

Trail Notes for The Ricketts Glen SP Falls Hike

Description: This is one of those “Must do hikes” if you ever find yourself close to this park and you have your boots with you. Although the circuit is only about 3.6 miles in length it descends and then climbs approximately 600 feet using stone and wooden steps in that short distance. The rewards: there are up to 20 of them ... beautiful waterfalls ranging in height from the 11 foot diminutive Cayuga to the 94 foot tall giant – Ganoga. Wear sturdy boots, bring water and your camera and please take your time. If your dog is not good on lead leave it at home. You will need your balance for this one.

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Once in the park cross the dam and follow the signs to the right to the trailhead.

Trail Notes: From the large wooden map and kiosk head down the spur trail to the junction with the Highland Trail to the left and the Falls Trail to the right. Take the Highland Trail. In 0.81 miles pass the R.L. Ricketts Shortcut Trail on the right. Turn right onto the Falls Trail and descend through Glen Leigh. Several photos of the falls are shown below. We won't attempt to name them. Take extra care as you use the stone and wooden steps. At 0.94 miles cross the confluence of the two streams on a bridge at Waters Meet. If you want to make sure you see all of the falls head down stream a short distance to visit Harrison Wright, Sheldon Reynolds and Murray Reynolds Falls. Return to the Waters Meet and continue up Ganoga Glen. The steepest climb occurs after visiting the namesake falls. In 1.25 miles from Waters Meet arrive back at the parking lot spur. Turn left and follow it back to your vehicle.