

RIVER TUMMEL

MOULINEARN BEAT

SUMMARY:

Pool	1	:	Moulinearn
Pool	2	:	Killiechangie
Pool	3	:	Killiechangie Run
Pool	4	:	Rock
Pool	5	:	Green Bank
Pool	6	:	Brehmer
Pool	7	:	Allen Pool
Pool	8	:	Gull Island
Pool	9	:	Chain
Pool	10	:	Monument
Pool	11	:	Joiner's Pool

Low Water - Pools:

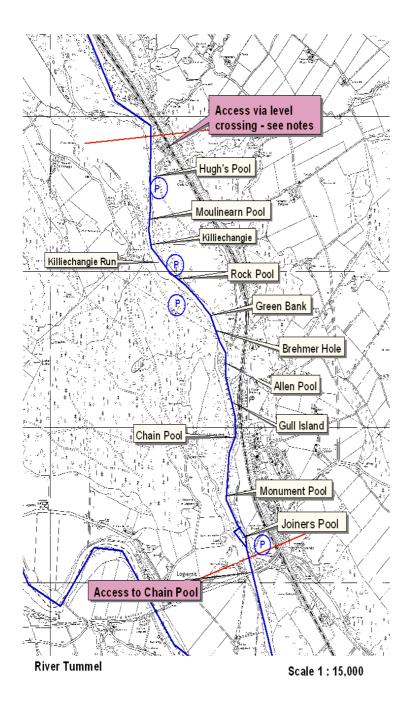
Very good	-	Rock, Monument
Good	-	Killiechangie, Green Bank, Killiechangie Run

Medium Water - Pools:

Very good	-	Killiechangie, Green Bank, Monument, Allen (tail)
Good	-	Moulinearn, Brehmer, Rock, Gull Island, Joiners

High Water - Pools:

Very good	-	Green Bank, Monument, Moulinearn
Good	-	Killiechangie, Brehmer, Allen's (neck), Chain



MOULINEARN POOL:

Access:

Over the railway crossing at Moulinearn, (follow instructions at crossing) the burn and through the gate (do not forget to close it) right to the river at the overhead line where you can park the car. (1)

Character:

Moulinearn Pool is the uppermost of the beat. Above it is only a resting lie below the mouth of the burn (upper limit of the beat). The pool was created by big boulders which had thrown in at the tail of the pool. It is a nice, short, classical pool, with a fast run at the neck, a deep middle and a wide tail. It is best fished in medium to high water and a good fly pool.

Lies:

The lies are in the middle of the pool where the trees start on the left bank, left of the main current. They are about 5 to 10 yards from the bank and the further down and closer in, the higher the water.

KILLIECHANGIE POOL:

Access:

Park your car as for Moulinearn Pool.

Character:

A big pool below Moulinearn Pool, with a long streamy run at the neck, a big and deep middle and a long, wide tail. It is a very good holding pool, which holds fish during the whole season and at all heights of water. It is also a beautiful fly pool (upper half).

Lies:

In the neck they are below the branches of the trees on the right bank right down to the "point", the last remains of an old riverbank wall. This part is best in low water and then easily covered with the fly.

Right in front of the point is a well-known lie, usually inhabited by a big fish. Another good lie is in the first third of the deep middle of the pool.

A good lie used to be in the tail, about 30 yards below the point and on the right side of the main current and therefore not easy to reach.

In high water fish lie on the left side of the current and quite close to the bank (about 10 yards).

KILLIECHANGIE RUN:

Access:

Parking like Killiechangie Pool. Walk the path along that pool and wade in at its tail.

Character:

On the 4 - 500 yards long run between Killiechangie and Rock Pool are two bays on the right bank which mark the position of two "holes". They can only be reached at low or medium water.

Lies:

In front of these bays, about 10 yards from the right bank and still on the right side of the current. They are fished very seldom, but are always worth a try as they often hold resting, and when the river is well stocked, also resident fish.

ROCK POOL:

Access:

Start as to the Killiechangie Pool, but instead of leaving the farm road to the parking place at the overhead lines, you follow it straight ahead, then through the old river bed and over a big field on the other side right to the river bank at the top of the Green Bank Pool. From there you walk back up to the broad gravel island which lies beside the Rock Pool. It can also be reached by walking down from the Killiechangie Pool.

For the right bank, you take the road from Logierait coming from the south. You can park the car turning right into an opening between the bushes about 100 yards before the high tension overhead line is spanning the valley. From there you take a steep path down.

Character:

It is the deepest pool of the whole beat and a good holding pool all year round. It has a short streamy neck, a very deep swirl in the middle, and a very long "W" shaped (under water) wide tail.

Because of its different currents, it is very difficult to fish, but can, especially at hard times, be quite successful. It often brought the only fish of a week. Best at low to medium water.

Lies:

The best lie of the neck is at its narrowest point just in front of the swirl. The second good lie, which is very difficult to fish, is at the lower end of the swirl. The best lie of the pool is just off the main current where the river widens again

in front of the bay on the right bank. This lie, and the tail of the pool, can also be fished from the right bank.

GREEN BANK POOL;

Access:

For the left bank as for the Rock Pool, you park the car at the top of Green Bank.

For the right bank the access is the same as that for the right bank of the Rock Pool.

Character:

It follows the Rock Pool and is a big and long pool which is well fished from both sides. Perfectly suited for the fly, it is a good pool at all heights which always holds fish. The only problem is to specify the lies as it is of quite uniform appearance and, due to its size, a lot of fishing time can be wasted in unproductive parts.

Lies:

Fished from the left bank, the best lie is about to thirds down, left of the main current, and the nearer to the bank the higher the water. Other good lies are at the big stones thrown in at the neck and also right at the bottom end, at the transition to the next pool in front of the group of trees on the left bank. In between, the water is quite unproductive, with the exception of autumn when the pool is usually full of fish, or at times when they are running. Another exception is high water. Then fish lie only a few yards from, and all along the bank, with hotspots at the stones and at a third, half way, and three quarters down the pool.

From the right bank the best part is at the top with a good lie about half way down the pool where the bushes start close at the bank.

BREHMER POOL (BY THE WIRES):

Access:

For the left bank like to the Green Bank. When there is no crop in the field you can drive along the pool to the group of trees at its end. Access to the right bank is the same as for the Green Bank Pool.

Character:

Below Green Bank Pool, this pool is more like a short deep hole, near the left bank, with a long wide and shallow tail. It is well to fish from both sides, but easier from the left and best with medium water.

Lies:

A good lie is in the middle of the deep part, right in the main current which is near to the left bank. Not very productive, but always worth a cast or two.

ALLEN POOL:

Access:

Leave your car as for the right bank of the Green Bank Pool. Do not take the path right down to the river, but the rough road leading south and slowly down to the river instead. To fish the tail from the left you either walk down from the Green Bank or take the path up from the Monument Pool.

Character:

This is a good resting pool at medium to high water. The neck is only fishable from the right bank, and the tail much better from the left. It sometimes also holds a few resident fish.

Lies:

There is a good lie in the neck, especially in high water, where the bushes start on the right bank, and a better one in the middle of the tail where the island ends and a burn meets the river on the left bank. To fish this lie from the left side, deep and difficult wading is necessary to find enough room to cast in front of the trees.

GULL ISLAND (Ballinluig Island):

Access:

Take the path up the river from the Monument Pool. From there you cross to the island which is not possible with high water.

Character:

This pool follows the Allen Pool and is only fishable from the left bank. It is a long, narrow and fast pool which is well fished with a fly. It is more a resting than a holding pool, and best in medium to high water.

Lies:

About half and three quarters of the way down, left of the main stream.

CHAIN POOL:

Access:

Park the car as for the left or right bank of the Monument Pool and walk the paths up the river passing that pool. On the right bank, this is a hard and long walk.

Character:

This pool right above the Monument has a long run at its neck. The main current slowly moves from close to the left bank more to the middle. This was, until a few years ago, a top pool almost as good and renowned as the monument. But it has deteriorated in the past years for no apparent reason. From the left bank only half of the pool can be fished as the water is too deep, the current so strong, and the bushes too dense at the top half. The right bank can only be fished with low water.

Lies:

At the neck right at the left bank, but these are, as mentioned before, almost unfishable. Another good lie is close to the tail also next to the left bank, in front of the group of bushes and trees.

MONUMENT POOL:

Access:

Coming from Ballinluig on the road to Aberfeldy you turn off right just before the bridge over the Tummel. On both sides there are paths up the river right to the pool. To fish the right bank, walk across the road bridge. Parking is available on the left bank near the water treatment plant, before the playing fields. (Please do not park in the joiners' workshop yard on the right bank.)

Character:

This is the best holding pool of the beat, fishing well at any time of the year and at any water level. It is situated just above a heavy run at a ruined weir. At low to medium water it is better fished from the left bank, at medium to high water, from the right bank.

Lies:

Starting just above the great big beech tree on the right bank right down to the very end above the remains of the weir. Hot spots are in front of the big beech,

under the wires, in front of the bay on the right bank, and when the water is high, also in the tail nearer to the right bank. The fish are lying closer to the right bank the higher the water.

JOINERS POOL:

Access:

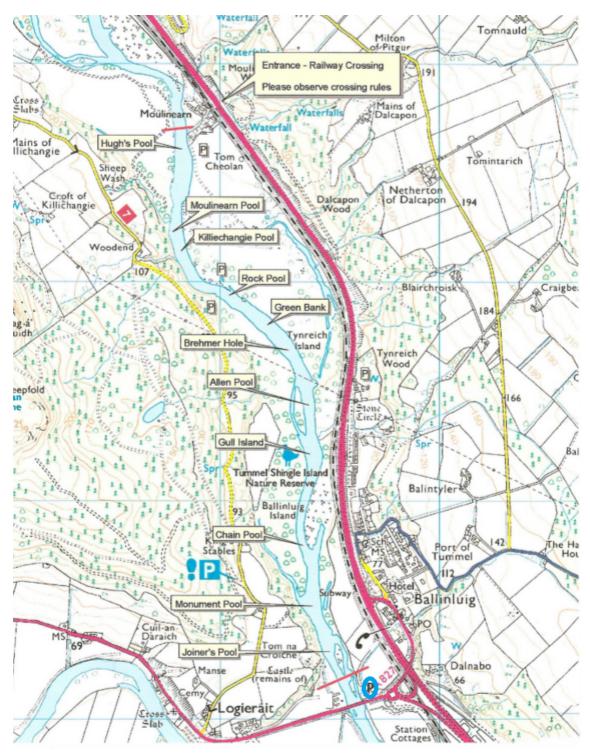
Same as for Monument Pool. From the left bank only the lower, and from the right bank only the top half, is easily covered. To reach this bank it is necessary to cross over to the island which is not possible with medium to high water.

Character:

Below the former weir is a short, narrow and very fast run which leads into a big and deep swirl pool. This stretch can be good at times, especially in the autumn.

Lies:

After the current turns right in the neck, close to the left bank below the branches of the trees, and in front of the wall just before the swirl starts. The top of the run at the neck is poor, you only spend time and tackle (sunken trees) there.



Please don't park in the workshop yard on the right bank for the Joiners Pool, or block the barrier. Parking is available by the playing fields on the left bank. Please take heed of all notices.