

HIGH FALLS CONSERVATION AREA

Description: High Falls is a 150' steep cascade on Agawamuck Creek, which eventually flows into the Hudson River.

Location: This waterfall was inaccessible only a few years ago, but, thanks to the efforts of the Columbia Land Trust (CLC), is now open to the public with a well marked and maintained trail system. CLC provides a detailed trail map (link below).

Directions*: High Falls is located in the village of Philmont, NY. Main Street in Philmont is State Route 217. The parking area entrance is located on Roxbury Road, which is at the west end of the village. The street sign may be hard to see; look for the Claverack Town Garage at the corner of Main Street and Roxbury Road. The parking area is only a few hundred yards up Roxbury.



Photography: The waterfall can be photographed from the overview / picnic area, or from locations on either side of the plunge pool at water level. Generally, it is difficult to move between the two lower locations due to the rock formations.

- The Green Trail leads steadily uphill to an overview and picnic area directly opposite the waterfall. From this location, the waterfall looks almost vertical, due to elevation.
- If you continue across the overview area and through the gate, the trail descends to stream level and the base of the waterfall on the southeast side. This is not shown on the official map, but easy to find.
- The Upper Blue Trail leads down to the waterfall on the southwest side.

Accessibility: Suitable for all ages. The trail is not excessively steep, but does rise steadily. The rocks at the bottom of the waterfall can be slippery, as is true for all waterfalls. A great day trip for families!

Web: Columbia Land Trust: www.clctrust.org
High Falls home page: www.clctrust.org/High_Falls.htm
High Falls site map: www.clctrust.org/High%20Falls.pdf

* Use the accompanying KLZ files to generate your own driving directions in Google Earth!