

# Perserverance Dam - Crows Nest - Qld



The Toowoomba Regional Council website has this to say about Perserverance Dam:

Set in timbered mountains, Lake Perserverance offers water-skiing (sorry, water ski club members only) canoeing (well - for those staying at the lake Recreation Centre) picnic facilities, bush walking and a playground.

The lake is generally closed to fishing and boating, water skiing and canoeing are permissible activities for Perserverance Aquatic Club members and groups or individuals participating in organised activities conducted by the Office of Sport and Recreation (OSR).

left: dam wall and Pump Tower, Perserverance Dam



In the Summer of 2009, the water level was very low. Due to the steepness of the valley that Perserverance Creek runs through, the amount of timber cleared is minute compared to other dams which have a much smaller gradient and far wider dam margins, such as Wivenhoe Dam.

This means the trees are much closer to the water. The dam is a pleasant venue for paddling, with numerous rocky boulders and outcrops along the shoreline.

left: view of the dam from the picnic area immediately east of the Eastern Spillway.



Perserverance Dam is 9 kilometres east from Crows Nest township; the road is well sign posted and starts on the southern side of town, or turn off at Pechey, a few kilometres back towards Toowoomba.

Alternatively, Brisbane drivers coming up from the Brisbane Valley through Esk, can turn right into Philips Road ( 3 k before the Ravensbourne NP turnoff), then quickly left to Ravensbourne Dip Road, and a k down right again to Mt Jockey Road. This will take you past Cressbrook Dam turnoff, and so to Perserverance Dam.

left: the dam wall has a granite rock slope, which used to have a population of brush tailed rock wallabies before years of unrelenting drought, and speeding motor vehicles took their toll. Lookout for deer (on the road) early morning and dusk.

