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Bushkill Falls – An Affordable “Day-cation”

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Since 1904 Bushkill Falls has been a popular tourist attraction hosting more than 250,000 visitors annually. In these 105 years the common denominator has been that a visit to the Falls is affordable. The economy has gone through many recessionary, inflationary, and depression eras since Charles E. Peters realized his dream when he charged 10 cents on opening day.

Today Bushkill Falls is a wonderful respite from the fast lives we live. It's like stepping back in time. As you walk any one of the trails to view the eight waterfalls nature has provided, it's easy to imagine what life must have been like for the Lenni Lenape who inhabited the area so long ago.

The Native American Exhibit adds to the experience as you step into the life-size longhouse, look up through the smoke hole, and imagine cooking and sleeping in such a structure. The displays of cooking utensils and hunting equipment remind you that eating was not a simple trip to the grocery store or fast food outlet.

Bushkill Falls is approximately 90 minutes from New York City and two hours from the Philadelphia area making it an easy “day trip.” A 1917 ad in “The Story of Bushkill Falls” shows that the Falls has long been promoted as an easy one-day trip for

the entire family. “It’s much easier to get to Bushkill Falls today than it was in 1917,” said general manager Donna Smith. “We pride ourselves in maintaining Mr. Peters’ dream. It’s a piece of history that can never be replaced.”

An easy 15-minute walk will take you to a view of the Main Falls. Most pathways are easy walking trails with well-constructed stairs and bridges. Daring hikers may want to challenge the famous “Red Trail” – an adventuresome two-mile hike around all eight waterfalls.

Free parking and a free picnic area, complete with grills, adds to Bushkill Falls’ affordability. An open-air Bar-B-Q pavilion can be rented for family reunions, employee outings, birthday parties, etc. There’s a children’s playground, paddleboats, miniature golf, fishing, Native American and Wildlife exhibit, Fudge Kitchen, snack bar, and gift and souvenir shops.

Bushkill Falls, located on Bushkill Falls Road off Route 209, is open every day at 9 a.m. through October – November weather permitting. General admission is \$10., \$9. for seniors 62+, \$6. ages 4-10, and children under 4 are free. Admission includes entrance to all exhibits.

A calendar of events, seasonal closing times, directions, and accommodations are available at the website – www.visitbushkillfalls.com. Phone: 570-588-6682