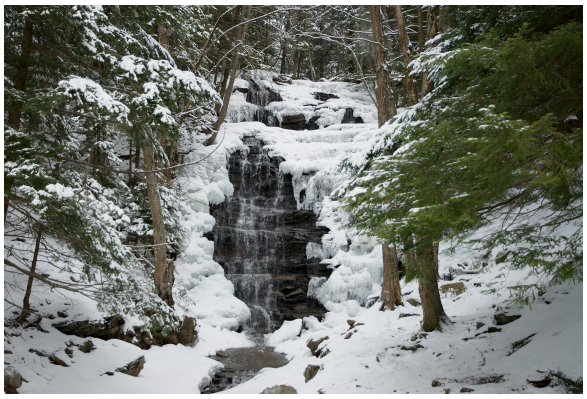
Day Tripping - January 2023

A new year, however, our day tripping will be a repeat of some of the waterfalls I have mentioned before. The reason, if you have not seen some of these frozen, you are missing an incredible sight.



The first trip to make is to head west on Rt 940 and turn left at the sign for Francis Walter Dam. The reservoir when it is frozen is amazing. Not only will you see the ice, but if you are fortunate, you will also see ice fishing, skaters, and just people walking or even pulling sleds across the ice. I think that it has been cold enough that the ice is frozen for safe travel.

Continuing across the dam, turn left onto State Rout 2041 (White Haven Road). Travel on this road to Buttermilk Falls for a few miles. After crossing the stream look for a house on your left with a wooden fence. The waterfall is on the right across from this house. If you get to Bear Creek Cafe, a great place to stop for breakfast or lunch, you have gone too far. Go back 1 mile, and it will be on your left.

The waterfall located south on the Lehigh Gorge Trail in the Tannery can also be nice. This will depend on how much water there was when it froze. But considering, the freeze right after the heavy rains last week, it probably will be good. Be sure to wear good gripping boots. The path may be snow, ice covered. This walk is about 1/2 mile down the trail.

The 2 falls in Delaware Water Gap in Dingman's Ferry are great to see frozen. They are Silverthread Falls and one of PA's tallest, Dingman's Falls. The path out to these 2 is wooden plank and gravel. I would guess, they keep it fairly well cleaned off. But wear proper footwear just in case.

A final fall that I have not seen frozen is located in Hawley. You will need to treat yourself to a leisurely dinner at the Glass Wine Bar Restaurant at the Ledges Hotel to see the spectacular view. This restaurant is a small plate, tapas plate eatery. I have not been there so cannot recommend. It may be a place to explore and find out what it offers. Reservations required.