Stockyard Hill Volcano and Black Lake

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Stockyard Hill volcano.....A large, complex eruption point situated between Beaufort and Skipton, and one if the northern-most maar volcanoes in the State....the enormous crater nested within the broad tuff cone, currently dry and covered in reddish succulent plants, is called **Black Lake**.

Its eruption probably dammed a creek leading to the formation of adjacent Lake Goldsmith.

A promontory on the crater rim is composed of well-bedded, welded tuff/scoria. The curvature of the welded tuff-edged shoreline indicates that it is a remnant of an earlier, smaller crater rim, over half of which is overprinted by the larger maar crater.



The floor of the lake is filled with basalt lava - probably a low-energy terminal upwelling into the volcanic vent.

