

DOUBLE POTHOLE & CASCADE FALLS

43.5136 N, 72.1338 W

If the water isn't too high, you will see two deep smooth holes in the bedrock of Skinner Brook called potholes. The picture shows the potholes during a dry period. The hole closest to the stream center is 25 inches deep; the other 21 inches.

Potholes are caused by the grinding of pebbles caught in a depression in the rock and spun around like a drill by swirling water below a waterfall. In this case the waterfall is Cascade Falls, one of the prettiest falls in Brookside Park. This double pothole is unusual, not only because there are two holes side-by-side, but because the two have been united by a larger elliptical hole, itself a foot deep.



Please don't take the pebbles out of the potholes. The next time the water is high, they will continue to grind away at the bedrock to make the holes even deeper. Come back in fifty years and see how the potholes have changed.

While you're here, can you find another smaller pothole a little downstream?