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RIVER ACCESS NOTES

The following may be of interest to those unfamiliar with our rivers.

NORTH SANNOX The north bank offers the best access from the sea upstream past the road bridge until you exit the wooded section. To travel upstream of the bridge start to walk up to the pony trekking farm but stay left to keep to the top of the banking you'll find a path to take you down to the burn.

SANNOX The estuary section, from the road bridge down, is easily accessible with parking at the stepping stones. There is fishing upstream of the road bridge within the grounds of the Golf Club.

KILMORY WATERS (LAGG BURN) The estuary section can be accessed by walking along the beach from the east to take the farm track just west of The Creamery. It leads to the beach limited parking park neatly. This is a popular dog walking spot with locals. If you are not in a 4x4 you might want to check out the condition of the track beforehand. A pleasant circular reconnaissance walk can be taken via the path from Lagg past the Ancient Monument site. About 150 yards from the main road along this path there are a couple of nice pools skirt diagonally downstream around the hillside and round the corner.

To fish upstream of Lagg, park at the side of the Kilmory Hall as you walk down to Lagg cross the road and walk through the hole in the wall at the bend that gets you down to the burn.

A section of the upper Kilmory can be accessed from the south end of the Lamlash - Kilmory Forestry Road. Drive up this road and park by the sign indicating the start of the Forestry. Continue on foot up the road after 4 BT poles where you should see a marker post this marks a footpath into the Forestry enter the forest and follow this track as far as the eye can see almost at the edge of the forest turn right for approx. 200 yds doglegging around a fallen tree stump. Downhill to the left you will become aware of green grass and daylight head for that and you're out of the forest following the deer track, going left a little and you'll get down to the burn. There are several hundred yards of fishing downstream and upstream from here.

Further up the Forestry Road you can also park (GPS 98378, 22898) and follow another footpath to the burn. After approx. 7 mins walk, turn right, jump the wet ditch and walk a further 8 mins until you see an access sign to the river you can fish upstream from here, alternatively to fish downstream stay with the footpath for another ¼ mile till you come to an old stone wall that leads to the burn.

NOTE: The above parking arrangements are a concession from the Forestry Commission. You may not drive the length of the Forestry Road you must enter from the South End.

SLIDDERY WATER The most accessible section of the Sliddery is between the lower road bridge upstream to the Glenree road bridge. At the lower road bridge park tight to the left beside the bins.

You want to approach from the east bank so enter the first of two cultivated fields and walk upstream where you'll find 3 stiles giving access to fishing spots. After the third stile you can stay with the river all the way to Glenree.



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NOTES FOR ANGLERS WITH NON-FISHING COMPANIONS

If you have family members who would rather walk than watch you catch fish here are a few suggestions for the above rivers.

SANNOX BURNS From the stepping stones on the Sannox a nice walk can be taken up the shore to the North Sannox it's not very far but can be extended by continuing northwards from the picnic site to 'The Fallen Rocks'. Just north of the stepping stones there's also a nice sandy beach.

KILMORY WATER (LAGG BUIRN) If you've parked at the beach a popular walk is eastwards along Lenamhor beach.

If you've parked at the Forestry entrance the walk can be taken on the Forestry Road all the way to Lamlash or shortened to Whiting Bay.

If you're meeting up with someone at the end of the day make tentative arrangements beforehand mobile reception can be unreliable especially if you're deep in a river valley.