush forests and rocky terrain as millions of gallons of water cascade down the chutes every day.

Several of the waterfalls are located in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and are open to the public without charge. Some are even handicap accessible.

Be sure to order a picnic lunch from Cocoon Coffeehouse and Bakery or The Dock on Wallenpaupack to take along on your wonderful waterfall adventure!

## **Departing from The Settlers Inn**

- Make a right from The Settlers Inn parking lot onto Hawley's Main Avenue/Route 6. Follow Route 6 East approximately 9 miles to Route 739 South.

## **Departing from Ledges Hotel**

- Exit the Hawley Silk Mill Complex from Silk Mill Drive and turn left onto Route 6 East. Travel approximately 8.5 miles to Route 739 South.

## **Departing from Silver Birches Resort**

- Make a left from Silver Birches Resort parking lot onto Route 507 North. Travel approximately 3 miles to the intersection with Route 6. Turn Right onto Route 6 East and drive about 7 miles to Route 739 South.

- Continue about 19 miles to the traffic light at the intersection of Route 209 South. Turn right onto Route 209 South.
- Follow Route 209 South less than 1 mile until you see signs for Dingmans Falls Visitors Center. Follow signs to the Visitors Center where you can park and hike to two waterfalls on a boardwalk trail. At 130-foot Dingmans Falls is the second highest waterfall in Pennsylvania. Silver Thread Falls measures 80-feet.
- Leave the Dingmans Falls Visitors Center parking area and return to Route 209 to hike Tumbling Waters Waterfall Hike at Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC). Turn right continuing south for on Route 209 for about four miles. Watch for signs for PEEC at Brisco Mountain Road. Turn right onto Brisco Mountain Road. Bear right at the stop sign at the top of the hill. PEEC is on the right. Park in the lot. The trailhead is across from Group Lodges A & B. The hike is rated moderate to difficult and offers many points of interest. There's an overlook of the Delaware River and Kittatinny Mountains in New Jersey as well as lush mixed growth forests and a pond.
- Return to Route 209, turn left and travel North just over 10 miles to Raymondskill Falls- a must see. Go past the traffic light at the intersection with Route 739. Turn left turn at the sign for Raymondskill Falls. The parking area is clearly marked on your left. Park and take a short hike to see the tallest waterfall in Pennsylvania. The falls cascade over rocks in three tiers. When the distance of all three tiers is added together, the waterfall measures just a few feet shy of Niagara Falls.
- After viewing Raymondskill Falls return to Route 209, turn left and travel North 2.5 miles to the village of Milford. Spend some time exploring the quaint town which features many antique and specialty shops, restaurants and Grey Towers National Historic Site—the former home of Conservationist Gifford Pinchot, the 28<sup>th</sup> Governor of Pennsylvania.
- When leaving Milford find Route 6 (also called Harford Street in the village) and travel West approximately 25 miles to Hawley.
- If you would like a quick peek at more wonderful waterfalls, stop along Route 6, after about 10 miles, at Shohola Falls Natural Area. The parking area is located right along Route 6. Take a short walk along a forest trail to two stone-walled observation points. The width of the falls makes it an impressive sight as the water tumbles roughly 50 feet down over rock ledges.
- Upon your return, stop by the hotel's restaurant for a relaxing drink or delectable meal to top off the day's activities!

**HAVE A GREAT DAY!**