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## CAIRNGORMS LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

**Title: -Discussion Paper – Spey Access and Egress Points**

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### **Purpose**

This paper is presented prompt a discussion on matters relating to Spey Access and Egress that should be considered in the near future.

### **Background**

The Spey is closely linked to quality of life for Park residents and visitors alike. Providing essential for drinking water, iconic Malt whisky and salmon fishing for which the Spey is globally famous. Heavily designated (and a core path) it is also outstanding for biodiversity and recreation opportunities, being one of the premier touring rivers in the UK. Popular for both canoeists kayakers and increasingly paddle boarders.

The Cairngorms National Park Authority, and partners including Paddle Scotland have identified that for a number of access and egress points on the Spey within the Park boundary there are opportunities to:

- Improve the quality of the user's experience:
- Address ongoing user pressures such as parking (including overnight parking and parking of canoe trailers) with a focus on KinCraig and Aviemore put in points:
- Investigate opportunities to create new put in points to address pressures at nearby "official" access and egress points with a focus on Aviemore:
- Identify which of the access and egress points could be improved for wider range of users and:
- Support relevant National Park Plan objectives such as reducing recreational disturbance to sensitive species and supporting ongoing catchment management objectives.

Table one details the access and egress points in the Park.



Table One- Recognised Access and Egress points on the Spey within the National Park

<b>Location</b>	<b>Grid reference</b>	<b>Online description</b>
Laggan Bridge	GR.615942	River right, below road bridge.
Lochain Uvie	GR.674957	River left via larger of two lochans. Park in lay-by below Creag Dhubh crags.
Newtonmore	GR.709980	River right, below Speybridge. Vehicular access to left bank only available if resident on Speybridge Campsite. (Avoid unauthorised vehicle/trailer parking at the private/commercial lorry park at the Chef's Grill.)
Kingussie	GR.759997	River right, below bridge leading to Ruthven Barracks. (Use gate on downstream side of the road.)
Loch Insh SW	GR.822043	Lay-by opposite gate lodge. Access SW corner of Loch Insh via arch under railway. (Please employ great care when opening and then firmly securing the somewhat dilapidated gate presently in place.)
Kincraig	GR.835054	River right below church. Park in lay-by opposite



		church. Please close the gate.
Aviemore	GR895117	River left, downstream of both road and foot bridges, from car park serving the Old Bridge Inn.
Boat of Garten	GR946191	River left, downstream side of road bridge. Parking possible in lay-by opposite access point.
Broomhill Bridge	GR996223	River left by bridge. Careful, temporary vehicle parking possible, downstream side of bridge.
Grantown on Spey	GR.028266	River left ~ approx. 450 metres above main-road bridge (by parking areas).
Cromdale	GR066289	River right below bridge, by the church. Please, only long-term parking here in the roadside layby (river right).

Members are invited to discuss matters that should be addressed in the sustainable management of access on the River Spey.

Matters discussed will feed into the development of a brief for consultancy work looking at the access and agrees points.