



TOMINTOUL
AND GLENLIVET

Fishing in the Tomintoul and Glenlivet area

A GUIDE TO COMMUNITY AND OTHER FISHING
BEATS ON THE RIVER AVON AND RIVER LIVET



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The River Avon in upper Speyside is one of the most important salmon rivers within the Cairngorms National Park. This leaflet highlights the angling opportunities available on the River Avon and one of its tributaries, the River Livet. Both rivers provide fishing that can be accessed by a wide range of abilities and budgets.



A SPECIAL HABITAT

The River Avon (pronounced locally as A'an) and its tributaries including the Livet are part of a network of rivers and burns that rise in the Cairngorms and flow through Strath Avon to the River Spey.

All are part of the River Spey Special Area of Conservation. This recognises their importance for four threatened wildlife species: Atlantic salmon, otter, freshwater pearl mussel and sea lamprey.

The Avon supports some of the highest altitude **salmon** in Scotland, with good numbers of juvenile salmon occurring at over 600m altitude. The River Livet is one of the best spawning and nursery rivers in Scotland. A site in the upper Livet was found to have one of the highest salmon parr densities recorded in Scotland in 2018.



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Otters live along these rivers and burns and are most active at dawn and dusk. Look out for their spraint, or droppings, left as territorial markers in prominent locations on rocks and grassy tussocks beside the river.

Freshwater pearl mussel have been found in the River Avon but not recently. These creatures filter the water, improving its quality for other species. A single mussel can filter as much water per day as we would use in an average shower! If you see any dead shells while fishing, please contact the Spey Fishery Board.

Email: research@speyfisheryboard.com.

Three **lamprey** species occur in the River Spey, with the sea lamprey being the rarest and largest, reaching up to one metre in length. These primitive fish have a sucker which they use to attach to other fish and feed. Sea lampreys have been seen in the Spey as far upstream as Kingussie, but not in the Avon. The smaller brook and river lampreys can be seen here.

Dippers are small songbirds seen and heard along fast flowing stretches of river, patiently hunting for aquatic invertebrates, larvae and shrimps and even walking under water in their search for food.

In the summer a flash of yellow can indicate a **grey wagtail** flitting past. Wagtails constantly wag their tail, helping to flush out insects. You may see them wading in shallow water to pick out tadpoles or small fry, using their tail for power.

The Spey Fishery Board is responsible for managing and conserving fish stocks and habitats along the River Spey.

www.speyfisheryboard.com

FISHING SEASON

Salmon fishing: 11 February - 30 September

Trout fishing: 15 March - 30 September

There is no fishing on Sundays.

There are very few fish in the Avon and Livet before May or June.



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IMPROVING THE RIVER HABITAT

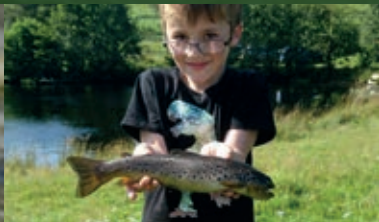
Like many rivers, the Avon has been modified by river engineering works e.g. hard bank defences, and experiences pressures due to land management such as sediment runoff. These changes can alter natural river flow, causing increased flooding, erosion and habitat loss.

River restoration works have been undertaken at targeted locations using tree trunks and willow spiling to repair and protect eroded banks, fencing to prevent livestock entering the river and tree planting. As the trees mature, their roots provide bank stability and shelter for fish, the leaves offer shade, and invertebrates falling from the trees provide a food source for fish and other aquatic wildlife. Together, these works help make the river and its wildlife more resilient to future change.



CATCH AND RELEASE

Under Scottish law, all salmon caught before 1 April must be released. It is Spey Fishery Board's policy that all fish caught up to and including 31 May should be released alive to protect the integrity of the Spey stock and maximise thier spawning potential. From 1 June, please view the policy at www.speyfisheryboard.com



PERMITS AND CONTACTS

Community Fishing Associations

River Avon Fishing Association

Bookings: see website

Email: riveravon.fishing@hotmail.co.uk • Tel: 01807 580238

www.riveravonfishingassociation.weebly.com

Tomintoul Angling Association

Permits: Tomintoul Post Office • Tel: 01807 580201

Email: lenton336@btinternet.com • Tel: 01807 580442

Glenlivet and Inveravon Community Fishing Association

Permits: Ballindalloch Post Office, Tomnavoulin Shop, Croft Inn

Email: henrypaget@icloud.com • Tel: 01807 590376

Other Fishing Waters (see map on back cover)

1 River Avon left bank

Ballindalloch Estate

Email: enquiries@ballindallochcastle.co.uk • Tel: 01807 500205

www.ballindallochhighlandestate.com

2 River Avon right bank

Minmore House Hotel and Glenlivet Cottages

Email: enquiries@glenlivetcottages.co.uk • Tel: 01807 590378

3 River Avon both banks

Strathavon Farmers Fishing Association

Email: mcclellan@btinternet.com • Tel: 01807 590243

4 River Avon left bank

Delnabo Estate

Email: sales@delnaboestate.co.uk • Tel: 01807 580366

5 River Livet both banks

Minmore House Hotel and Glenlivet Cottages

Email: enquiries@glenlivetcottages.co.uk • Tel: 01807 590378

Find accommodation and visitor information at

www.tomintoulandglenlivet.com

WILD BROWN TROUT FISHING

Brown trout fishing is available on the Glenlivet Estate.
Any fish smaller than 18cm must be returned.

For more information contact the Fishing Associations
and contacts listed above.

River Avon: Beat 1

River Avon Fishing Association *see page 12 for map key*



River Avon: Beat 2

River Avon Fishing Association *see page 12 for map key*



River Avon: Beat 3

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River Avon: Beat 1

Tomintoul Fishing Association *see page 12 for map key*



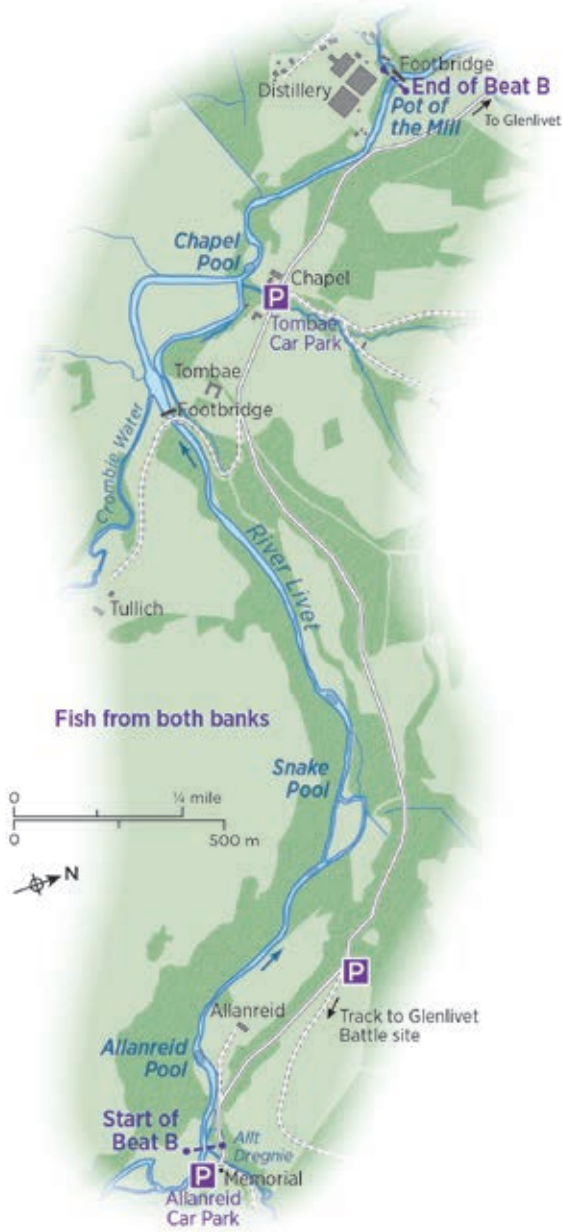
River Livet: Beat A

Glenlivet & Inveravon Community Fishing Association *see page 12 for map key*



River Livet: Beat B

Glenlivet & Inveravon Community
Fishing Association *see page 12 for map key*



KEY

(See map on page 13 for overview of beat maps)



Parking



Picnic area



Hut



Beat division



Pool



Direction of flow



Fence, Stile/Gate



Footpath



Boundary

Note: Left and Right banks are when looking downstream. Fishing information provided by fishing associations.

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LOCATION MAP



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