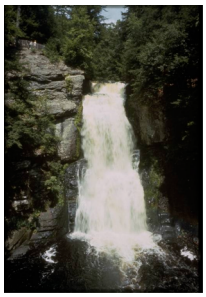

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BUSHKILL FALLS- APPLE BUTTER MAKING- SATURDAY,
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On Saturday, September 29, visitors to Bushkill Falls can participate in the annual making of homemade apple butter in a 50 gallon copper pot that is continuously stirred. The process begins early in the day and continues until mid-afternoon. A person needs to stir the pot continuously. Be sure to try your skill at stirring the pot. Also, be sure to ask what's at the bottom of the pot to keep the ingredients from sticking. (Hint: many people carry it in their pockets.)

Apple butter is a highly concentrated form of applesauce; produced by long, slow cooking of apples with cider or water to a point where the sugar in the apples caramelizes. The concentration of sugar gives apple butter a much longer shelf life as a preserve than applesauce. It was a popular way of using apples in colonial America, and well into the 19th century. The term "butter" refers to the thick, soft consistency, and its use as a spread for breads. Typically seasoned with cinnamon, cloves, and other spices, apple butter may be used as a side dish, an ingredient in baked goods, or as a condiment. The Pennsylvania Dutch often include it as part of their traditional seven sweets and seven sours dinner table array. Tasting is available, and of course, be sure to buy some to take home.

There will also be wildlife demonstrations by the Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in the pavilion at 1 pm and 2 pm as well as Bluegrass music by The Lost Ramblers from noon until 4 pm.

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There is no fee to watch or participate in the apple butter making. There is a cost to purchase apple butter, and if you want to see the Falls, admission is $9 for adults, $8 for seniors, $4 children ages 4-10, and under 4 is free. Admission includes entrance to all exhibits. Parking and picnic area is free. Gates open at 9 a.m. For additional information call 570-588-6682 or go to the website at www.visitbushkillfalls.com.

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