



Perth & District Anglers Association

Scotland's Best Value Salmon Fishing



Dalmarnock



Getting there

Access to the fishing hut is via the A9 North of Dunkeld.

From South:

Take the A9 north from Perth. After Dunkeld turn-off, the A9 crosses the River Tay.

From the start of the bridge to the entrance to the Dalmarnock beat hut is .75 miles.

Please signal in plenty of time – the road is normally very busy
See white bollards at entrance

Turn left between bollards and drive down track to hut



From North

Heading south on the A9, from Ballinluig, you will pass the Blairgowrie turn-off on the left.
The turn-off to Dalmarnock beat is 1.33 miles after the Blairgowrie turn-off.



From North

The white bollards at the entrance to the Fishing Hut are shown in the photo below.

They are at the end of the metal barrier.

Turn right between bollards and drive down track to hut

Please signal early!! This is a fast, busy road. If you miss the turning, carry on and turn at the Dalguise or Dunkeld turn-offs.



Parking

Parking is at the HUT initially (there is plenty of room).

Once you have instructions on where to fish you will find parking at the upper pools and at the lower pools (see pool descriptions)



Beat Description

Dalmarnock beat is the largest on the Tay at just under 3 miles long, with 15 pools and some of the best spinning and fly fishing in Scotland.

The lower limit starts below the A9 crossing of the Tay, north of Dunkeld, and stretches to the upper limit just north of the A9/A923 Junction.

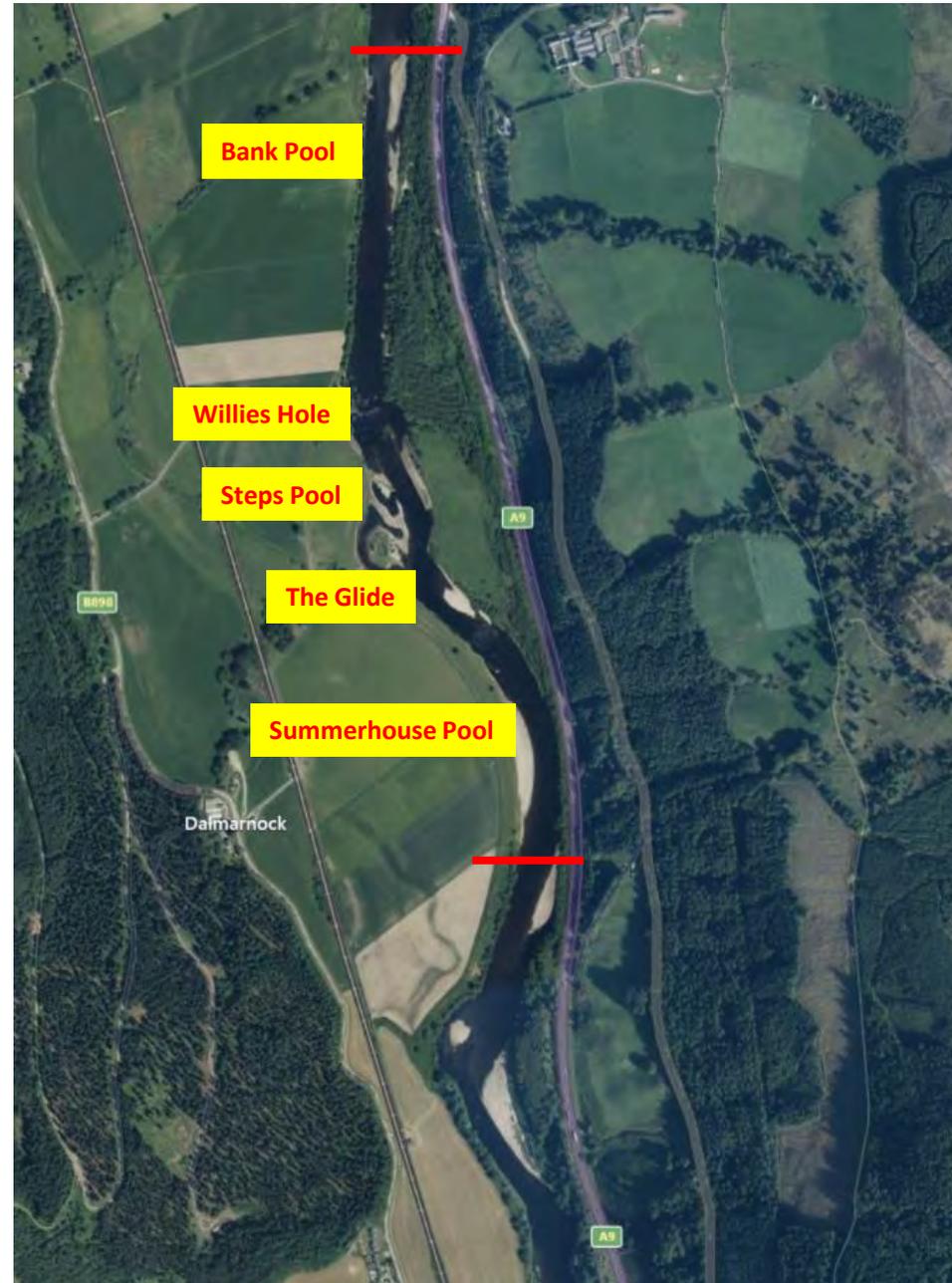
Fishing is double bank and the ghillie will ferry anglers across by boat when necessary.

The Ghillie will advise PDAA members where to fish when you arrive in the morning (by 9am).

The lower beat and pools are accessed by the track which runs downstream parallel to the A9. This track takes you to underneath the A9 bridge over the Tay.



Upper Beat Pools



If fishing the upper beat, you will go back out to the A9, turn left and drive up to the next entrance on your left which has two white bollards. Turn left there and follow the track to the parking area at the Bank Pool.





DALMARNOCK BANK
POOL

A very long pool with some great fly water in the upper half. This photo is looking upstream from abeam the car park. To start go all the way up to point 1 (the march with Dalguise, and fish all the way down. Main lies on far bank into middle at this height although there are some lies outboard of point 2 behind a line of stones. Wading is good but care needed near car park where there are some deep holes.



In lower water, fly fishing becomes more difficult just below this view point, but spinning good all the way down. If fly fishing, move down to the tail of the pool. (Next slide). Note that driving downstream is viable in a 4x4 but not in a standard car.



The river is quite deep just off the bank so take care! Make sure you fish right into the “V”.

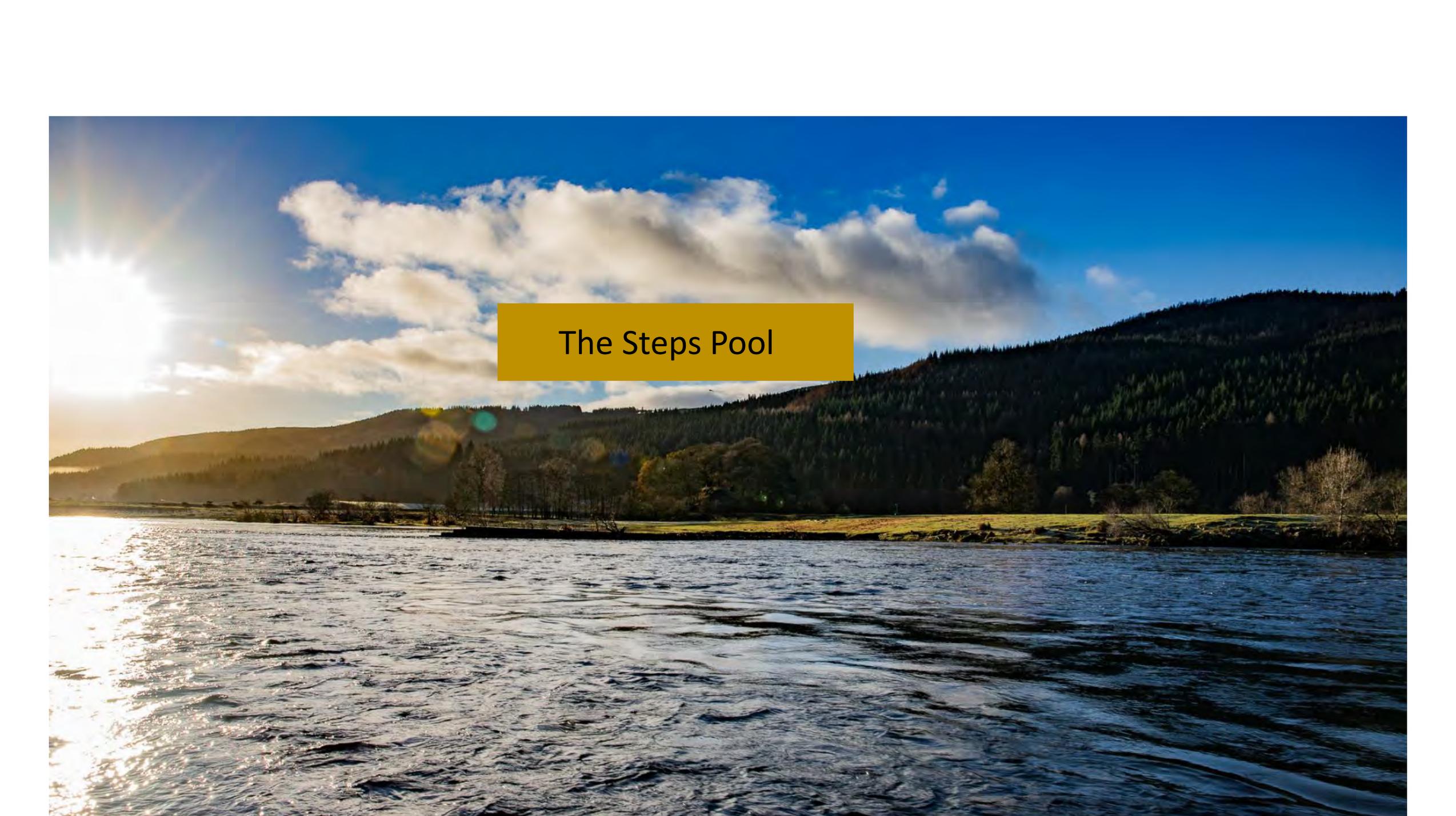


Willies Hole

Willies Hole looking upstream

The “Hole” is arrowed – and is around 20-30 feet deep....it is very much a backwater, home to some large trout and a family of very active beavers. The arrowed trees might not be there by the time the season starts!! Start fishing at the first path to the river where there is flow.





The Steps Pool

Looking downstream. Again, good fly water all the way down. Wading reasonable. To access the tail of the pool might mean getting out of the water(at A) and going onto the bank at B. Aim to fish all the way to C. Make sure you fish all the way to the dangle – fish do lie up this left bank.



Looking upstream from around point C. Take great care here, the water just off the bank is deep! As important, the river just off the point is very deep and the flow goes in every direction.



If you've got a fast sink line on, you could be in trouble here!! Flow goes in all directions and will suck line down deep. However, fish can be seen along the red lines in photo.







This is one beautiful pool! Wading is good, all the way down.



Depending on river levels, make sure you cover the tail of the pool at Point A

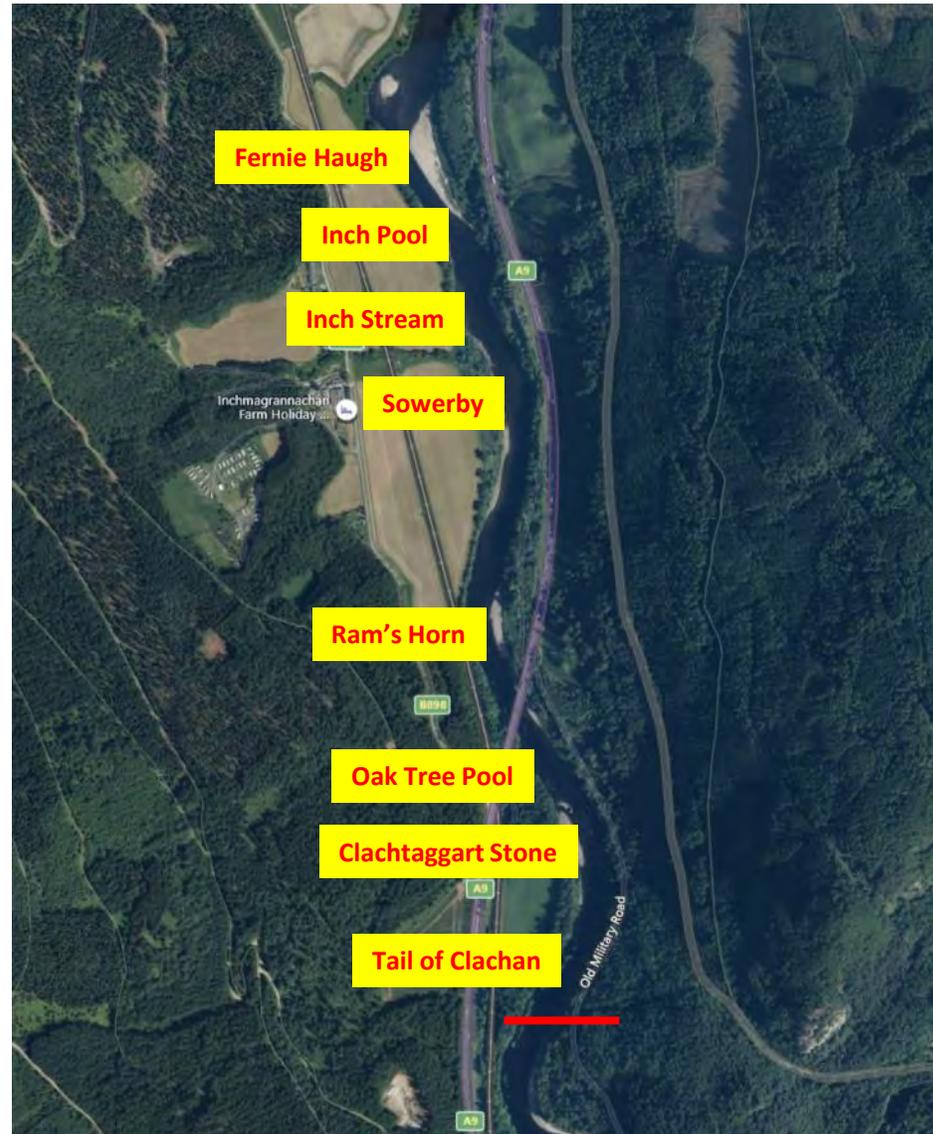




Wading not so good here – some large stones almost all the way down. At lower levels, start abeam the rod stand, if fly fishing.



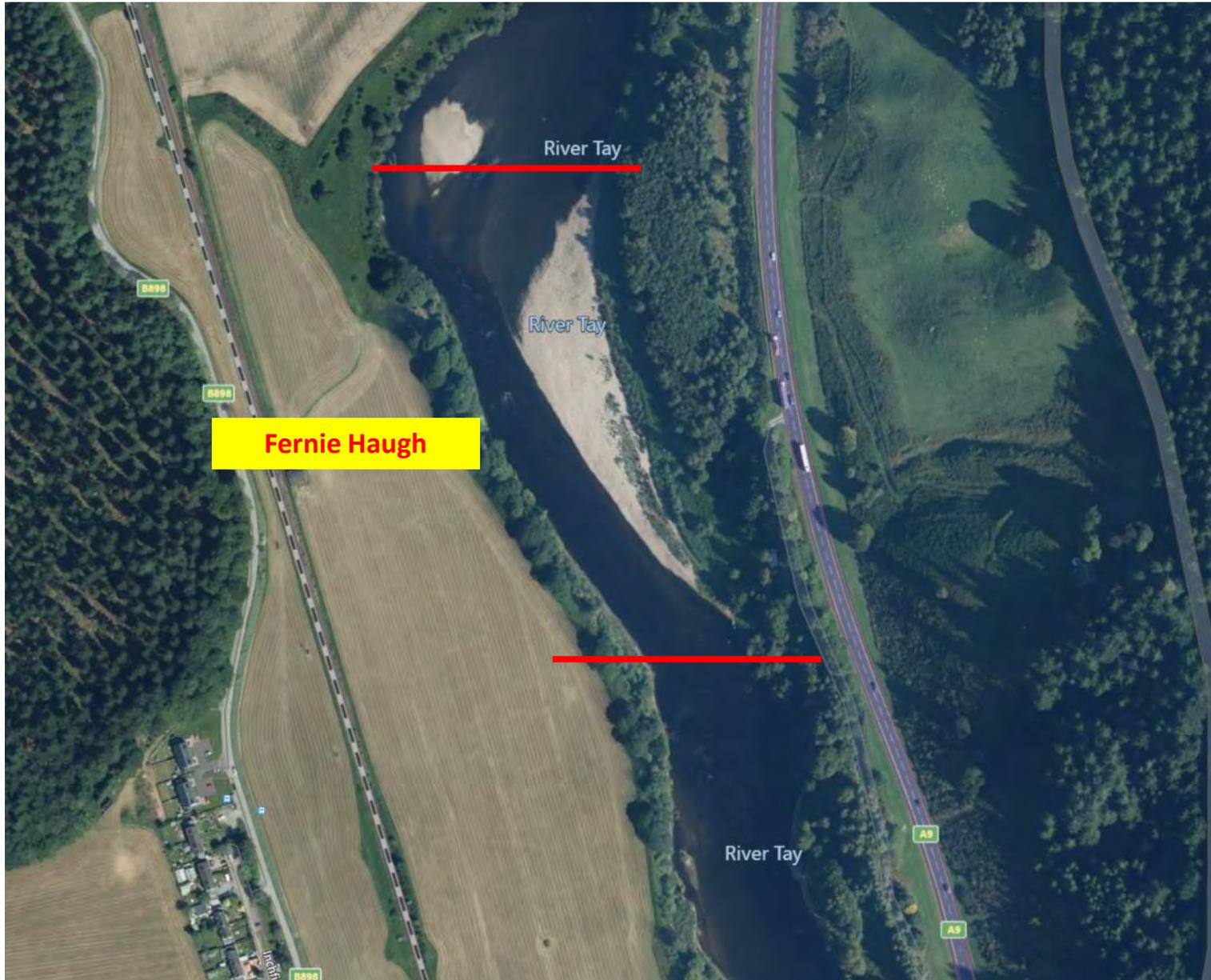
Lower Beat Pools



The Fernie Haugh is right in front of the hut – walk down and go to the top of the pool and start fishing!



Lower Beat Pools



Looking upstream from in front of the hut. Salmon lie from mid stream to far bank.



Top of the pool. Wading is really good but do be aware that some of the fine gravel can shift under weight and there is a ridge of gravel which you can be on safely, and you can move downstream nicely, only to find that behind you ie towards the safety of the bank, the river is now much deeper than where you are standing. Also, all the way down the pool is probably the fastest flow on the whole beat so take care!!



To access the lower beats, drive down the road between the river and the A9. A normal saloon has no problems on this track and there is excellent parking at each pool.





Access to Inch Stream. BE AWARE there are electricity cables stretching across the river!!



Looking upstream from below the access steps



Looking downstream from below the access steps. Wading moderate





Access steps





Start here

Work your way down – wading moderate with some big stones





Parking is across road from Ram's Horn sign or, if you continue down the track to the bridge, you can park there (see below)



Looking upstream from the access at the Ram's Horn sign



Looking upstream from the bridge. Wading is good with mainly gravel underfoot. Salmon lies closer to far (right hand) bank



Be careful wading close to the bridge pillars, there are some deep holes



Access to the Oak Tree pool



Oak Tree pool viewed from the right hand bank



Clachtaggart and Tail of Clachan

There are two ways to get to Clachtaggart Stone and Tail of Clachan.

First, at car park under bridge look towards start of bridge and climb the right hand slope At the top, climb over the metal crash barrier (knee high) and then walk across the bridge on the footpath to the parking area at the far end (see next slide)



Parking for Clachtaggart & Tail of Clachan

The other way is to drive out of Dalmarnock Fishings and cross the bridge toward Dunkeld. Immediately after the bridge, and opposite the road to Dalguise, Turn in left and park on grass.

Across the track (towards the river) is a footpath down to the river.



At the bottom of the slope is a signpost, turn right there and follow path downstream



You will come to the start of the field on the right, look left, 10 O'clock, and you will see a track to the river bank



Looking downstream from bottom of the track. Salmon lies are close to far bank. Wading very good all the way to Tail of Clachan



Clachtaggart Stone

