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Cutline: On the grounds of Skytop Lodge, Indian Ladder Falls drops 55 feet in three tiers to a rock pool. (Rich Cramer photo)

A virtual tour of Skytop's Indian Ladder Falls

The trail to Indian Ladder Falls is not usually open to the public, but for Brodhead Watershed Association's annual Ramble, it will be accessible to all – online!

This year, the creek tour in which people “ramble” along some of the Pocono area's pristine creeks and streams will be held virtually, with video shot on the beautiful grounds of Skytop Lodge in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Skytop's naturalist, Rick Koval, and BWA's hike leader, Carol Hillestad, guide this virtual visit to the falls. To see the video, photos and a feature story, go to brodheadwatershed.org/ramble/.

Among the natural wonders to be seen: a tiny orchid, some of the largest rhododendrons in Pennsylvania, a state-listed champion mountain maple tree, a rare native plant called white twisted stalk, striped maples, a porcupine den and 400,000-year-old boulders – and, of course, the falls.

Important note: Skytop land is private and patrolled, and trespassing is illegal. Please wait until next year's Ramble (to be held in the summer of 2021 in person at Skytop) to pay a visit, unless you are a registered guest of Skytop Lodge.

Brodhead Watershed Association is a nonprofit environmental organization formed in 1989. BWA is dedicated to protecting and preserving water resources and the environment of the Brodhead watershed, and the water quality of the Brodhead, Cherry, Marshalls, McMichael, Paradise and Pocono creeks and their tributaries. BWA assists municipalities, residents, businesses and groups with protecting natural resources through education, workshops, seminars, public programs and stream monitoring. For information: info@brodheadwatershed.org or 570-839-1120.

