

fishLochaber



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

Welcome to Shiel

Enjoy the dramatic surroundings and wild fishing in Lochaber.

Lochaber is memorable for all the right reasons. As well as first class fishing you will enjoy breathtaking scenery, wildlife spotting and a sense of peace and quiet that can only be found in very special places. Loch Shiel is a large, deep loch that links the steep hills of Glenfinnan to the north with the flat marshes of Acharacle to the south. Several rivers and smaller burns feed the loch and it offers excellent brown trout, sea trout and salmon fishing. At 18 miles long it is easy to find a quiet spot for your boat.



The area surrounding Loch Shiel is rich in history and wildlife. The Glenfinnan Monument marks the spot where Bonnie Prince Charlie raised his standard and began the second Jacobite uprising. This is an area with plenty to see. Don't be surprised if you spot eagles, otters or black-throated divers which are all common sights in this area of stunning natural beauty.



What will you catch?

Season

- The season runs from 15 March to 7 October for brown trout.
- From 1 May to 30 September for salmon and sea trout.

Remember

- A maximum of two rods can be fished from each boat
- Boats must clearly display the number allocated to them on the front of the boat
 - Fly fishing and spinning are permitted
 - There is no bait fishing allowed
- Catch and release of all salmon and sea trout caught before 15 June
- Trolling is not permitted in First Bay (west of the large forestry block on the south shore near Acharacle), from 1 July onwards
- Fishing is not allowed in the River Shiel - this area is marked by black and white posts
- Anglers are asked to follow notices displayed around the loch as areas of the loch may be out of bounds to protect breeding birds
- Visiting anglers must complete a catch return slip and hand it back to permit issuer at the end of their visit



Everything you need to know

Excellent value for money

- A boat and a permit are required to fish the loch
- Permits can be purchased from the Out of Doors shop or Post Office at Acharacle

Hiring a boat:

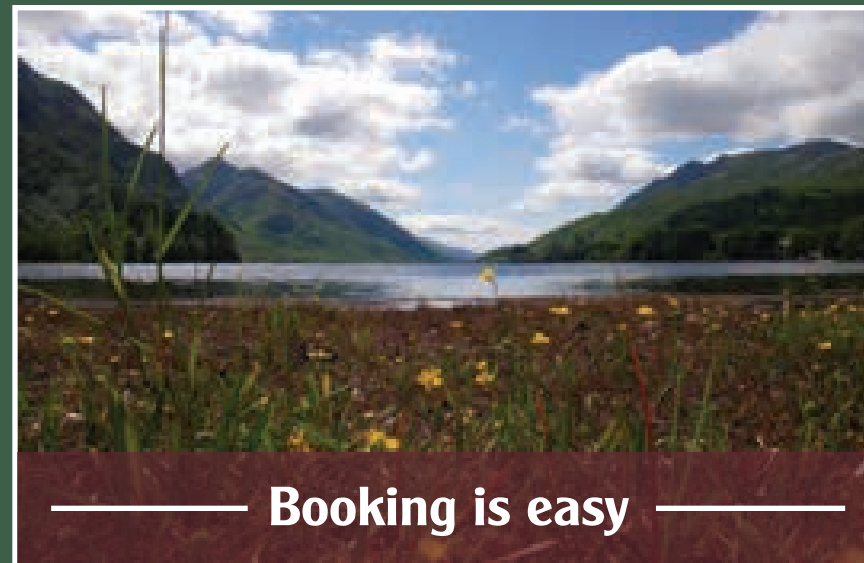
Boats are available for hire from the Loch Shiel Hotel in Acharacle at the south west end of the loch

- £32.50 for a half day including a fishing permit & fuel.
- £52.50 for a full day including a fishing permit & fuel.

Using your own boat:

Purchase a permit and use the Acharacle slipway.

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Booking is easy

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

By phone Tel: 01967 431 224

By email info@lochshielhotel.com

By post or in person Loch Shiel Hotel, Acharacle, Argyll, PH36 4JL

Getting here

- Loch Shiel is a large loch and while there are roads which pass both the northern and southern shores, fishing access is best taken from Acharacle where permits can be purchased and boats hired.

To reach Acharacle:

- Cross Loch Linnhe via the Corran Ferry
- Continue on the A861 through Strontian until you reach Salen.
- Keep right here
- Follow the road for approximately two miles until you come into Acharacle.
- The Loch Shiel Hotel is on the right and the out of doors shop on the left.



Your Guide To Shiel

Glenfinnan Village: Popular visitor attraction with fantastic views of the monument to the Jacobite uprising and the Harry Potter viaduct. There is a visitor centre, cafe and excellent lochside hotel.

6. Dalilea Farm offer boat hire. This bay also offers good chances of seeing sea eagles. Ring John MacAuley (01967 431253).

5. Acharacle Village: The village has a shop, bakery, several cafes, accommodation and a pub. Fishing permits and boat hire are available from The Loch Shiel Hotel (ring 01967 431224).

All of the south end of the loch from Polloch to Acharacle offers excellent brown trout fishing, in the 2-15ft depth range. Buoys mark a deeper channel with sand banks to either side: care should be taken.

1. Glenaladale Bay: The bay at the mouth of this river is a good spot for salmon and brown trout.

2. The Islands: Good spot behind the islands near the big rocks at the narrows for sea trout from June onwards. Muddlers, Kate Maclarens, Goats toe are all good flies.

3. Home Bay: Good spot for big fish. Great at any time of year, especially from May for trout and end of June onwards for salmon/sea trout.

4. Guesachan Bay: Some good salmon lies off the point at the north of the bay. Follow the spit out up to 100+yds.

The mouth of the Polloch and the spit on the opposite bank offer good trout fishing. The mouth of the polloch is good for occasional salmon.

Divers nest on some of the islets in south east of the loch in spring, please look out for signs advising on areas to avoid.

