



Wappa Dam

Wappa Dam is on the South Maroochy River, above Yandina. It is about six kilometres along Wappa Falls Road from the Old Bruce Highway (turn off just south of the river bridge in Yandina) to Jack Harrison Park, on the lake foreshore. One hundred metres before that, Wappa Falls are signposted, and are 100 metres down a poorly surfaced road.

Up at the lake, a sign says no boating, and the SEQWater [website](#) says that includes all boats, powered, electric or non powered. Perhaps this is because the dam face, about 200 metres north of the grassed picnic area on the lake foreshore, has no boom, or bouy line, in the water.

What you see is what you get, and the dam is only 1.5 km north south. The southern arm of the dam extends for a kilometre, but there is a floating barrier to control water hyacinth, totally blocking upstream passage. This dam has a well deserved reputation for heavy infestation with water hyacinth, and also has large swaths of duckweed.

To the south west from the picnic area, to the right of the white house across the lake, is another dam arm, with a rocky gorge, and small falls about 1.3 km from the main lake.

So, no canoeing. Locals enjoy a dip in the pool below Wappa Falls downstream from the dam.





above: rocky gorge in Wappa Dam.

below: small cave at the gorge





above: upstream from the gorge falls

below left: looking across the lake

below right: Wappa Falls.

