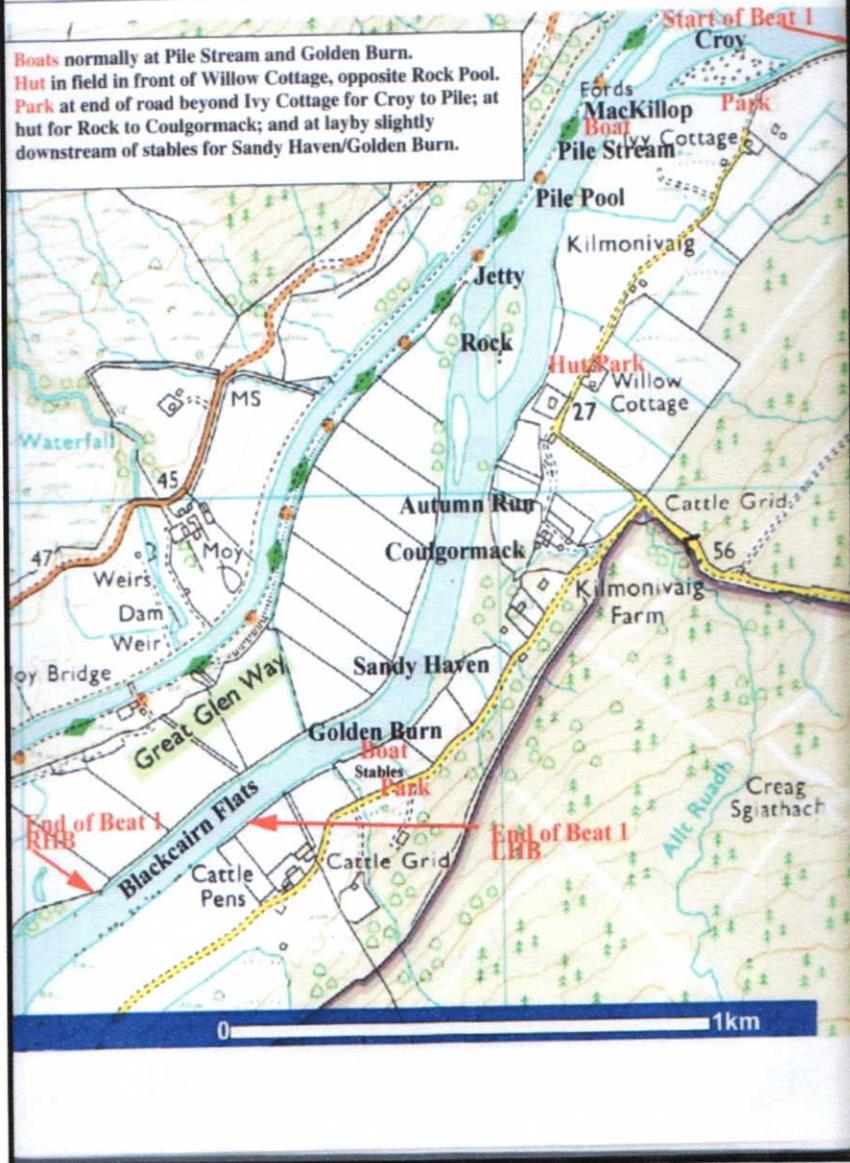


# THE RIVER LOCHY BEAT GUIDE

## River Lochy - Beat 1

Boats normally at Pile Stream and Golden Burn.  
 Hut in field in front of Willow Cottage, opposite Rock Pool.  
 Park at end of road beyond Ivy Cottage for Croy to Pile; at hut for Rock to Coulgormack; and at layby slightly downstream of stables for Sandy Haven/Golden Burn.



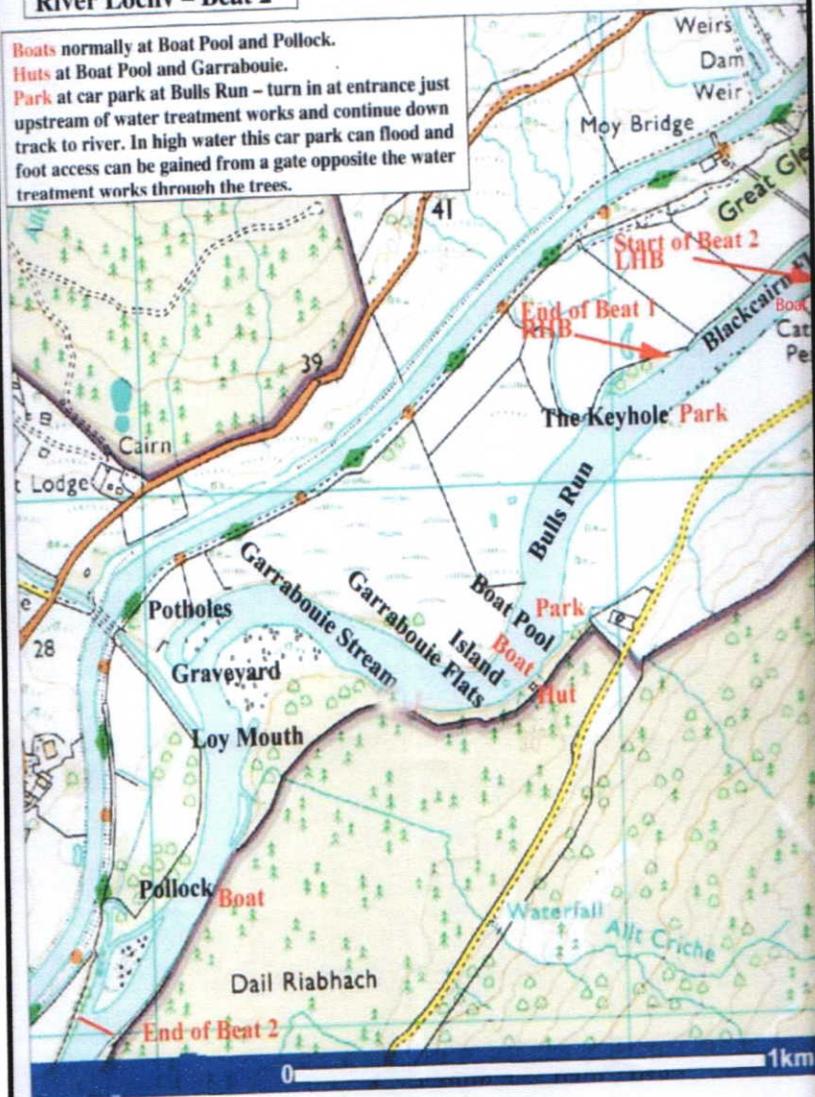
## Beat 1. (Heights stated are on Beat 1 Gauge)

- 1. Croy (L-M-H):** Left bank fishing at most heights. Best at 6"-1ft 6". Fish can be taken in the fast top section above railings in low water and all the way down in medium flows. Salmon will lie in the hole at the bottom end of the railings. In higher water (1ft 6" +) the middle - tail section can be fished from both banks to good effect. **NOTE: take care wading the fast top section as the gravel is unstable.**
- 2. McKillop(L) :** Right bank fishing in low to medium heights. There is a deep pot at the top which is awkward to cover but holds fish. Fish will favour the right side of the main flow.
- 3. Pile Stream(L-M) :** A continuation of McKillops. Fishes best from right bank but left bank fishing also good, starting just above the boat. Fishes best from 6"-1ft 3". Right bank will always favour the higher water. Fish can be taken from above the croy on left bank all the way down.
- 4. Pile Pool (M-H):** Right bank fishing. Best at 1ft 3"+. Start at canal overflow and fish right through almost to top of Jetty. No wading required. Tail section will fish from left bank in higher water (2ft+) - Deep wading required. Fish can be taken anywhere depending on height, but make sure and fish it right through. Hand lining maybe required in places.
- 5. Jetty (L):** Left bank fishing when on island. Fishes best from 3" to 1FT. Fish tend to lie just opposite rock face on the right bank. This pool takes only 10-15 minutes to fish so go through quickly and then leave it for 30 mins and try again.
- 6. Rock (L-M):** Left bank fishing when on island. Fishes best up to 2ft 6". Salmon will lie close in so no deep wading and fish with stealth. Where the 2 flows meet, just down from the small seat, is a key area. As you approach the tail, lengthen line and cast towards the large boulders on the right bank. Salmon can often rest here as they enter the pool. Take care wading across to island when river is 2Ft+. If river is rising be extra careful.
- 7. Autumn Run (L-M):** Left bank fishing starting just below island. Top section fishes best in low water – less than 4". Bottom section fishes best at 1ft-1ft6" but will still fish at much higher levels. Fish can lie close to left bank in tail section so deep wading not required.
- 8. Coulgormack (M):** Right bank fishing is probably easier (although the left bank is also possible with a long deep wade down the middle of the river). Best at 1ft 3"+. Start at croy on right bank and fish right down to start of treeline. You can fish from start of treeline down to top of Sandy haven from left bank. Access to right bank is via Golden burn boat.
- 9. Sandy Haven(L-M):** Right bank fishing is best. Best above 6" up to 1ft6"
- 10. Golden Burn (M):** Right bank fishing (left bank possible but hazardous). Best at 1ft 3" – 2ft. A continuation of Sandy haven, it fishes all the way down just past a small burn on the right bank...opposite where you find the boat. There are many lies in this pool so fish it through more than once if you can.

Key for water heights : L – Low      M- Medium      H-High

## River Lochy - Beat 2

**Boats** normally at Boat Pool and Pollock.  
**Huts** at Boat Pool and Garrabouie.  
**Park** at car park at Bulls Run - turn in at entrance just upstream of water treatment works and continue down track to river. In high water this car park can flood and foot access can be gained from a gate opposite the water treatment works through the trees.



## Beat 2 : (Heights stated are on Beat 2 Gauge )

- Blackcairn Flats (H):** Left Bank ONLY for this beat. High water pool which fishes best between 3ft-6ft on left bank. Can be a great pool at the backend of the year.
- Keyhole (L-M):** Left bank fishing. Wade out at the tail of Blackcairn flats and fish the narrow neck, then continue all the way down to where the streams separate. This pool will fish in a range of heights – best from 6"–1ft 6. Fish can be taken anywhere.
- Bulls Run (L-M):** Fished from either bank but left is best @ 6"–1ft 4". From left bank start where all streams converge. Fish right into "V" at the tail of the pool. The deeper channel is closer to right bank so make sure to cover whole pool. There are some submerged rocks half-way down which provide good resting spots for running fish.
- Boat Pool (L-M-H):** Fished from either bank. Left bank is preferred if water is 2ft6-4ft as fish will move close-in to this bank. Start well up from hut, just past the gate, and fish down to the island. No wading. Fish can often rest up just before they go into Bullsrun. In Lower water right bank is best. Start at the neck and fish down past island point for about 30 yards. Fish can often hold here in low summer levels. Hand lining is necessary here due to the back-eddy.
- Garrabhudie Flats (M):** Fishes equally well from either side but left bank is more productive. Best between 1ft 3"– 2ft 6". Start 30 yards up from wooden Steps (left bank) and fish down and past ripples at tail section. This is a very productive pool at heights stated so fish it well and often. From right bank start 20yards below island and fish right through. Deeper wading and longer casting required from right bank to cover pool effectively.
- Garrabhudie Stream (L-M-H):** Fish from Left bank only. Will fish at almost any height. If levels are below 1ft concentrate on the faster top section and the tail section (the last 50yards before potholes) From 1ft 3" - 6ft the main section of the pool will start to fish in addition to top and tail. As the height increases the fish just move closer to the left bank. Wading is required at all heights. Best high water pool on the river!
- Potholes (L):** Fishes from left bank only, when standing on the gravel island. They are 3 small pools in total here, all for low water, 0"–9" No wading but stealth required as the river is narrow at this point.
- Graveyard (L-M):** Fishes from either bank and best from 3"–2ft. From the left bank, start above where the 2 currents meet. Do not wade deep at the top! Stay ankle deep until you get past the hole then you can wade out to knee height to cover the tail section. Access to right bank via Pollock boat.
- Loymouth (L-M):** Much shallower than it used to be but still holds running fish. Fishes from either side and best between 6"–2ft. Start above where Loy enters Lochy and fish through. Half way down pool is the best spot. Fish are sometimes taken in the faster water between Loymouth and Pollock so worth a few casts, especially from Left bank. Access to right bank via Pollock boat.
- Pollock (L-M):** A beautiful fly-fishing pool! Fishes from either side. Left bank best in high water – 3ft+. Right bank best between 6"–3ft. The top section, from boat down past dead tree is the most productive section. Fish 30yards past dead tree if height is right.

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## River Lochy – Beat 3

**Boats** normally at Upper Camisky and Fence Pool.

**Hut** at Upper Camisky.

**Park** at Camisky or at entrance to field for Upper Beat; and lay-by on road next to stile/gate for the Falls Pool area.

