



Volcanic vesicular rock.

erupted c. 19 million years ago - not long at all in geological history.

An inspection of local paddocks will reveal many fist-sized lumps of volcanic tuff, a fused igneous rock formed from the

mixture of materials blasted from the volcanic vent. In contrast, away from the basalt, the countryside is adorned with many extrusions of brilliantly white crystalline quartz, surrounded by old granitic rock.

Explore Further

Bookings are required for all camping and accommodation in NSW National Parks - phone 1300 072 757 or visit nswparks.info.

The Falls at Ebor are at the southern-most tip of Guy Fawkes River National Park. Just to the north, deep in the gorge, is a protected Wilderness Area. Access to the more remote parts of Guy Fawkes River, and to Chaelundi, is from either the Armidale-Grafton Road, via Marengo Road at Hernani, Sheep Station Creek Road at Dundurrabin, Ellis and Boundary Creek Roads further north; or from the Old Grafton-Glen Innes Road, via Chaelundi Road at Dalmorton. Unsealed forest roads can be rough and narrow; check conditions after rain.

Guy Fawkes River National Park

The Guy Fawkes river cuts a deep zig-zag gorge north along the line of an ancient fault. Rocky crags top the narrow ridges which drop steeply from the plateau edge into the valley. Seasonal waterfalls plummet into the depths.

Walking tracks include the spectacular 4.8km return walk to Lucifers Thumb, via Chaelundi Falls, and the longer Escarpment Walk which meanders along the gorge rim providing glimpses to the river 700m below.

Dalmorton Camping Area is located near the “ghost” town of Dalmorton, a once-thriving gold-mining centre in the 1880s.

Chaelundi National Park

Old-growth forests of great beauty line the roads and trails within Chaelundi National Park. Chandlers Creek traverses

the park, hidden in a deep gorge among the ridges. Enter the park from the east via Boundary Creek Road or Ellis Road, from the Grafton-Armidale Road and follow the forest roads.



North from Lucifers Thumb, Chaelundi.

Cultural Significance

These parks are located in the traditional lands of the Gumbaynggirr and Banbai Aboriginal people. Sites of high cultural significance are located along traditional walking routes between the Boyd River and high country around Ebor.

More information and maps can be found in the applicable NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service leaflet.

The Village of Ebor

Fusspots, 33 Ebor Street (0423 285 116), is a hidden gem within a 100-year-old house, in the picturesque village of Ebor. Open 7.30 am-5.30 pm everyday except Christmas Day, the friendly staff welcome all visitors with open arms. A large variety of tasty meals and snacks is available, including freshly made cakes and the finest coffee and tea and their famous milk-shakes. Fusspots is also an Arts and Crafts store, showcasing local craft, including a “must see” collection of teapots. Call and say G’day!

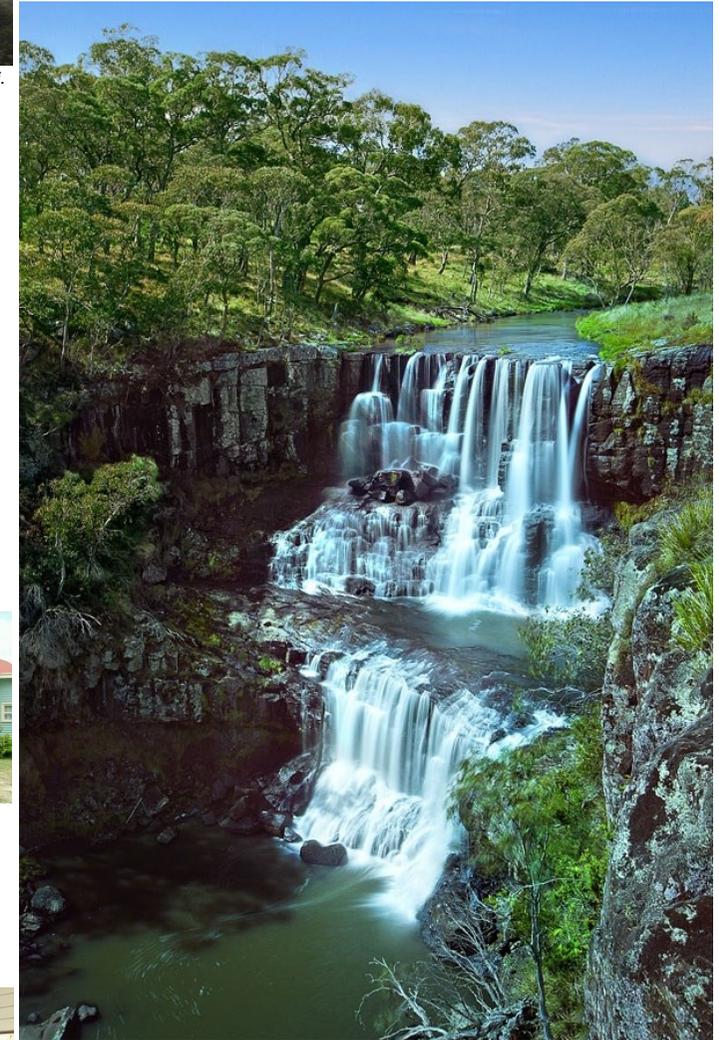


Ebor Falls Hotel Motel, 11690 Waterfall Way (02 6775 9155) with 6 ensuite motel rooms, each with a queen and single, refrigerator, TV, coffee/tea making facilities, ensuite. Powered and unpowered camping sites available with toilets and shower. The hotel is open 7 days with lunch 12.00-2.00 pm and dinner 6.00-8.00 pm, offering wide range of wines and choice from great value meals. A reconfigured house is also available for groups.



Ebor Falls

GUY FAWKES RIVER
NATIONAL PARK



ARMIDALE



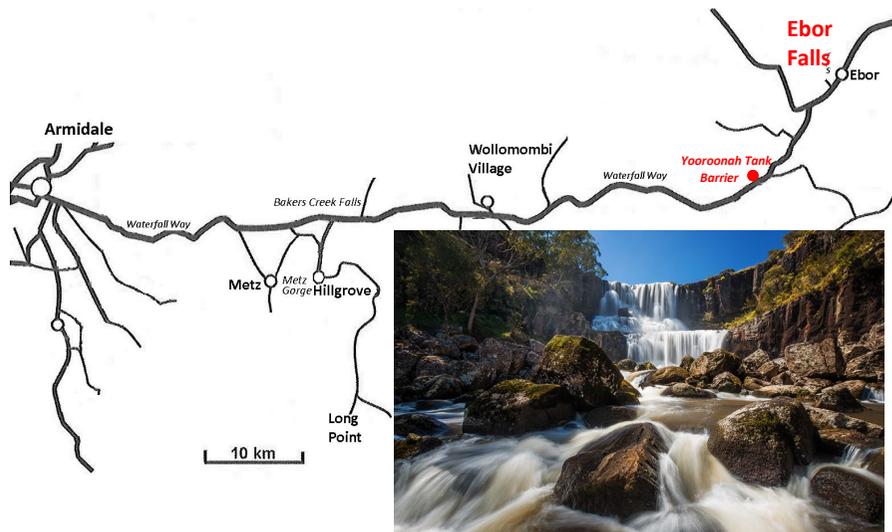
The Ebor Falls are situated at the southeastern-most tip of the Guy Fawkes River National Park. There are, in fact, two falls, each spectacular in its own way. A 600 m sealed walking track along the gorge rim links the two falls. The falls flow continuously throughout the year, not only because the locality has a high rainfall, but because the water is sourced from forested country, the roots of which act as a giant sponge. The waters flowing over the falls descend through the National Park and, via the Nymboida, join with the Mann River eventually meeting the sea at Yamba/Iluka as the Clarence.



Lower Falls; Upper Falls on cover.

How to Get There

From the Armidale Visitor Information Centre travel south along Marsh Street to the traffic lights on Barney Street. Turn left and travel east along the Waterfall Way for approximately 80 km (about an hour's drive) towards the coast. The turn-off for Ebor Falls is on the left-hand side of the road, just before the village of Ebor. The road into the falls is sealed from the turn off to the car park, approximately 600 m.



Facilities

Lookout platforms with easy access, a walking track, picnic tables, information display, wood barbecues and pit toilets.

Activities

Scenic views, photography and picnicking. There are three cliff-top platforms with easy wheelchair access that provide excellent views of the picturesque falls and the rugged gorge country of Guy Fawkes River National Park.

The upper falls lookout is approximately 200 m off the main road on the right. This vantage point shows the upper falls in their tiered form. There is a second lookout, 600 m further on from the first car park and here the lower falls can be seen as well as a great view of the upper falls. It can be accessed by car or by an easy walking track. This lookout gives a magnificent view over the deep gorge and surrounding countryside.

Camping is not allowed at Ebor Falls, however camping is available in two locations at Cathedral Rock National Park nearby. Barokee Rest area is accessed via Waterfall Way and the Native Dog Creek Rest area via the Guyra-Ebor Road. Camping and cabins are also available at New England National Park. Telephone the Dorrigo office of National Parks & Wildlife Service for cabin bookings on 02 6657 2309.

Trout Fishing

The Ebor area is well known for its trout fishing. The stream that flows through Ebor Common is a popular fishing spot with locals and visitors. Further details can be obtained from the Armidale Visitor Information Centre or from the Dutton Trout Hatchery on Point Lookout Road.

Flora and Fauna

At Ebor Falls the majestic Ribbon Gums and dense Peppermints are complemented by the Snow Gums. A magnificent Forest Ribbon Gum can be



Ribbon Gums.



Snow Gums.



Billy Buttons.

seen beside the lower falls. An interesting little herb called "Billy Buttons" often shows as a yellow carpet beneath the towering trees.

Watch out for the cheeky White-eared and Yellow-faced Honeyeaters that challenge the dominance of Australian Magpies and Currawongs, around the picnic sites. The gorgeous (in two senses!) Wedge-tailed Eagle soars and nests in the valleys.



Australian Magpie.



White-eared Honeyeater.



Yellow-faced Honeyeater.

Ebor Volcano

The highly fertile soils of the Ebor district result from the weatherings of lava from the Ebor Volcano, the core of which resides somewhat inconspicuously in the heart of New England National Park. The volcano is also responsible for the interesting basaltic columns well displayed at the lower of the Ebor Falls. The layers of basaltic rock behind the waters of the upper Ebor Falls are clear evidence of ancient lava flows. The volcano last