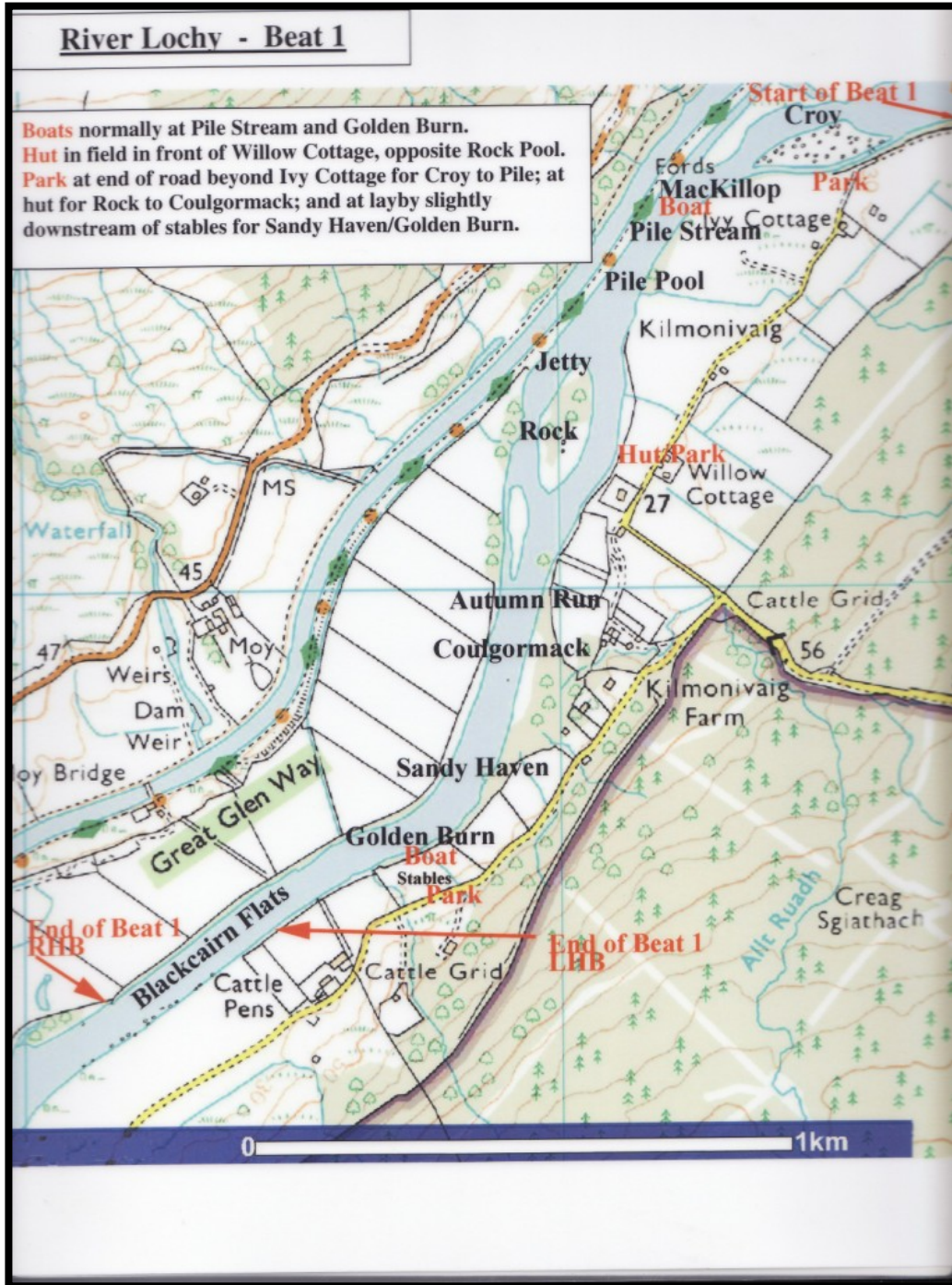


## THE RIVER LOCHY PRIVATE BEATS AND TAILRACE BEAT.



## 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 close to the metal railings on right bank in low water and all the way down in low/medium flows. Salmon will lie in the hole at the bottom end of the metal rails. In higher water (1ft 9" +) the middle - tail section can be fished from both banks to good effect. Wading is required in this pool to fish it effectively. **NOTE: take care wading the fast top section as the gravel is unstable.**
- 2. McKillop(L) :** Right bank fishing in low to medium heights down to Boat. This is a relatively shallow run which will only stop running fish for a short period. Fish will favour the middle to right hand 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 to 20 yards past the gravel spit on right bank.
- 4. Pile Pool (M-H):** Right bank fishing. Best at 1ft 6"+ . 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 2. 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 best wait till it starts to fall back.
- 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 9"-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". Take Boat across and walk up pathway. Wade in and start just as shallow goes to deep at the top of the pool.....and cast a longish line. Be careful as your wadeline becomes deeper as you move down into the slacker water, so edge back towards the bank. Continue fishing into Golden Burn.
- 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 across it width so fish it through more than once if you can. Do not be tempted to wade deep.....knee depth is enough.

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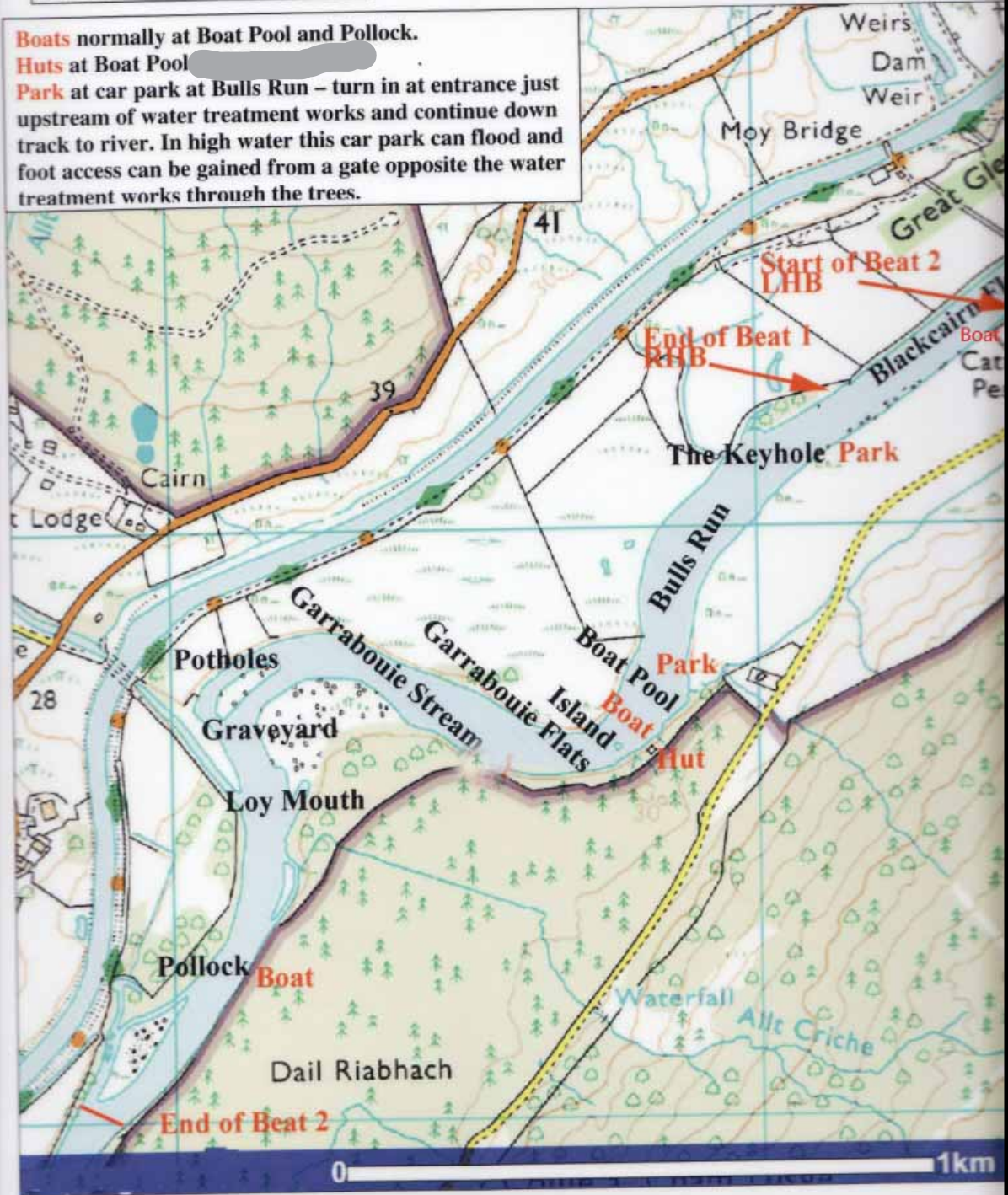


## River Lochy – Beat 2

**Boats** normally at Boat Pool and Pollock.

**Huts** at Boat Pool

**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. Access via track from carpark – walking only.
- Keyhole (L-M):** Left bank fishing. Wade across at the tail of Blackcairn flats. Take care when wading across!! This pool has changed and shallowed recently as the channel on left bank has widened. Start by fishing the narrow neck section as it spills out of Blackcairnflats. Fish all the way down to where the streams separate. This pool neck will fish in lower water but the main body of the pool now requires 1ft3 to offer any depth and the possibility of a resting fish.
- Bulls Run (L-M):** Fished from either bank but left is best @ 6"-1ft 4". From left bank start where all streams converge. Fish through to "V" at the tail of the pool. The best lies tend to be in the upper and middle sections. The deeper channel is middle to right bank so make sure to cover whole pool. There are some large submerged rocks half-way down which provide good resting spots for running fish.
- Boat Pool (L-H):** This pool has seriously filled in with gravel over last few years. It will fish from either bank. Left bank is preferred if water is 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. 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 around the island point in low summer levels. Hand lining is necessary here due to the back-eddy. Fishing from the island is also possible and effective as you can hang the fly in the channel - and fish it much deeper.
- Garrabhudie Flats (M-H):** Fishes equally well from either side. Best between 1ft 3"- 3ft". LB - Start 30 yards up from wooden Steps (go further up pool in higher levels) and fish all the way down to the V-tail section where Croy extends. RB- fish all way down from Island. This is a holding pool and can be productive at heights stated. Tail section can be exciting with a Sunray Fly on the surface.
- Garrabhudie Stream (L-M-H):** Best from Left bank. (Right bank possible but tricky) Will fish at almost any height. If levels are below 1ft concentrate on the faster top section and the tail section (the last 50yards above 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-M):** Fishes from left bank only. This is now a continuation of G-Stream. They are 3 small sections which are clearly defined by small ripples and flow diversion. These are great spots to intercept running fish No serious wading and stealth required as the river is narrower at this point.
- Graveyard (L-M):** Fishes from either bank and best from 3"-3ft. At lower levels on the left bank, wade out to cover the fast narrow top section. Hang your fly in this stream. Start to edge back in towards bank when you reach the deep hole. In medium flows, the middle and tail section will fish nicely, but careful wading required. Access to right bank via Pollock boat, or wade across in low flows at top of Loymouth.
- 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+ from boat down for 30yards. Right bank best between 6"-2ft The top section, from boat down for 100 yards, is the most productive section. If fish are showing further down pool, then fish on.

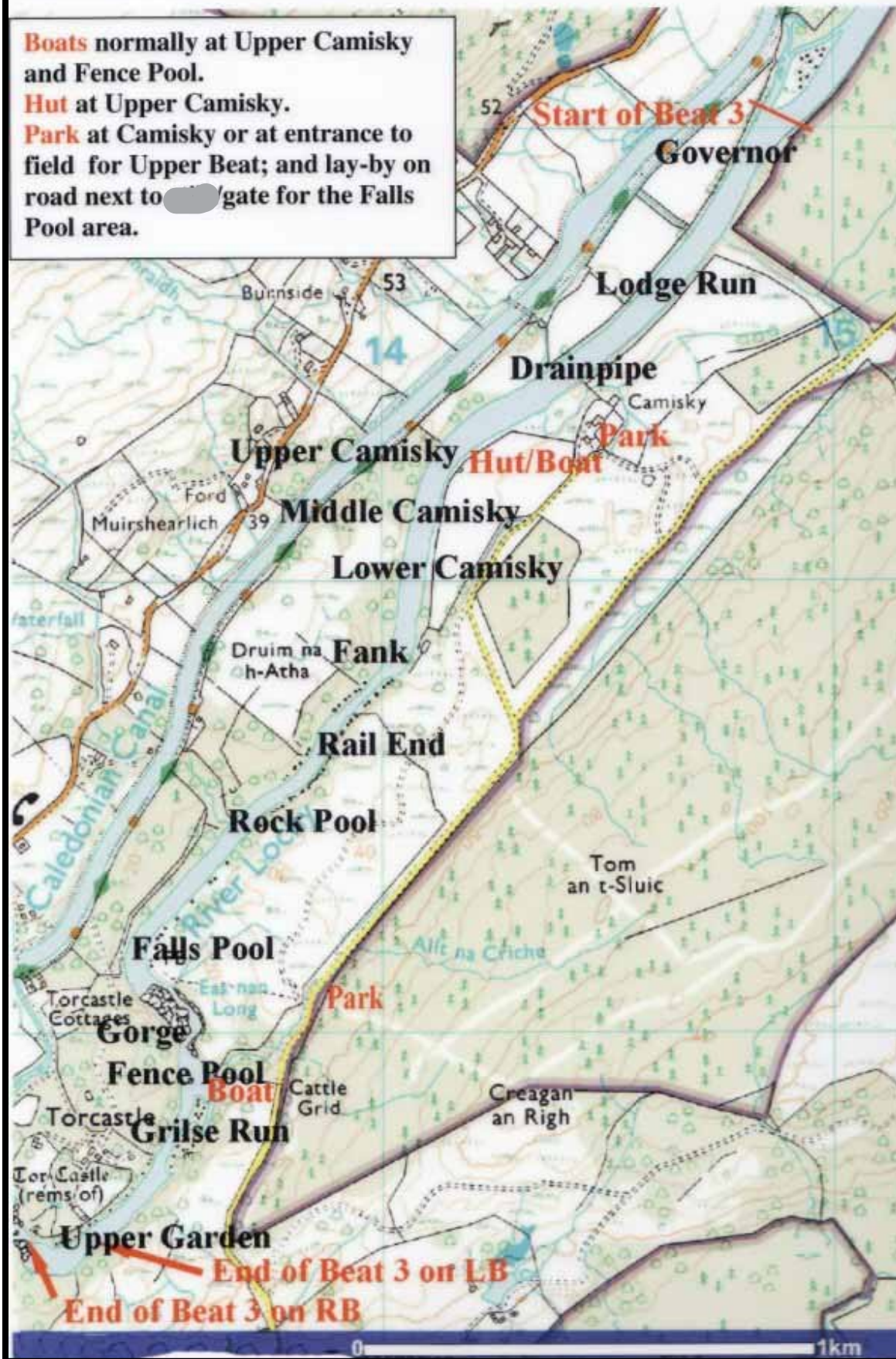
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# River Lochy – Beat 3

**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 gate for the Falls Pool area.



## Beat 3 : (Heights stated are on Beat 3 Gauge and Fishpal)

1. **Governor (L-M):** Fishes from Left bank only. Start at the top of the stream, where it is quite shallow from left bank to mid-river. Try and cover right into far bank where the deeper channel runs. Fish this all the way down to where the Sheriffs burn runs out on the left bank. Best from 6in-1ft6.
2. **Lodge Run (M):** Fishes best from right bank and best from 1ft3-2ft6 This is basically a channel spanning from mid river to left bank from tail of Governor to top of Drainpipe. The river bed is undulating, creating a few lies for running fish, but fish quickly and move on. Wading is easy all way down but care should be taken in higher flows. Access from Camisky boat or in lower levels wade across tail of Governor.
3. **Drainpipe (M):** Fishes from both banks and best between 9" and 2ft3. Start 20yards down from SEPA station and fish through to Upper Camisky. Wading is required on both banks. This is not a deep pool but it has small pots and large boulders that can pause a running fish. Fish thoroughly.
4. **Upper Camisky (L-M-H):** Fishes from both banks but easiest from left side. Will fish from minus on the gauge to 4ft. Key taking areas are above, opposite and below the white post on right bank and the tail-out section where the flow picks up pace and larger boulders create some interesting lies. In low to medium flows deeper wading is required in the top section to enable the fly to be presented into the deep channel close to the right bank. In higher flows (2ft9+) fish will move closer to left bank and opposite the hut can be a key spot.
5. **Middle Camisky (L-M):** Fishes from left bank only and best from 4" to 1ft 9. This is the run between Upper and Lower Camisky but has a deep hole on the right bank and some excellent lies mid stream. After fishing out Upper Camisky come out of the water. Ankle deep wading only to fish the top and middle part of this pool. At mid-pool, wade out and fish toward the right bank and follow this line down into Lower Camisky.
6. **Lower Camisky (L-M):** Fishes from Left bank only and best from 9inches to 2ft3. Following your wading line from tail of Middle Camisky make sure you are landing your fly as close to right bank cliff face as possible. Fish pool through making sure you cover the large boulders in the deeper channel. Some other lies have been created in the tail-out area so give this some attention also.
7. **Fank (L-M):** Fishes from either side and has become a productive pool again after a few barren years. Will fish well from a few inches to 1ft 3. Middle to tail is the best taking area. Careful but deep wading required on left bank as you need to cover the pool and cast towards the kidney stone on the right bank. Right bank access use Camisky boat and follow path down
8. **Rail-End (L-M):** Fishes from left bank and best from 6inches to 1ft 9. Start where the river takes a slight dogleg to the left and wade close into left bank or on the bank itself.
9. **Rock Pool (M):** Fishes from left bank and is a continuation of Rail-End. Fishes best from 1ft6 to 2ft6. The area above and down to the Rocky outcrop has depth and good lies. Be stealthy here as the channel is from left to middle river.
10. **Falls Pool (M):** Fishes best from left bank. Best from 9inches to 2ft3, but will still produce fish in bigger and even lower flows. Start above dead tree on right bank casting a long line over into the darker water. Fish will usually lie from middle to right bank, unless water is 3ft plus, where they move closer to left bank. From the high bank you will see the rock formation in the main part of the pool, which has many holding lies. Make sure you cover this area effectively. Wade with care!

To fish the **Lip of the Falls**, where the water starts to break and go over the falls, no wading is necessary. Fish will often stop and lie as soon as they come up over the falls. This area has good depth and flow and one of the best intercepting spots on the river at the right height (1ft+). Another great spot for fishing a sunray shadow high and fast. Don't allow a hooked fish to go over falls!!!!

**Gorge (L)** : Fishes best in low water – 3inches or less. Only right bank fishing. Start right at the very top and fish right through. This is an ideal spot for riffle hitch or dibbling. No wading required. Access via boat at Fence pool and walk up.

11. **Fence pool (L-M)** : Fishes from both banks but left bank is easier. Fishes best from 6inches to 2ft 3. The top section above the boat is quite slow and quirky so hand-lining works best. Below the boat the water picks up pace and you can lengthen line, square cast and cover the “V” area at the tail of the pool. Fish can often rest up here for a while before moving into the deeper part. Fish top part from bank only but you can wade (with caution) below the boat.
12. **Grilse run (L-H)**: Fishes from left bank on shingle island. This is a relatively fast shallow run but can hold up a running fish for short periods. Start just below tail of fence pool. In high water (4ft+) you can fish the inside of the bend below fence pool which is the left hand side of the shingle island. Go over the Deer fence and start just on the inside curve. No wading.
13. **Garden pools (M)** : Fishes from right bank only on this beat. Fishes best from 6inches to 2ft3. There are 3 parts to this pool. The upper part (top Rock face on LB) has a deep neck section which is a key spot in lower flows. The next section is a long straight run (down to bottom Rock face) which is relatively shallow but will fish nicely above 1ft and has some good lies. Make sure you cover the deeper part of the channel which is tight under the left bank.

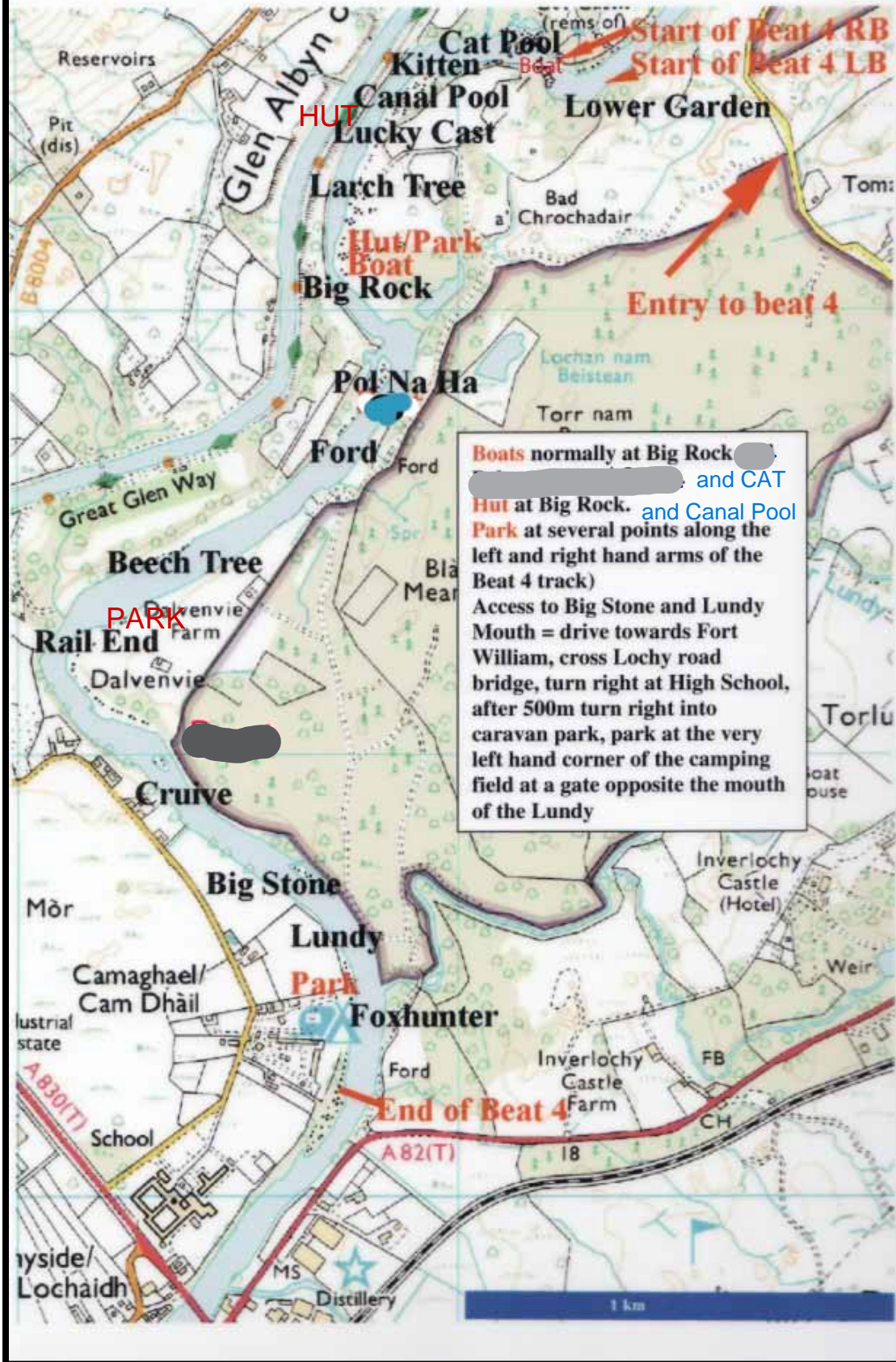
**The Lower garden** then starts where the river starts to dog-leg and deepen. The top section is quirky and not so productive but as the pace and flow evens, this is where fish will lie. There is a gravel bar on the left bank, creating a nice channel and speed of flow. Fish this right to the tail section where it exits the gorge. Access to this pool is either via Fence boat and walk down. In lower flows wade across tail of Grilse run.

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# River Lochy – Beat 4





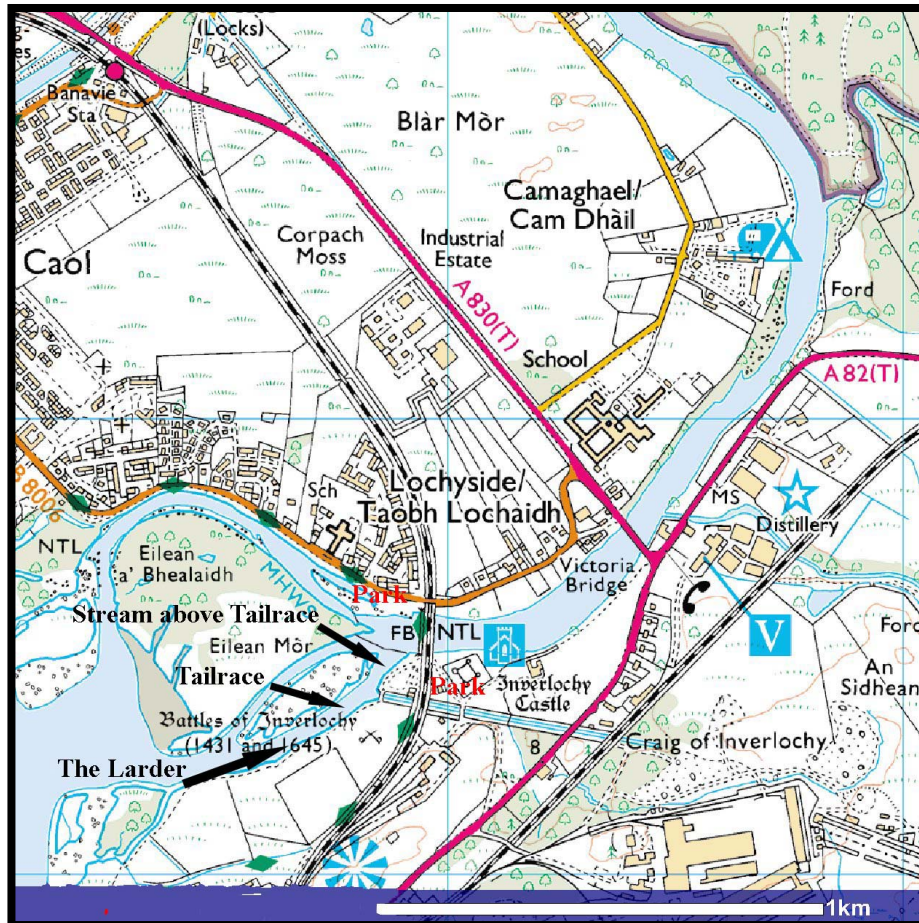
## Beat 4 : (Heights stated are on Beat 4 Gauge)

1. **Lower Garden pool (L-M):** Fished only from Left bank. Only fish in low-medium height. Not the easiest pool to fish from this side due to the high bank at the top. However as the flow comes out from the deep hole, you can clearly see a gravel bank on this side. Wade out and stand on the gravel and fish this section until it becomes too deep to wade. Make your way back to the bank but depending on height you may need to walk back up gravel bank to cross the small channel.
2. **Torcastle Rocks (L-M):** Between Lower Garden and Cat pool – left bank only. This area has deep channels and ledges but can hold fish, particularly later in the season. A hitch fly can work here as you tend to be standing well above the water.
3. **Cat Pool (L-M-H):** Fishes from both sides. Best from 9in to 4ft. Left side favours higher water, although the tail section will fish at 1ft-2ft, but deep wading is necessary. From 1ft-9 + the right bank is best. This requires little wading and can be fished from the bank itself. The key taking area is from opposite the burn on right bank all the way down to the tail section. In low to medium flows you can sometimes pick up a fish right at the top close to the boat – left bank.
4. **Kitten (L-M) :** Fishes from left bank only. Best from 3in-1ft 2in. Only fish from the middle of the pool to the tail. The top section has serious undercurrents and will drown your line. Square cast and hand line as soon as fly hits the water as fish can often lie on the far side of the main current as well as the middle. As you fish down, lengthen line and cover the whole tail section.
5. **Canal Pool (L-M-H) :** Fishes from Left bank only. This is a long pool and can be broken down into 3 sections. The faster top section will fish in low-medium heights.. 3in-2ft. There are some good lies in this part of the pool particularly at the very top. 30yards down there is a back-eddy....go through quickly. The middle section starts after the back-eddy but needs water levels over ....2ft. The tail section, which is called “Lucky Cast” is covered below.
6. **Lucky Cast (M-H) :** Left bank only. Fishes best from 2ft-5ft. Wade in 30m upstream of the metal railings on right bank and fish down past ripples at the start of Larch Tree. Depending on height you may need to wade deeper and cast long to cover this part of the pool effectively....2ft-3ft. At much higher flows (4-5ft) fish tend to lie closer to left bank and much further down into the bend.
7. **Larch Tree (L-M) :** Left bank only. Fishes best in low to medium flows 3in-1ft. Start opposite the Larch Tree on right bank and fish round the corner and down to Big Rock pool. Good areas are usually the top section, on the corner itself and the tail. No wading or long casting required. Fish with stealth here as the river is narrower and fish can be easily spooked.
8. **Big Rock (L-M) :** Fishes from both banks. Top section is best from left bank, whereas the tail section is best from right bank. The faster top section fishes best from 3in to 1ft6. Start just below tail of Larch Tree (ripples) and fish down and past the big rock formation itself and into the main body of the pool. Best lies are just as a small bay forms on the right bank down to the rock point. Be careful when you reach the rock point as the gravel shelves away very quickly. The tail section is best fished from 9in to 2ft9. Take the boat across and start (wade in) opposite the rock in the middle of the pool and fish through. Fish can often lie around this rock or just as then enter the pool. This section can also be fished from the left bank but due to the rocky outcrops and no backspace, speycasting with shooting heads makes life easier.
9. **Pol-Na-Ha (L-M) :** Fishes from both banks, but best from right side. Fishes at a range of heights but best from 6in to 2ft6. Knee deep wading and long casts required to cover the pool effectively. A key spot is where the treeline on the left bank ends. Access to right bank via Big Rock boat.

10. **Ford (M-H)** : Fishes from both banks. On a medium water right bank is favoured. Just continue after fishing Pol-Na-Ha, but wade out a little further and cover the deep channel along tree line on left bank. Left bank favoured in the higher water.
11. **Beech Tree (M-H)** : Fishes from both banks but mostly from left bank. The top section, starting where the treeline ends, will fish best at 2ft+. The tail section will fish from 1ft 2+. The deeper channel is to this bank so very long casting not required. Pay attention to the 3 large boulders at the tail..... the first 2 are known taking lies, but fish can be taken anywhere from top to bottom. No wading required at top section but as you near the tail you can wade out a little to cover the lies. If water above 3ft 6 right bank fishing can be productive although deep wading is required. Access from Big Rock boat and walk down or drive around.
12. **Rail-End (M-H)**: Fishes from left bank only. The top section, above dead tree, will fish in low water, however the main lies are below the dead tree in the deep channel under the right bank. You need to wade in well above your knees to cover this section. Care must be taken as your wade line will take you into a deep hole. Make a few long casts before you work your way back to the bank. The next section is fished from 2ft +. Wade out below the hole and take an easy wade line down until you are 10yards past an old Trampoline on the far bank . The fish tend to lie from middle to right side where there are some large boulders here. The bottom tail section can be fished even with less than 2ft of water, but it requires a deep wade and long casting towards the trees hanging over the water.
13. **Cruive (L-M-H)**: Mainly left bank fishing. The top section will fish in low to medium heights and best from 6" to 1ft9. Walk onto the gravel spit and start 40yards down from the old Cruive (boulders across the river). Continue wading down gravel spit until you either run out of flow or it become too deep. Fish can lie anywhere down this stream. The tail section is best in higher water 2ft+. The easiest way to fish this section is to take the path down stream and before you come out the trees drop into the river, wade out a rod length+ and fish this section until you are opposite the grassy bank. The wading is easy but you need to cast long to cover the large boulders in mid-river, where the fish lie.
14. **Big Stone (L-M)** : Fishes from either side but best from right bank. The main channel is on the right side of the big stone. This is a short pool and may hold a running fish as it passes through. Access is via the Caravan park (Lundy Mouth) and walk up.
15. **Lundy Mouth (L-M-H)**: Fishes from both banks but best from right bank as you can fish the whole pool. Best between 6" and 2ft6 but will still produce fish in higher and lower levels. Start high up in the faster neck of the pool and fish down past where the Lundy burn enters the river from the left bank. Wading is required as is long casting in the top section to cover the large boulders which are spread along the left bank. Fish will often lie around these boulders. Another key taking area is around the Lundy burn and down towards the tail. Make sure you are covering the ripples mid-stream opposite the Lundy.
16. **Foxhunter L-M)** : Fishes best from Right bank. A small pool but one that can produce fish in the right conditions. Wading into the middle of the river is necessary to cover the deep channel close to the left bank. Do not attempt this on a rising water or when river is about 1ft 2. This pool can often hold fresh fish as they come off the tide so timing can be crucial.

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## The Tailrace

Please ask Billy Neil about current access/parking and arrangements for fishing the Tailrace beat.

1. **Stream above Tailrace (L)** : Fishes from both banks, more comfortable on right bank. Fishes best in lower flows. Start just where the water breaks after coming through old footbridge. Fish down to where the flow joins the fast BA outflow. Fish can often be taken at the very top of stream or just as it joins the outflow. RB access is via the footbridge across the river as you need to park on InverLochy Castle side just next to bridge. Walk 50yards along the roadside and take the small path through the trees down to the pool.
2. **Tail Race (L-M)** : Fishes from both sides. If fishing from right bank there's 2 parts to this pool. The first part is just opposite where the outflow enters the river on the left bank. This causes a large back eddy where the water actually goes in the opposite direction. Fish this section as you would do normally but you are facing upstream. This area is good for hitching and fishing a Sunray fast near the surface. The second section is opposite the large boulders on the left bank where the flow comes out of back eddy and forms a fast current downstream. Long casting is needed here to cover as much water as possible. Fish this all the way down for about 70-100yards. Half way down the flow slows up and deepens. This can be a key taking spot also. Fishing from the left bank starts when standing on the large boulders just at the outflow. This area gets fished a lot by the IAC members as it's a known taking spot just off the main current close to the left bank. However it is worth fishing the whole pool. No wading on left bank.
3. **Larder pool (L-M)**: Below the power lines over the river. This pool can be fished from both banks, but only from dry land on the left bank. It probably fishes best at a mid tide from the shingle on the right bank, especially if the river is low. Can be a very good bet if the upriver pools are struggling for water.