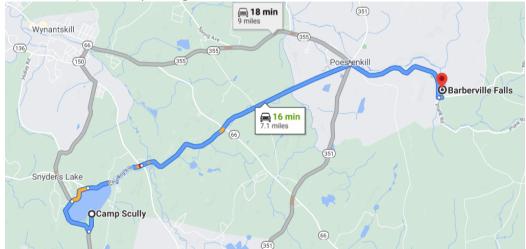
Barberville Falls Preserve

Address and Directions

The main parking area for the Preserve is at 23 Blue Factory Road, Averill Park, NY 12018 (in the Town of Poestenkill). Limited parking for the Creek Trail is located across from the cemetery at 280 Plank Road.



Trails

Falls Trail

The Falls Trail leaves from the main parking area at 23 Blue Factory Road. In a short distance, it begins a steep traversing descent to the bottom of the falls. Visitors can see the stoneworks of an unfinished mill project from the bottom. Round trip is approximately a quarter mile.

Ridge Trail

The Ridge Trail leaves from the main parking area at 23 Blue Factory Road. The trail is generally well-defined and marked with orange diamonds or orange ribbon.

The trail starts out rocky as it winds its way around a flattened stone fence but quickly joins up with what was probably an old cart path used by the neighboring farm. Right before that intersection is a junction for the loop the trail makes as it returns to the parking lot.

At approximately 0.75 of a mile, the trail makes a sharp left onto a less wide but still well defined path through the woods. The trail crosses four tributaries to the Poesten Kill, but they are narrow and stepping stones allow for dry crossings. The trail comes to the Poesten Kill opposite the Creek Trail, then climbs a ridge along the stream. While there are occasional glimpses of the falls from the trail, hemlocks block a clear view. Round trip is approximately 1.3 miles.

Creek Trail

The Creek Trail is located just northwest of the small parking area along Plank Road. It is a smooth, trail marked with gray markers. It descends a slope to the banks of the Poesten Kill, then continues a short distance upstream and downstream. Round trip is approximately one mile. Beyond the ends of the trail in both directions is private property. Please obey the signs and respect private property.

Rules

Open Dawn to Dusk, No Swimming, No Climbing on rocks, No Hunting, Carry In - Carry Out, No Fires—No Alcoholic beverages. Please Respect Private Property Stay within the bounds of the Preserve, Obey No Trespassing signs. The west shore is private property.

