

Six Waterfalls West of Fredericton

Driving distance: about 180 km

Difficulty: Moderate

The Trans-Canada Highway passes close to several waterfalls between Fredericton and Woodstock. Here are some directions for finding them.

CAUTION: Waterfalls may involve cliffs, so please keep yourself and children away from the edges. Always use your own discretion and judgement when on your own in the wilderness. Bring proper footwear and water.

BEGIN AT [THE HANWELL RD. & PROSPECT ST. INTERSECTION](#)

1. GARDEN CREEK FALLS (30 mins) (45° 56.315'N 66° 43.280'W)

Derivation: Named for William Garden, early land grantee.

Watercourse: Garden Creek

CAUTION: CLIFFS

- (1) From the Hanwell / Prospect intersection enter Route 2 (TCH) going west.
- (2) Drive past the 3 and 2 km markers, and park at the 1 km marker.
- (3) Just beyond the marker, locate the trail on the right and follow it to the falls.

Note. Probably the prettiest and easiest falls to access of the 6 listed here. The trail leads down to a peaceful clearing shaded by a large pine tree. There is a shortcut to the left of a large puddle on the trail.



2. KITCHEN BROOK FALLS (20 mins) (45° 51.387'N 66° 55.782'W)

Derivation: Possibly named for Henry Kitchen, a mill owner in the early 1800s.

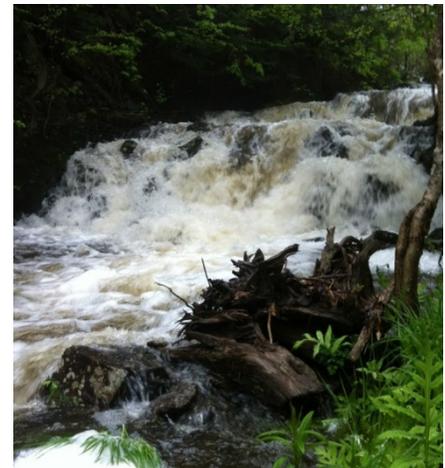
Watercourse: Kitchen Brook

CAUTION: TRAFFIC DANGER WHEN WALKING ACROSS THE EXIT RAMP!

- (1) Continue west on Route 2 to exit 258.
- (2) Do not take exit 258, but stop and park along Route 2 just past the exit.
- (3) When it is safe to do so, cross the exit ramp, and then cross over the guardrail for safety. Walk about 100 meters left along the exit ramp until you see a culvert on the right.
- (4) Descend to the culvert, and follow a short trail along the right side of the stream to the base of the falls.

While not a spectacular waterfall, it's location within the large circular interchange makes it unusual.

In the summer there is very little water here.



3. LOWER JOSLIN FALLS (1hr) (45° 53.213'N 67° 1.510'W)

Derivation: Possibly named for Andrew Joslin, early land grantee.

Watercourse: Joslin Creek

There is another falls called Upper Joslin Falls at the forest edge, on the far side of the highway.

CAUTION: CLIFFS and SLIPPERY ROCKS

The walk down to the deer fence is over uneven broken rocks.

Both routes A and B require scrambling over large slippery rocks in the stream bed.



(1) Continue west on Route 2 and park near the 250 km marker.

(2) Negotiate the uneven rocky surface and pass through the deer fence:

A: Take the marked trail on the left at the deer fence.

Descend the easy trail to the creek.

Scramble over large slippery boulders up to the falls.

or

B: Turn right and cross over the large culvert for Joslin Creek. (or the rocks at low water)

Take the path down the right side of the ravine.

Carefully climb over the edge and descend the steep rocks to the creek.

Scramble over large slippery boulders to the falls.

4. HAYS FALLS (40 mins) - Maliseet Trail 1.2 km (46° 1.582'N 67° 33.337'W)

Derivation: Possibly named for A. R. Hay, the landowner in the late 1800s.

Watercourse: Hay's Brook

CAUTION: CLIFFS

The cliff is high and steep, so stay on the safe side of the fence.

Continue west on route 2 and take exit 200 (Dugan Road)

Turn right onto Dugan Road and drive 300 meters.

Turn right onto Hwy 165 and drive 1.8 km.

Park in the wide area on the right.

Walk up the Maliseet trail for about 1 km, then turn off to the right.

****at this point, the Maliseet Trail continues on another 300 meters to the TCH. If you wish, you can park there at km 204, go down the side of a wildlife tunnel and access Hay's Falls that way.***

The short trail to Hay's Falls soon divides, with the right branch descending to the base of the falls and the left branch going to the top of the falls.

There is a roughhewn picnic table at the top of the falls.



5. SHOGOMOC FALLS (45 mins) (45° 56.647'N 67° 19.232'W)

Derivation: A Maliseet word possibly meaning “Place of Chief’s” referring to a large flat rock in the Saint John river, now flooded by the waters of the Mactaquac head pond.

Watercourse: Shogomoc Stream

There are two falls beyond Shogomoc Falls. One about 320 meters upstream from the power lines, and Big Falls 1 km above the power lines.

- (1) Continue west on Route 2 and use exit 200 to reverse direction and head back towards Fredericton.
- (2) At km marker 224 watch for a guardrail where the road crosses Shogomoc stream (km 224.5)

Park just before the guardrail on the Woodstock side of the river.

- (3) Follow the inside of the guardrail towards the river and go down the hill next to the bridge. Just before you reach the river turn right and enter the woods. There are signs of an old road that follows along the river at the top of hill but is sometimes hard to follow. Just follow the river until you reach the waterfall at 600 meters. The powerlines cross the river just above the first falls.



6. SPLIT ROCK FALLS (2 hrs) (45° 51.154'N 66° 57.687'W)

Derivation: Possibly named for the rock outcrop that juts out like a wedge into the stream.

Watercourse: Jewett’s Creek

CAUTION: CLIFFS

The trail down into the ravine is very steep, with cliffs right along the pathway near the falls.

BE VERY CAREFUL.....especially if accompanied by children!

- (1) Continue east on Route 2 and take exit 253 towards the Petro Canada store.
- (2) Turn onto the McLean road directly across from the Petro Canada, and drive 2.3 km and park where the road narrows, near a right angle turn.
- (3) Hike 300 meters along this road to (45 51’ 19.4’’N 066 57’ 53.2’’W) and turn left onto an ATV trail.
- (4) Follow the ATV trail to its end, and descend the steep trail to the falls on Jewett’s Creek.

To see the falls, go CAREFULLY out onto a steep rocky outcrop where you can look straight down at the falls. From near here, you can descend either Left or Right to Jewett’s Creek.

The best view is from a rounded-out area in the rock to the right.

WHEN DONE CONTINUE EAST ON ROUTE 2 TO FREDERICTON.

Dave Suttie, Nov 2017

