



Perth & District Anglers Association

Scotland's Best Value Salmon Fishing



LOWER SCONE



Getting There

PDAA has two beats at Lower Scone – Waulkmill and Goldcastle

Getting to Waulkmill – From the East side of the river head north towards Scone – at the “Y” junction take the left fork towards Blairgowrie

Just past Scone Palace turn left towards Perth Race Course and Stormontfield (Point 2). Waulkmill is at Point 3



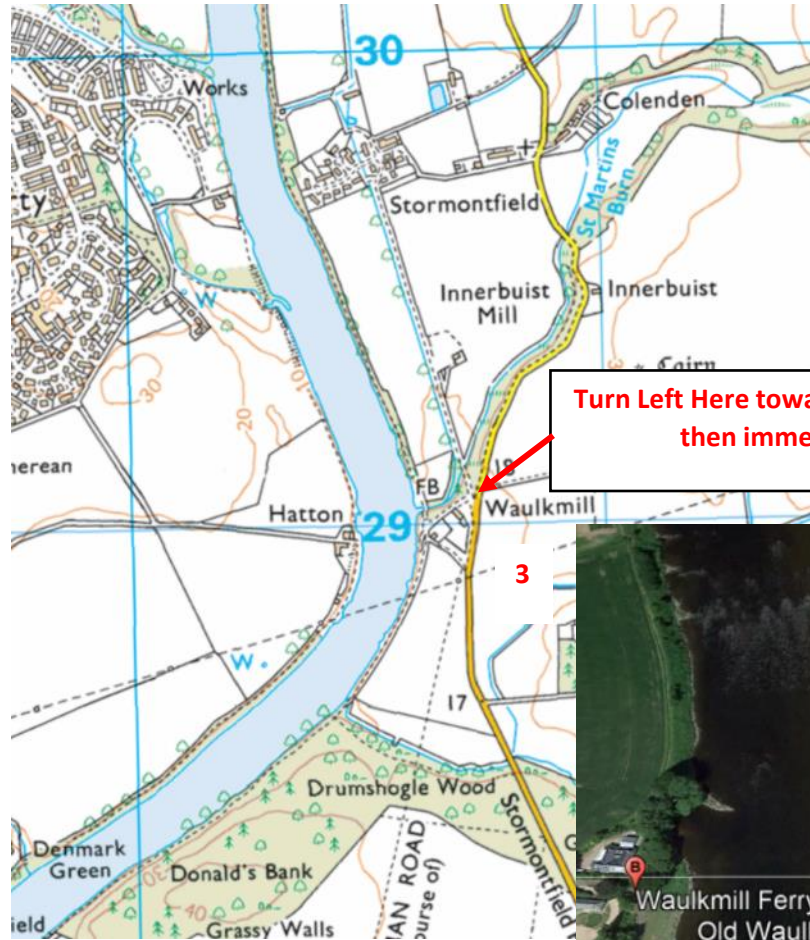
Past Scone Palace - Turn left here



For Waulkmill, keep on the road, past the racecourse entrance

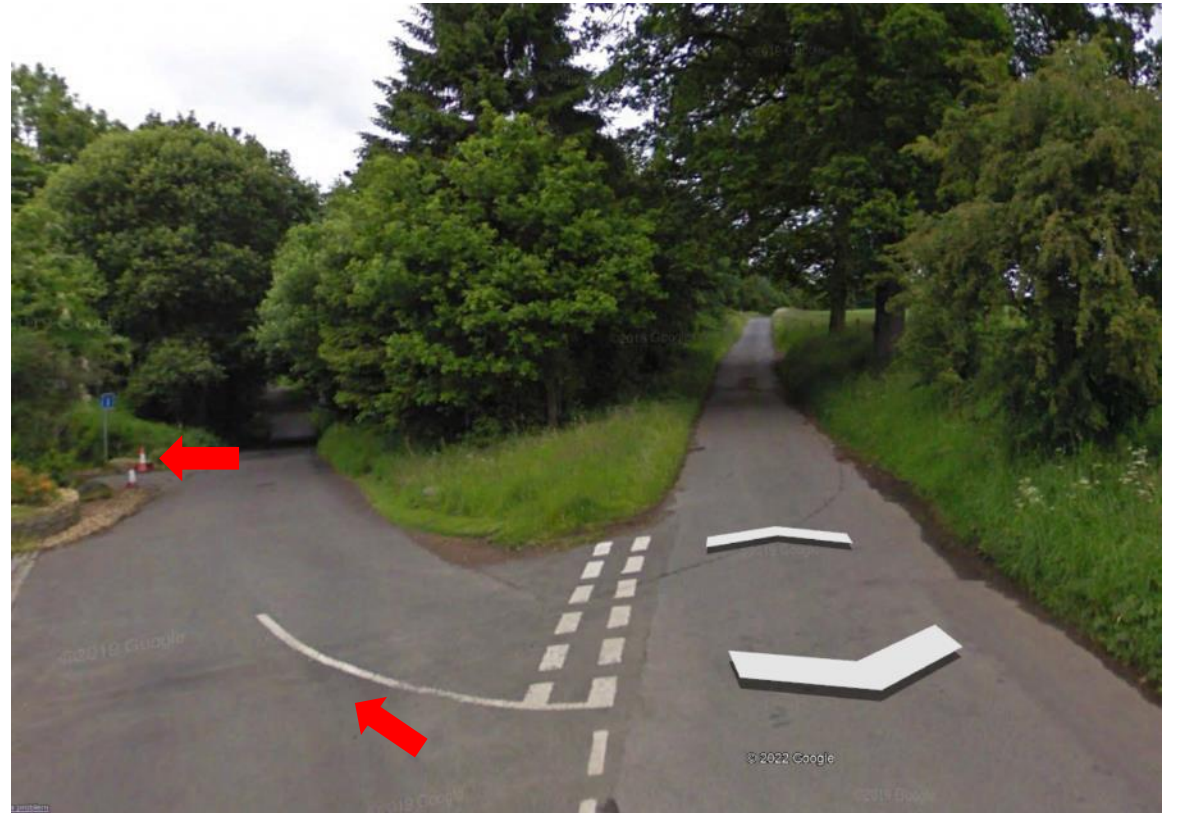


At point 3:



Turn Left Here towards STORMONTFIELD and then immediately sharp left

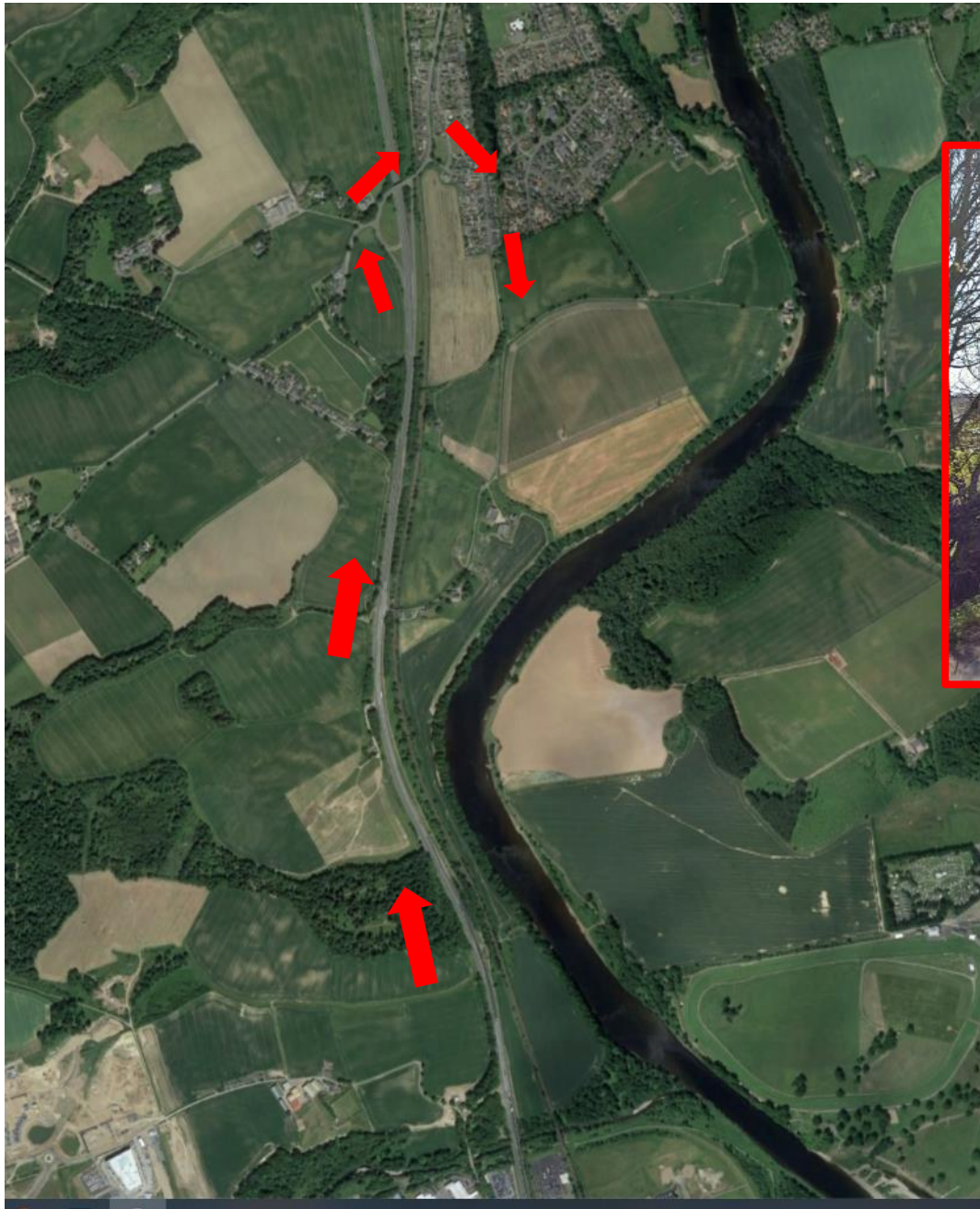




As soon as you turn sharp left you will see the Waulkmill ferry Bothy – turn right after the bothy and go through gate towards Fishing Hut. The gate is padlocked – combination on permit.





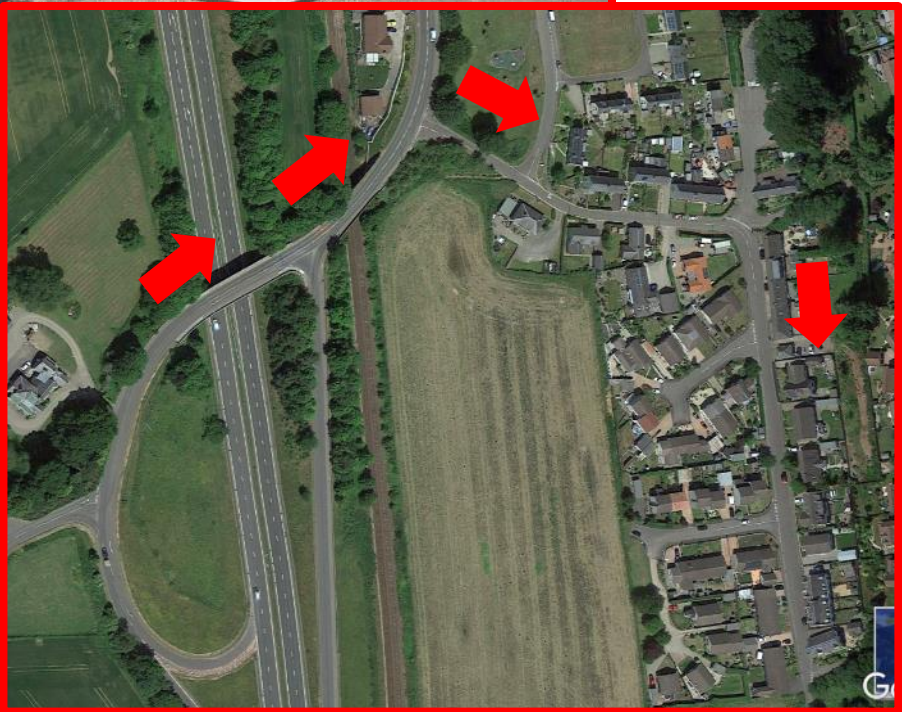


For Waulkmill right bank – Follow directions from A9 North or South to Luncarty

From North, leaving Luncarty village



From South



For Waulkmill right bank – follow the arrows and park close to the Old Waulkmill Ferry Crossing and walk to river. Do NOT go through the gate to river if it is open – you may find it locked when you return trapping you inside!
Parking is best done at the cottage just before the fishing beat gate, on the right-hand side close in, may be better to turn the car around to get closer into the fence. The top of the beat is around the back of the cottage opposite side of the road, there is a small path at the side of the ferryman’s cottage.



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Beat Description - WAULKMILL

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Lower Beat (Goldcastle) on Mon, Wed & Fri (Both banks)

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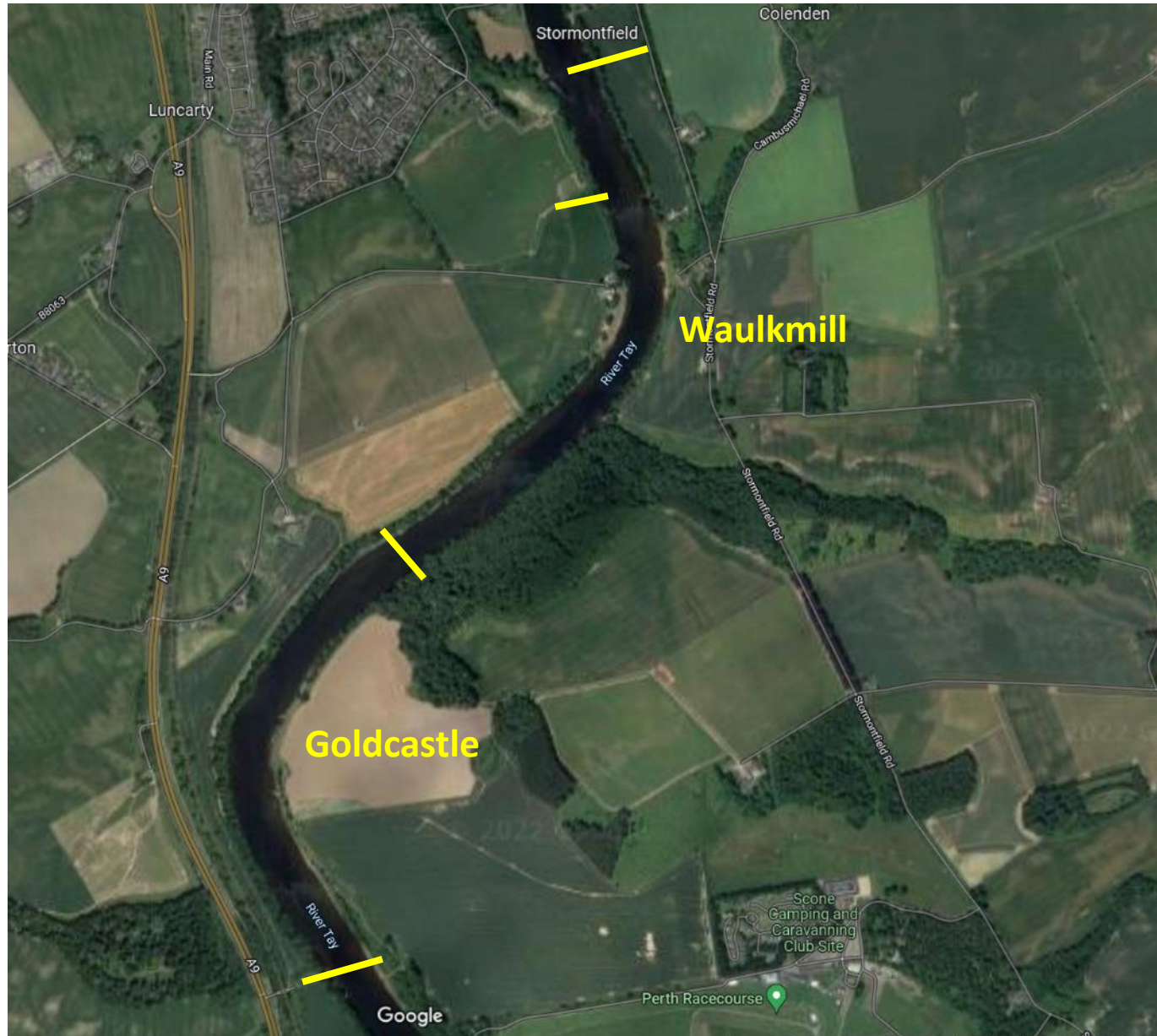
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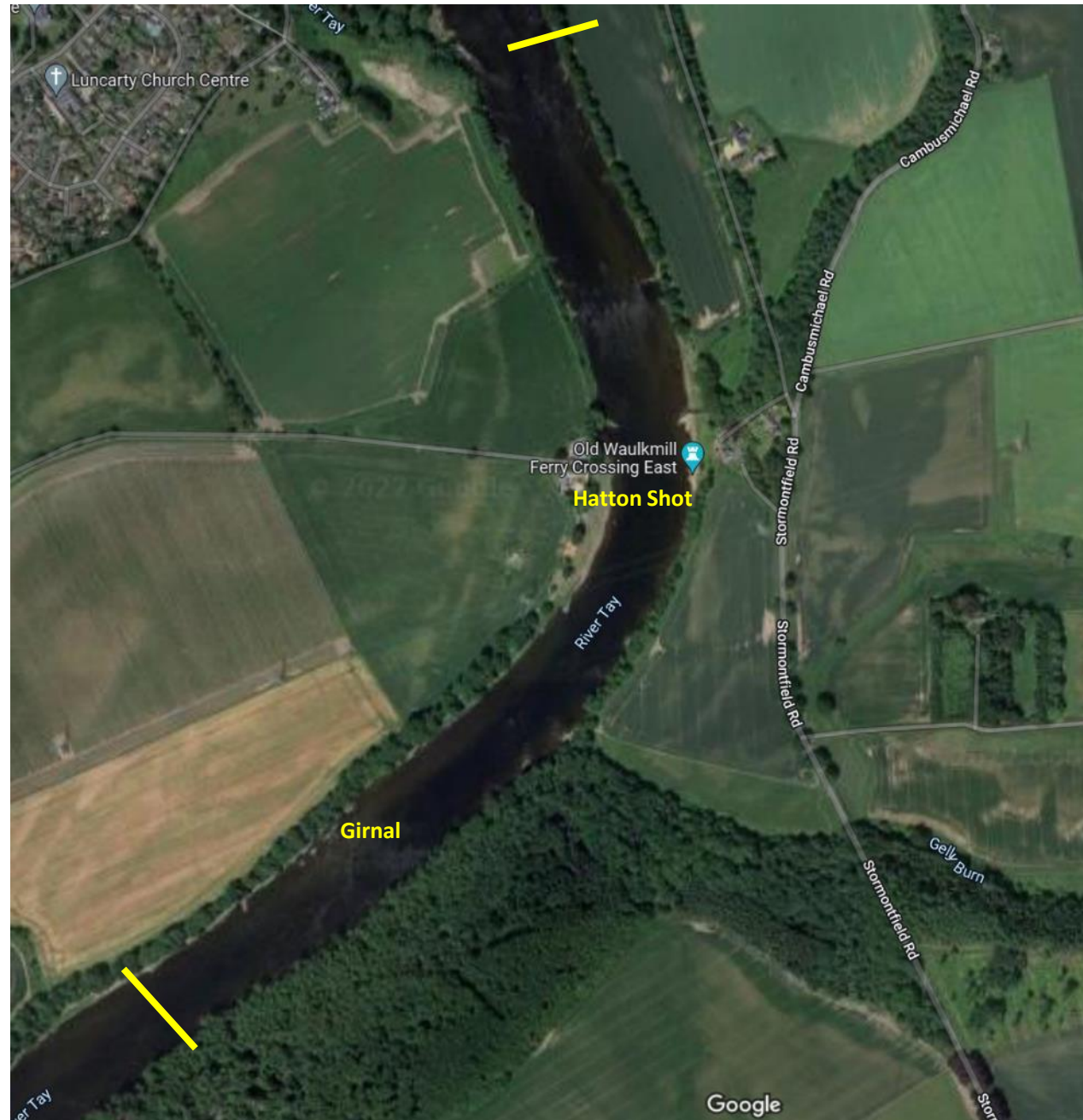
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Waulkmill and Goldcastle Beats



Waulkmill Beat



To start at Waulkmill – walk up the core path behind hut alongside a field until you come to a set of steps –this is Cadgers.





Turn right at bottom of steps and walk up to beat marker – yellow pole. Start fishing. Wading is reasonable



Fish all the way past the steps



Fish down to the croy. Fish it hard.

When you have finished at Cadgers and are walking back towards the hut It is worth stopping here for a cast.



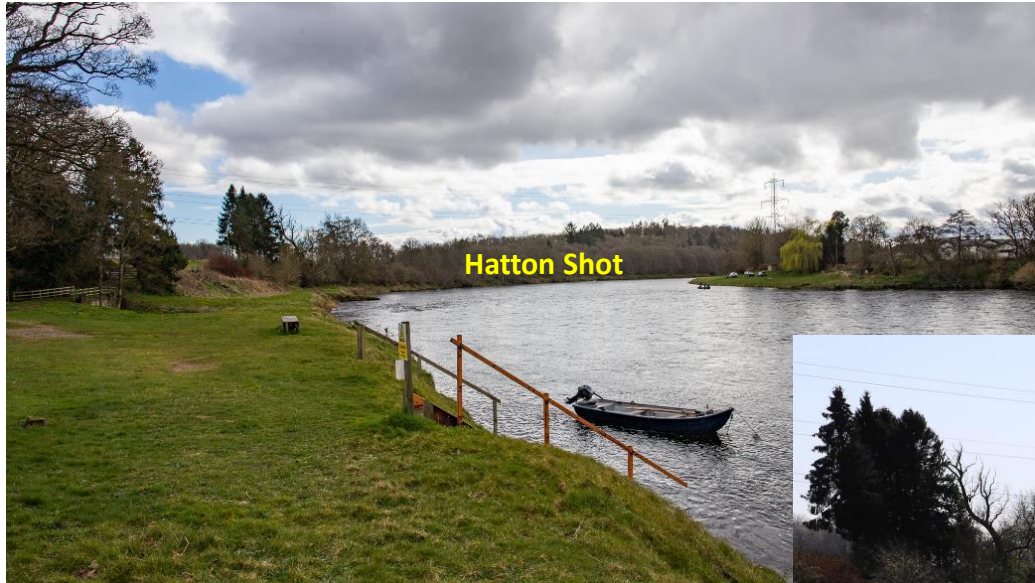
Looking upstream from the hut – not easy in high water. Be aware of large rocks when wading. In lower water, fish run up the left bank ie this side



It is worth starting here, wading gets easier further downstream



In lower water, wading is decent here and you can fish past the boat to the mouth of the burn



Access to the lower part of the beat - Hatton Shot - is better accessed via this track which follows the river bank all the way to Goldcastle. (25 minute walk in wellingtons).



Access is difficult and wading is not easy – take care. There are routes through the rocks but these are not for the faint hearted



As you walk along the main path you will see tracks/steps leading to access points to the water – definitely worth a cast



On the right bank, downstream of the power lines across the river is Bleachers – again there are access points and wading is difficult



**The lower reaches of Waulkmill beat- downstream of Bleachers is the Girnal
good streamy water but take care wading – from both banks - very rocky**



Waulkmill beat ends above the Lower Redgorton Hut seen on the right bank



Goldcastle

Waulkmill

Waulkmill right bank - If fishing the top beat fish this part then work down opposite the gillies fishing hut, this stretch is good for sea trout. Walk down to a picnic table under a big tree, and shin down the bank to get in the water, take care of the wading unless water is low this can be dodgy. If the water is low it is possible to get across a fair way if you know the route. The next stretch is the Girnal , which has a ladder down to the water. Once in the water there is a route across a lot of water to almost half way which takes you almost to the main current and on top of the running fish. It is not a direct route and must be learned well so take care.



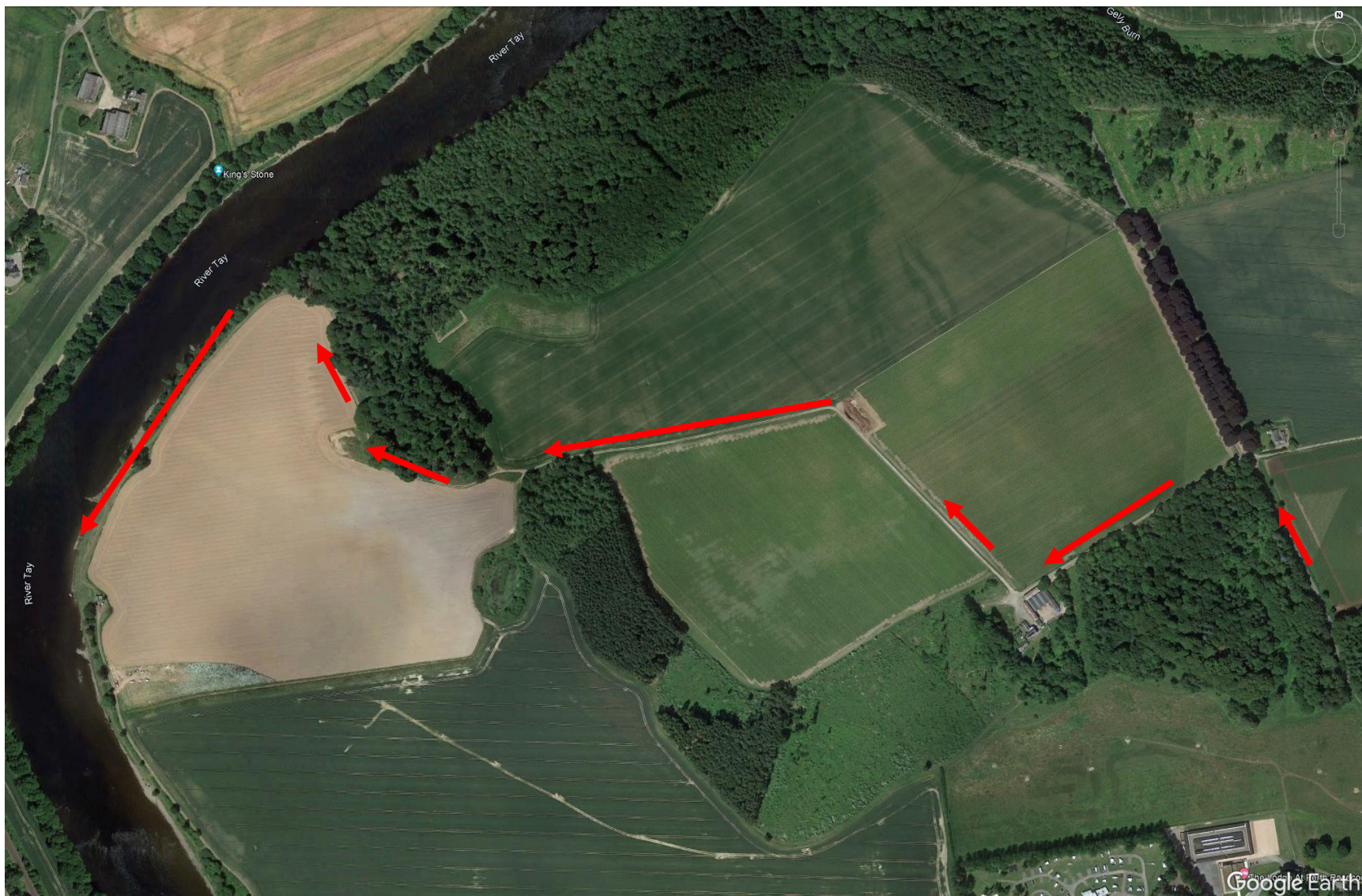
Goldcastle



Getting to Goldcastle – LEFT Bank – After Scone Palace turn left at sign to Waukmill and Stormontfield. Carry straight on past Perth Race Course.



You will go through significant roadworks (for the new Tay crossing), and climb a slight hill and then level out just before an impressive avenue of copper beech trees. You are turning left just before the avenue of trees and opposite an entrance to a white cottage.



You are turning left here



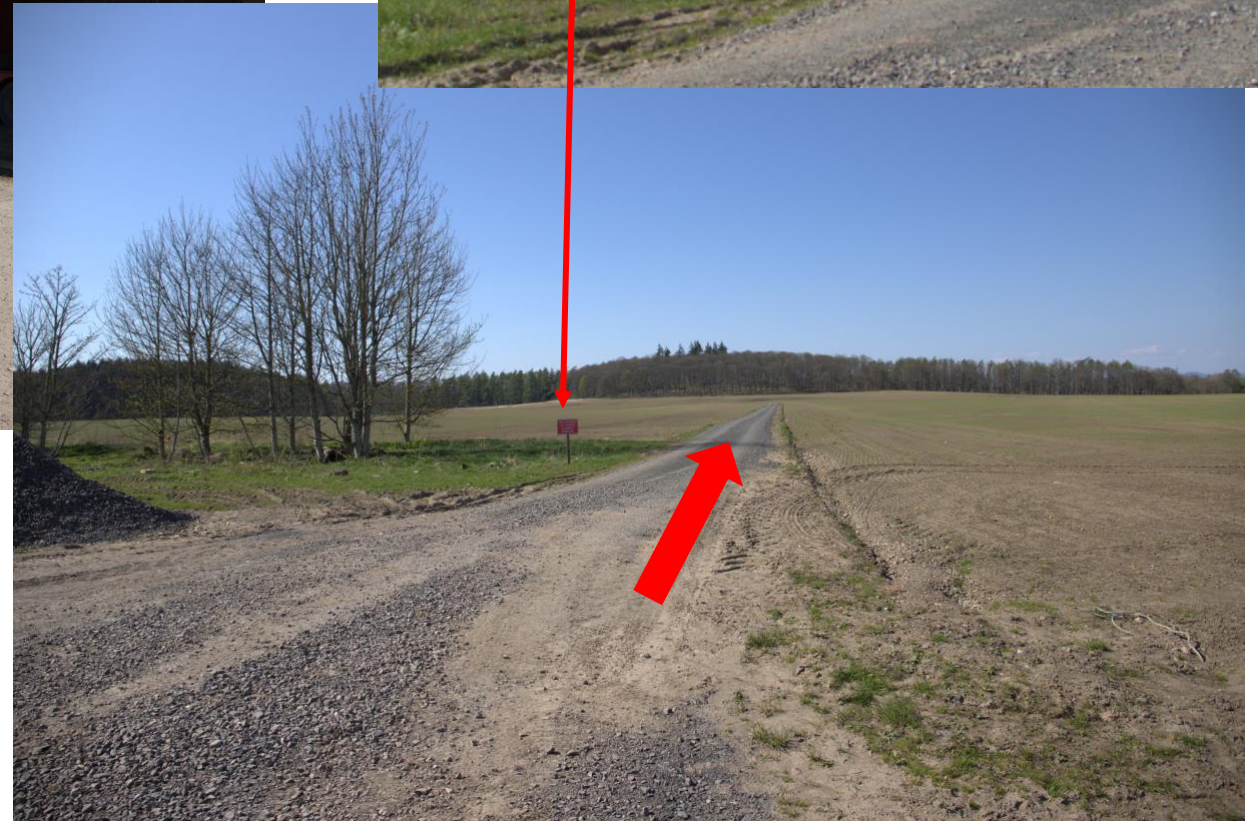
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Follow this track until you come to Farm buildings, where you will turn right.



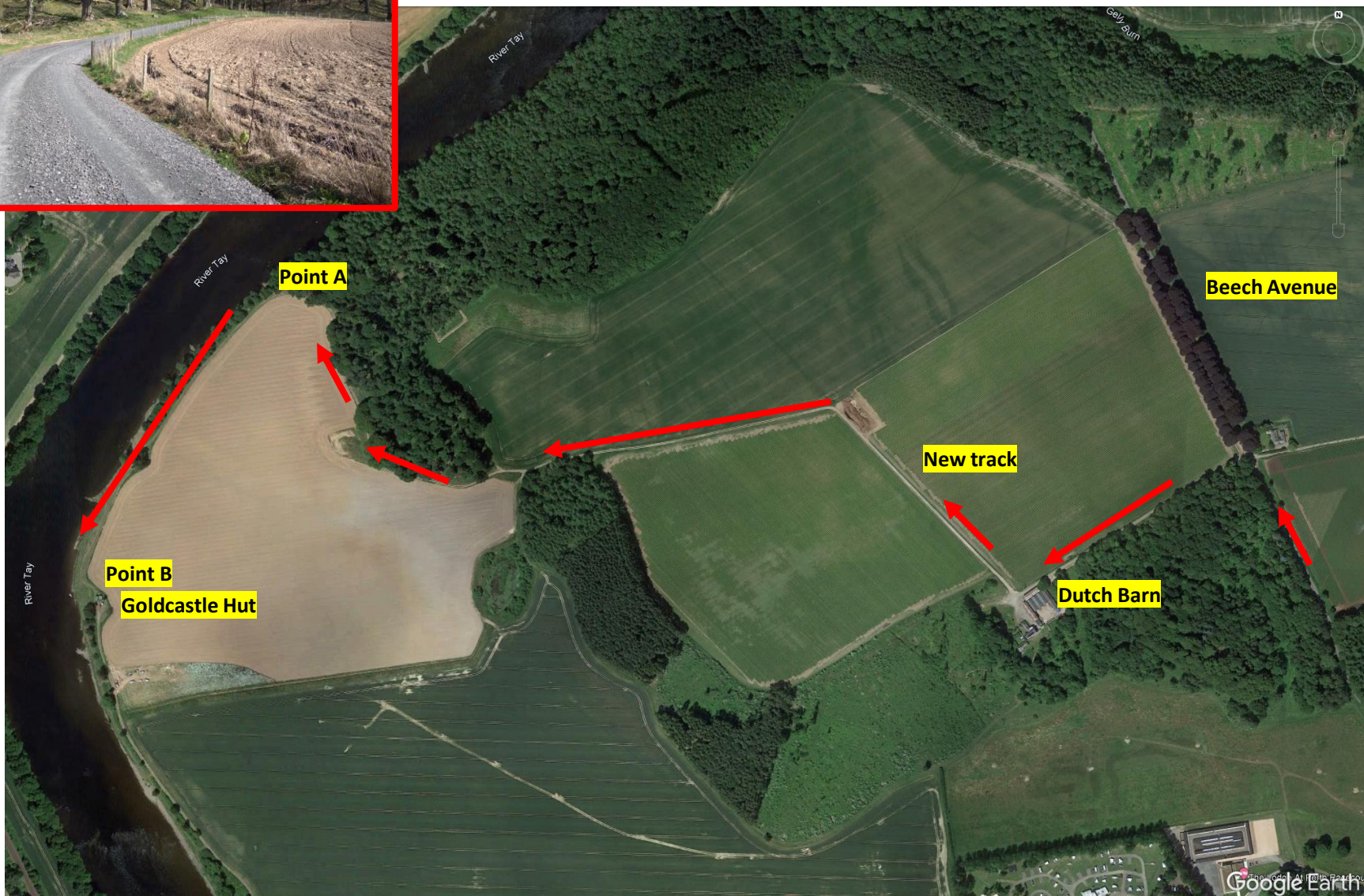
You will pass this Dutch Barn on your left



And then turn right onto this brand new track which will take you all the way to the Goldcastle Hut - About a mile and a half



Track at point A where it meets the river



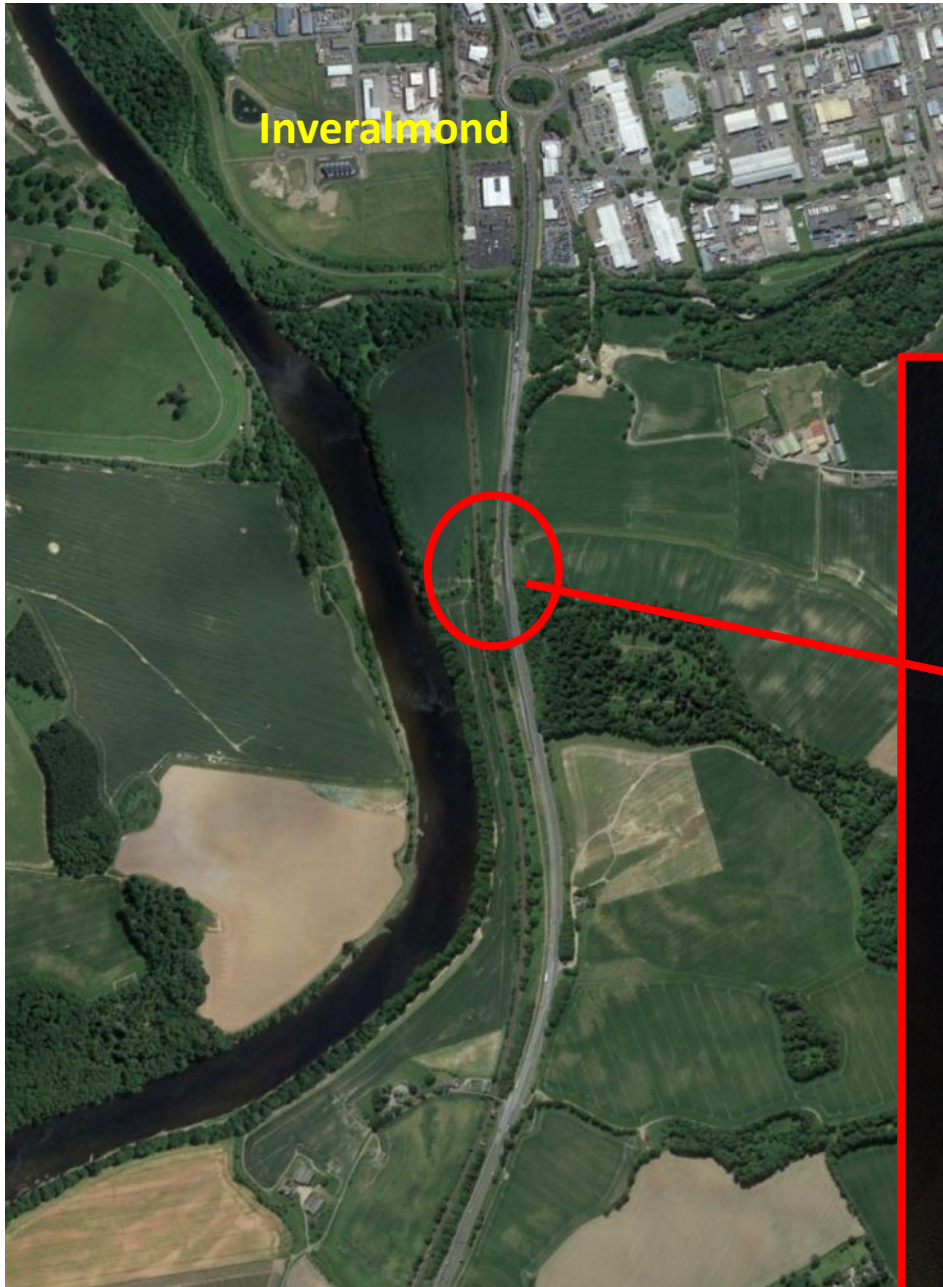
Park at the existing hut. Note that there will be a new hut and car park at Point B this year.

For Goldcastle right bank –

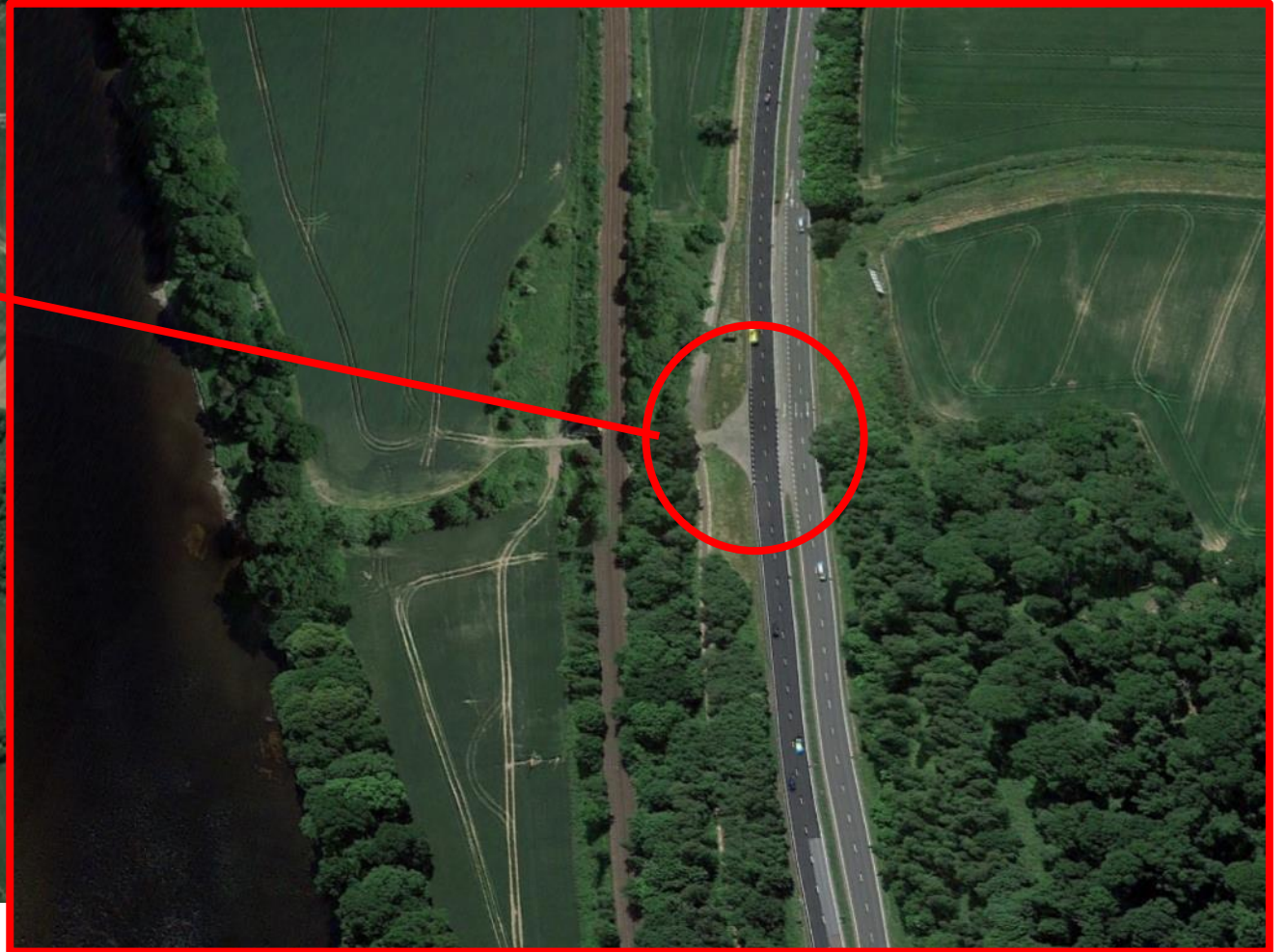


From Perth, go north on A9 and do a “U” turn at Luncarty and head back towards Perth.

From the North head towards Perth and Inveralmond roundabout.



You are heading for this layby



Park clear of gate, walk under railway to river and turn left to lower Goldcastle march



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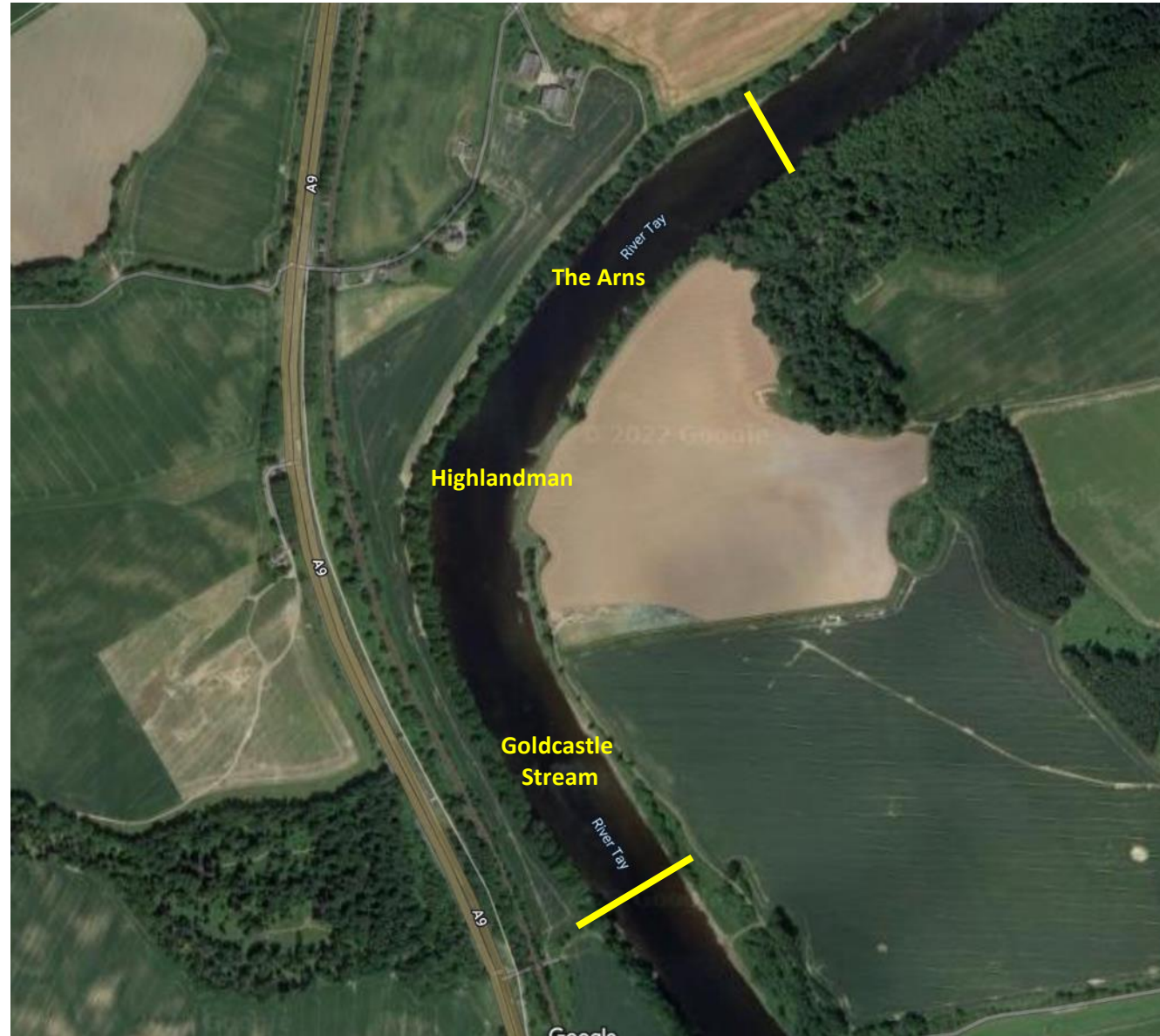
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Goldcastle



Looking upstream towards Goldcastle upper march - wading OK at lower levels but be careful and use a wading stick



Walk up to the big tree and fish down towards the croy



From here



Through here



To here



Worth a cast from the Croy



Looking towards steps below the Goldcastle Hut – wading reasonable here and you can fish all the way to the new embankment



**The landscape has changed markedly since the last time PDAA fished Goldcastle.
Looking downstream, you can see the embankment around the pilings for the new bridge.**



**At lower levels, you can step off the end of the Croy and wade round the embankment
If you can't you will need to walk round the construction site on the path to access Goldcastle Stream**



Goldcastle Stream - Fish this bit hard all the way to the march

There is a large stone in the middle (Hockey Stone) – salmon lie just in front/just behind this stone.



Looking towards the tail of the beat



Goldcastle lower march – marker post in trees

