

On the Spot Report – Loch Chon Campsite JULY '17

Description

An on the spot report by Mechelle Rafferty

This is another report from real park users, in this case Michelle and the crew who have taken the time to record their experiences with LLTNP Camping provision at Loch Chon. I think it's safe to say from Mechelles comments and by the looks on the kids faces that it was a very enjoyable three days for all, tents, water, fire, woods and canoes in a wonderful loch side location, the perfect combination for a great weekend in the park.

Mechelle goes onto describe other site attributes at the start of the video, and visits pitch 21, the jewel in the crown, representing what park users expect from camping pitches in the park and what the National Park Authority should be delivering as their world class visitor experience.



Pitch 21, the best pitch on the site, original loch shore location and holds 2 tents

As Mechelle says, it's the only pitch you can't use. Some people just ignore that rule. [See T&Cs here](#)

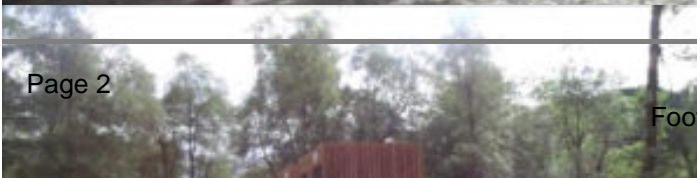


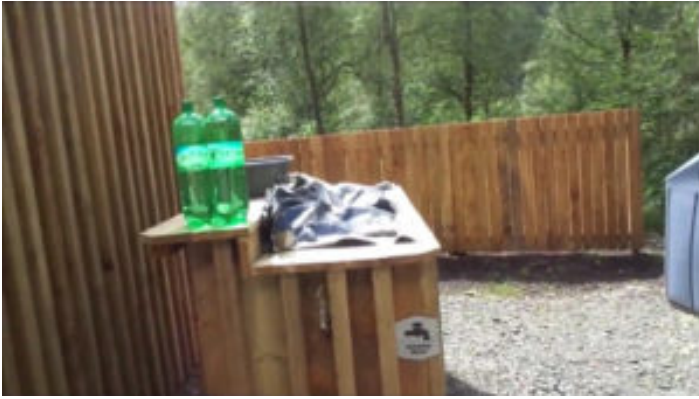
With a larger family group or just on your own the site has

something suitable for all.. There is of course one caveat, you have to book the right pitch, where a considerable number of pitches are just not up to the required standard yet, and some even unusable so to avoid disappointment read on.

Again I thank Mechelle for her great report and I have extracted some still images from the video to make the details of each pitch easier to evaluate. I have avoided adding too many additional comments and have tried to transcribe only those made by Mechelle in the video. So it remains **a true on the spot report..**

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“Taps still not working” “general area at car park” “Sparkling water supplied”

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“Pitch 1 is a swamp” “would not want to pitch on that”

Pitches 2 and 3 not reviewed

Pitch 4 – Video Counter 12:58



“They look campable”

“Looks all right”



Same as 4,

Pitches 6 and 7 not reviewed

Pitch 8 – Video Counter 11.55

Of disabled pitches 8 and 9 in general: !maybe they are out the question,they are level,but I personally wouldn't personally want to camp on it”

“Pitch number 8 is flat, nice but right on the walkway, swampy(*surrounding*)” “Plastic surface”



Pitch 9 – Video Counter10:30



"I assume grass still has to grow" Hard plastic surface on disabled pitch 9

!they are level, but I personally wouldn't personally want to camp on it"



Entrance to disabled pitch 9 "But look, would you really want to camp on that"

Pitch 10 – Video Counter 11.02

"Swampy, if you're looking at the map, better to come and see pitches first"

"Never ever book pitch 10, unless you want to be waterlogged,swampy"







Water course running down beside pitch 8 feeding into pitch 10

Pitch 11 see Video Counter 14:27 – “Alright but really, really bumpy”

“Party Tent, They had stopped by 5 in the morning,shouting between tents and flashing torches, still going on at 2 am,noise last night from that particular tent was quite bad”

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Pitch 12 see Video Counter 14:28

” Don’t know how you could actually pitch on it”,

“unless you had a tiny 1 or 2 man tent”, ” it’s not even, even to walk on, really bumpy”



Pitch 13 Video Counter 15:10



“Bumpy”, “like they’ve just took a strimmer and cut it back”

Pitch 14 Video Counter 16:06



“It’s alright, it would fit our tent at least, quite flat”

Pitch 15 Video Counter 16:20



” Tiny, not very grassy and a bit dark, they’re not bad!”

Pitch 16 – Video Counter 18:18

“Pitch 16 That’s alright.... not bad a bit muddy”



Pitch 17 Video Counter 18:50

“That’s just a mess,” That’s depressing”



[Ross]Official Pitch 17 at end of path is unsuitable, continuously wet and bramble filled.



[Ross] As Mechelle points out Possibly a new but smaller area being cleared further down the slope

Pitch 18 Video Counter 19:25



“Nice, not too muddy”, “18’s alright, 18’s fine”

Pitch 19 Video Counter 21:07





there's no' a bit of grass, there's holes, you could maybe get a tent on there, but for a big tent your snookered".

Pitch 20 Video Counter 20:28



“All tree roots, it’s not even flat, it’s on a slope, quite a bad one, a wee tiny tent, you could maybe get

Pitch 21 Video Counter 22:06

This is a nice big pitch, It’s perfect with a your ain wee bit to the loch



New logs cut from tree behind?



[Ross]Pitch 21 up there with the best camping in the park, and typical of so many loch shore sites that have been removed from access, with possibly another 6 pitches of different sizes of this standard going unused alone..... See Video for all comments and other views of this pitch.

Pitch 22 Video Counter 21:30

“That’s Fine! and recommended



Pitch 23 also fine and recommended not shown

Pitch 24 Fine and recommended —



Pitch 25 Video Counter 17:14



Nice and close to the loch with path directly from pitch.



[Ross] Standing water to the LH edge of the pitch limits it's size,

Pitch 26 Video Counter 16:54

“Looks alright, nice and level at least”





All photo & video credits to Mechelle Rafferty

So Check out the full video for a walk through and some other observations.

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