

ANGLING GUIDE

ANGLING REGULATIONS:

Open Season:
1st April - 30th September

Size Limit:
12 inches

Bag Limit:
Four Trout

Bye-Law regarding trolling:

An angler may use only one rod while trolling. Not more than two trolling rods may be used from a boat.

Lough Arrow

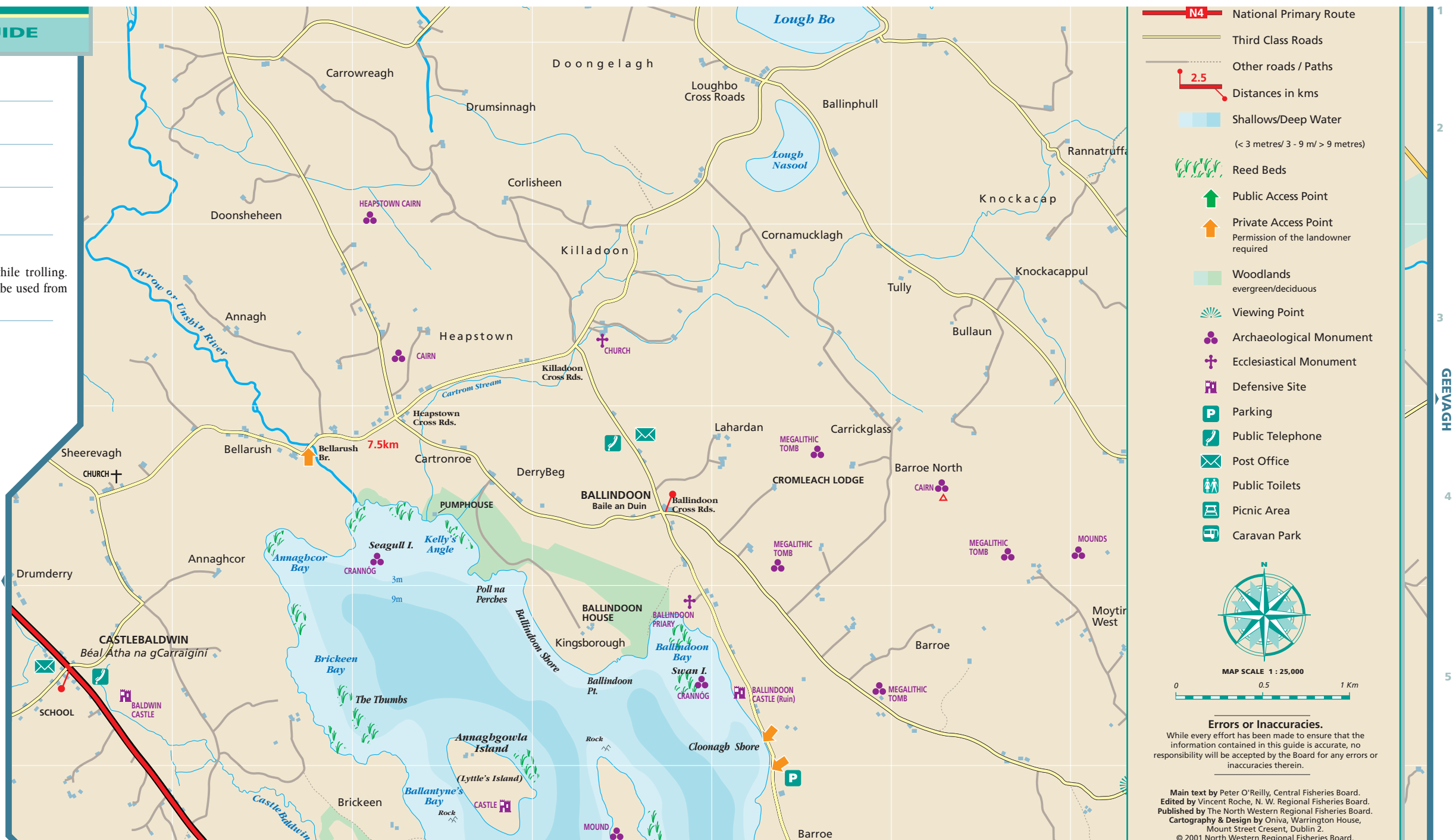
Lough Arrow is one of the outstanding brown trout fisheries in Ireland. It is famous for the quality of its trout and it was here that the technique of spent gnat fishing with dry flies was pioneered in the early 1900's. The wild trout average 1 lb(.45kg) and fish to 6 lbs (2.7kg) are a possibility on the fly due to the rich feeding in this very productive limestone water.

The lough lies fifteen miles south east of Sligo town, four miles north west of Boyle, Co. Roscommon. Ballymote is six miles to the west and the village of Ballyfarnon lies three miles to the east.



Access:

There is public access at Brick Pier on
the south side of the Ball's Falls River.



the eastern shore, Ballinatad Pier on the southern shore and Rinn Ban Pier on the western shore. There are also various private access points some of which may be used with the owners permission.

The Angling sason:

The season opens on 1st April and the early season fishing is done mainly with the wetfly, using sinking tip or intermediate lines, in shallow areas and close inshore. Trolling is also practiced at this time of year but this method of fishing is not generally encouraged - see regulations.

Principal Fly Hatches and Angling Methods:

The Duckfly, a species of chironomid or buzzer, is the first fly to hatch. The hatch usually begins in mid-April and lasts for about three weeks. The most prolific hatches occur in the evenings from about 7.30 p.m., but, occasionally, if weather conditions are favourable, they will hatch during the day.

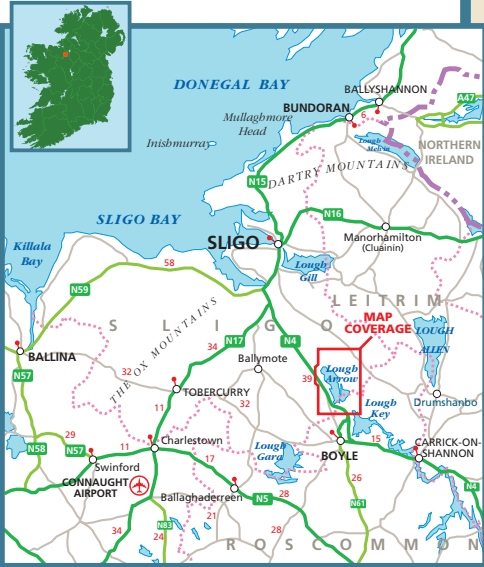


Angling tactics during the duckfly period depend on the prevailing weather conditions. In windy weather, with a wave on the water, wetfly tactics work best. The most favoured patterns are Claret Bumble, Fiery Brown, Sooty Olive, Connemara Black, Peter Ross, Silver Invicta, Red Arrow and Butcher (sizes 10, 12). In calmer conditions, small pupae (size 12) are the preferred method. These should be fished on a long leader with fairly fine monofilament.

More important areas:

The principal duckfly areas are Brickeen Bay, Laundry Bay, Rinn Bán Bay, Ballinafad Bay, Andersna Bay, Lough Brick Bay, The back of Annaghloy, Ballindoon Bay and the mouth of the outflowing River Unshin. When the fly is not hatching, anglers normally fish these areas, if conditions are favourable, using some of the wetflies mentioned above.

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