

Wyaralong Dam, Teviot Brook, Teviot Falls, and the Scenic Rim

Teviot Falls - Getting there from Boonah

*Boonah - Rathdowney Road 14.4 km to Carney's Creek Rd.,
Carney's Creek Road - right onto Head Road 29km from town
Teviot Gap and Falls - 40km from Boonah*

The dam on Teviot Brook is under construction, and the map above of Wyaralong Dam, the walking trails, the trailhead facilities, and the campgrounds, are still plans on paper. The road from Beaudesert to Boonah was realigned away from the anticipated waters, and the new road was opened in June 2010. The dam is due to be completed mid 2011, and then it is a question of how long it takes to fill with water. Hopefully, at that time, the magazine will update this article with some on the ground, and water, photographs.

Ten kilometres or so downstream from the dam, Teviot Brook joins the Logan River. At this time, before the dam is built, the creek is a quiet and peaceful little waterway, out in cattle country.

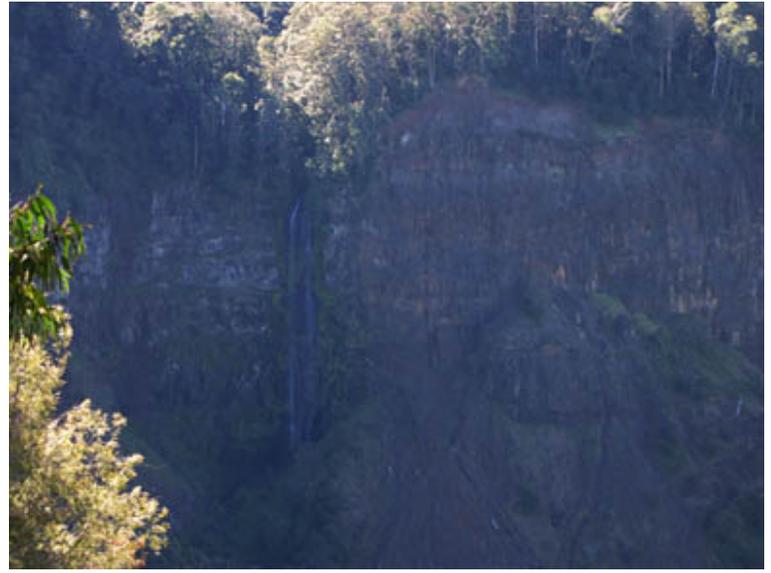


*Teviot Brook from the old Beaudesert Road,
near Lilybrook.*

Very little water flows down the Teviot Brook in the dry seasons, and the photograph to the left shows a billabong, with backed up water. Often the creek is a string of waterholes with the dry sandy streambed exposed between them.

Further upstream, the water is crystal clear and clean, and owes the fact that it flows most of the year, to its beginnings in the rainforested slopes of Mt Roberts, up on the Scenic Rim.

The narrow road to Teviot Gap, and The Head, splashes through the water half a dozen times, as it climbs up to the pass.



The photograph above left, shows Mt Wilson and Teviot Gap, and was taken on the Boonah Rathdowney Road, just before Black Rock Creek, and 3 kilometres before Carney's Creek Road turns right towards Teviot Gap. At the top of the road, just before it crosses to the west, and flat valley pastures, there is a view of Teviot Brook as it falls off the Scenic Rim. In the misty blue afternoon light, it is difficult to see the falls clearly.





Once past Teviot Gap, the road goes west towards Queen Mary Falls, and the small town of Killarney. The unfenced pastures just west has to be the most beautiful road landscape anywhere in South East Queensland.

The background in the distance (photo left) is a line of cliffs that are the start of Condamine Gorge. This valley is the start of the Condamine River, starting a few hundred metres from Teviot Brook, but flowing west to join the Darling River, then the Murray River, to finish in South Australia.

At Teviot Gap, Mt Wilson is visible to the left, and a walking track leads away to the right. This is the start of the walking track to Mt Roberts, Mt Superbus (highest mountain in SE Queensland), and the Scenic Rim trail traversing Lizard Point, The Steamers, Panorama Point, Mt Huntley, Doubletop, Spicers Peak, and Mt Matheison to Cunningham's Gap on the Cunningham Highway to Warwick. That's a 3 or 4 day walk in a National Park.

The Teviot Falls can be seen from a small road layby just short of the top. Take note that the extremely steep slope just off the road is above a high cliff, and use caution when seeking a photographic viewpoint. If you have children with you do not proceed beyond the road guardrail.

About 700m up the Mt Superbus track is a small stream. This stream flows to south Teviot Falls (not really visible from the road lookout). Past the wooden bridge over the stream, the old road dwindles to an overgrown walking track. Bushwalkers intending to climb Mt Superbus should have clear directions on how to find the old rabbit fence, on leaving the logging track.

walking track start (looking back)



Mt Wilson

