

# Fishing

in the Lochgoilhead area

## Loch Goil...

**FREE fishing** all year off the shore or from a boat. June to late October there are usually shoals of mackerel in the loch. Cod and pollack are in the loch all year. Popular fishing spots are off the shoreline at the village as well as the rocky shore by the pier at Carrick Castle.

## Loch Goil Cruisers

Hire motorboats all year round. No experience necessary. Rods & tackle available for hire. Telephone **01301 703 382** or **07787 516 709** to book.

## D&M Auto Marine

In Lochgoilhead village hire out 16ft fast liner boats from April to October. Rods for hire, stock bait and tackle available. Pre-booking advised. Telephone **01301 703 432**.

## River Goil...

Permits for the river, which has both salmon and sea trout runs, are available at the village post office. **Daily permits £15. Monday to Friday permit £40.** No Sunday fishing. No junior rates. Fly or worm, single hook. Maximum of four permits issued per day. Permits allow fishing on the three miles between Hell's Glen Bridge and the river mouth, both banks, except for a 400 yard stretch above Lochgoilhead Bridge. The season runs 15 March to 31 October – however, there are seldom fish in the river before mid May. The river Goil is a spate river and hardly worth fishing when low. Post Office telephone no: **01301 703 201**.

## Lettermay Lochs...

### Curra Lochain & Lochan Nan Cnaimh

Be warned – these are for hill walkers who fish. Access is via the forestry road at Lettermay, and then either the Cowal Way Path or a fire break, depending on which loch you are heading to. Both paths can be churned up and muddy. It is quite a trudge to reach these lochs - but the reward is complete isolation in a magnificent setting. **Guests at Drimsynie have free fishing on both lochs.** Fly fishing does well. Bait and spinning allowed. If you are not familiar with the area we recommend you purchase a copy of the Argyll Forest Park Guide which includes a map available for £2 at the main reception.

## Other options...

**Loch Eck** - boat hire and permits available at the Coylet Inn.  
Tel: **01369 840 425**.

**Loch Fad Fisheries** on the Isle of Bute – stocked fishery.  
Tel: **01700 504 871**

**Loch Awe Boats**, by Dalmally boat hire and permits.  
Tel: **01866 833 256**

