

fishLochaber



The perfect location for wild fishing with dramatic surroundings to match.

Welcome to Arkaig

Enjoy the dramatic surroundings and wild fishing in Lochaber.

The River Arkaig runs out from Loch Arkaig into Loch Lochy in an area of stunning natural beauty. As you approach Lochaber from any direction, you will realise this place is unique, offering a very special combination of the untouched and the wild combined with a backdrop of the most dramatic scenery. Fishing is so natural here it seems that's what Lochaber was meant for.



Arkaig is an area of wildness and innate beauty and it offers fishing to match. Cradled amongst magnificent mountains and ancient Caledonian Pine forest Loch Arkaig stretches for 19km through some of the most stunning scenery Scotland has to offer. For trout or pike fishing, Arkaig is an excellent choice.



What will you catch?

Season

- Trout fishing from 15 March to 16 October •
- Pike fishing at any time of the year •

Remember

- Fishing is permitted by rod and line, spinning and fly only •
- The following methods of fishing are expressly prohibited; the use of live or dead minnow, the use of one or more rods set up on the bank and left unattended, the use of fish bait smaller than 4 inches; and no worm/maggot or any other natural or manufactured bait (power bait) •
- Anglers may launch their own boats on to Loch Arkaig by payment of the launching fee with maximum of three fishing rods •
- Fishing on the bank of the south shore is allowed but exclusion zones apply where sign posted.
- An exclusion zone of 100 metres exists around the fish farm sites on Loch Arkaig. Trolling and Spinning are not allowed in this zone •
- The shallow bays and edges of the loch are reserved for fly-fishing or spinning •
- Trolling is permitted in deeper water •
- Life jackets must be worn •
- The loch operates a 100% catch and release policy on salmon and sea trout •
- A bag limit of 3 trout is allowed, with no fish smaller than 10 inches or larger than 3 lb to be killed •
- The river offers fishing for up to 3 rods. The section of the river around the castle (from the weir to the red bridge) is private •
- Catch returns should be posted in the green letterbox at the jetty •
- Night fishing is not permitted •



Everything you need to know

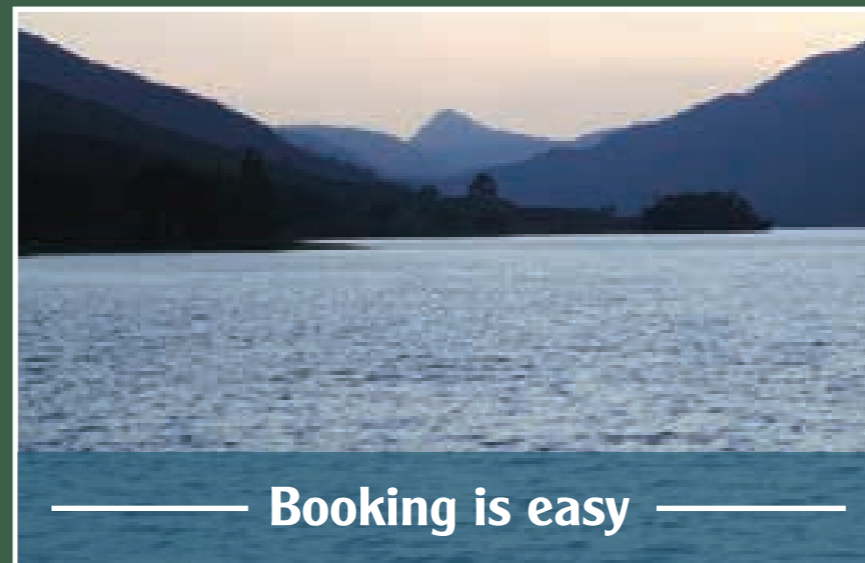
Excellent value for money

- To fish from the bank is £10 per day •
- To launch your own boat (2 rods) is £20 per day •
- Permits for the loch are available in advance at www.fishpal.com or at the jetty using the honesty box system •
- Permits for the river can be obtained from the bailiff tel: 01397 712116 •

Getting there

Arkaig is located around 20 miles north west of Fort William and parking is available at designated sites (please note that coach parties are strictly prohibited). As Loch Arkaig is 8 miles from the nearest shop and 15 miles from the nearest garage you are well advised to come prepared. It is also worth remembering that the mobile phone coverage is very limited in the area and it is to be expected that you will be out of communication. A wonderful chance to enjoy true peace and quiet.

Photography includes images by Ian MacLeod, Nevispix www.nevispix.com



Booking is easy

The simplest way to book is online at www.fishpal.com.

If you have a specific question about fishing at Arkaig or you would like to know more about the area please get in touch:

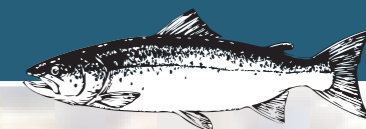
By phone contact Mark Hirst on Tel:01397 712116 or 07879 437471

By email mark.achnacarry@gmail.com

By post or in person Achnacarry Estate, Achnacarry, Spean Bridge, PH34 4EJ

Finding your way

- From Spean Bridge take the A82 to Inverness for about 1 mile until you reach a large statue on your left (this is the Commando Memorial and worth a stop).
- Turn left (signed Gairloch) and follow this road for just over 2 miles until you pass over the canal.
- Just after the canal bridge turn right.
- Follow this road for 6 miles until you come out at the loch & in less than 500m you'll see the jetty and parking.



Your Guide To Arkaig

Loch Fishing:

Trout can be caught along the margins of most of the loch, drifting along the contour lines gives you the best chance. Trolling is restricted to deeper water. To avoid disturbance to rare birds an area of the south shore is well marked and should be avoided. Bank fishing is good along most of the north shore, mainly trout.

Loch Blair, about an hour's climb from the road, is a good hill loch for smaller trout.

1. Good pike fishing in the small bay at the mouth of this river.

2. Jetty: You can obtain permits and launch your boat. Catch return forms to be left here. Some parking available.

6. Dessarry Bay:

Good for Pike fishing from either a boat or the shore. The fishing goes off a bit during the breeding season-April.

5. This shallow bay has good pike fishing year round. It's a good general trout fishing bay. There is no trolling in this area.

4. Shallow water at the side or the mouth of this river offers good pike and trout fishing. Best in Spring, not good in warm weather.

3. Good pike fishing next to the pontoon. No fishing from the pontoon.

River Arkaig Fishing:

The run and riffle section at the top of the river is good in high flows. The deep pools above the weir are good for large trout. The section from the castle to the pool below the red bridge is private and cannot be fished.

