



BUSHKILL FALLS

The Niagara of Pennsylvania

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BUSHKILL FALLS' KID'S CHOICE PLAYSYSTEM POPULAR WITH CHILDREN

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Most adults can remember fun days at school or community playgrounds whiling away the summer on swing sets, sliding boards, monkey bars, see saws, etc. The word “safety” was never uttered at the same time. Today, safe doesn’t have to mean sedate. Bushkill Falls, “The Niagara of Pennsylvania,” features one of the industry’s most popular modular play systems ideal for children ages 5 through 12.

“We all know that children want to have fun. Adults with questions about safety and quality will be pleased with our play system,” commented manager Donna Smith. “Miracle’s Kids’ Choice playsystem offers children a world of exciting play options, in a playsystem designed to comply with the industry’s highest standards of safety, structural integrity, and accessibility. Kid’s Choice is a favorite among playground experts – those who design them and those who play on them. We’re excited about how well received the system was last summer and know the children will continue to enjoy it,” Smith concluded.

There is something for every age of young visitor. .. fishing at the pond, mining for gemstones, riding the paddleboats, and trying their skill at miniature golf. And everyone is interested in seeing the more than 80 mounted animals displayed in the

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Pennsylvania Wildlife exhibit or walking through the life-sized recreation of a Native American (Lenni-Lenape) lodge.

On weekends, Yoo-Hoo, the Bushkill Falls’ Black Bear mascot, wanders around handing out coloring contest entries and cheerfully posing for snapshots with the visitors. Yoo-Hoo is modeled after the real black bear that lived at Bushkill Falls during the 1930s. The original bear, much loved by those long-ago visitors, lived in a cage. A chute was built from the visitors’ fence to the interior of the cage, and when people bought bottles of Yoo-Hoo and slid them down the chute, the bear showed off by holding up the bottles between his huge paws and chugging them down. He was eventually named, of course, for his favorite drink.

Older children—and adults—find that the Map Adventure, along with the exhibit on orienteering, enhances the pleasure of hiking the trails through the woods and along the eight waterfalls that gave Bushkill Falls its name. Though, for those less athletically inclined, there are several lookouts—including the one over the Main Falls—that require only an easy, relatively level, walk.

Perhaps, best of all, there is the spacious, tree-shaded picnic area. With its new tables and benches, plenty of grills, and room for the young ones to romp, this is a perfect place to relax before or after the family has enjoyed all the many pleasures of Bushkill Falls—and there is no charge, the picnic area is always free.

Parking, too, is always free. Open daily at 9 a.m.; Bushkill Falls is also free for children under four. For others, admission to the falls and exhibits is \$9.00 for adults,

\$8.00 for seniors and groups of 25 or more, and \$4.00 for ages 4 to 10. It is located just off Rt. 209 in Bushkill, PA (exit 309 off I-80). For more information, write Bushkill Falls, P.O. Box 151, Bushkill, PA 18324 or call (570) 588-6682. The web address is www.visitbushkillfalls.com.

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