

What difference have the camping byelaws made to partying by the loch shores?

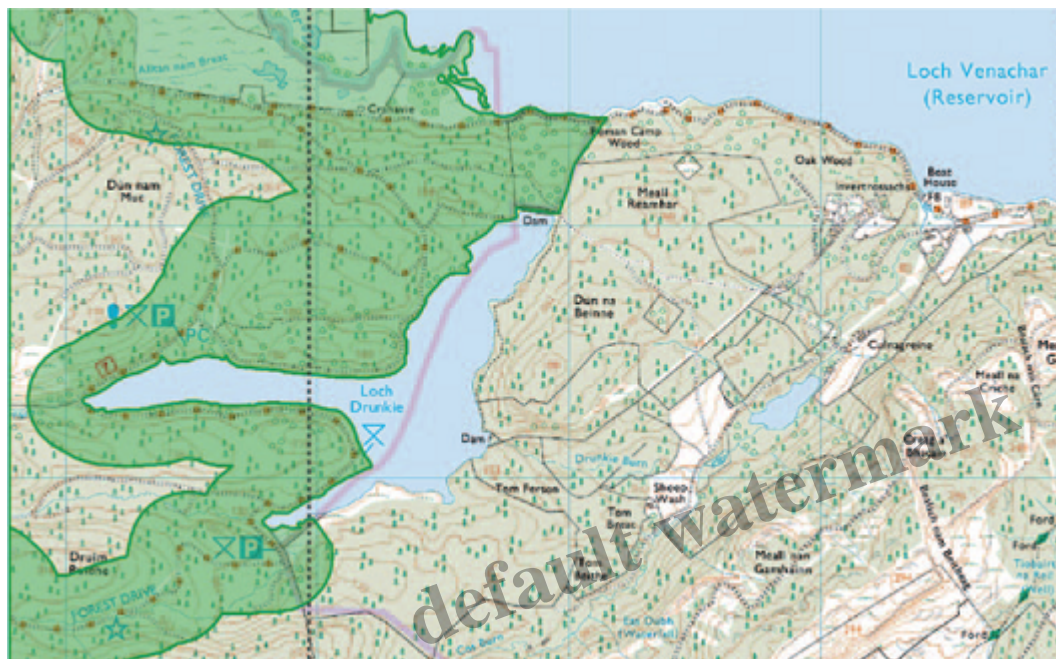
Description



Loch Drunkie dam Saturday – photo credit Stephen Campbell

Stephen Campbell, a keen angler, who has commented several times on parkswatch posts and like most anglers is strongly committed to conserving the natural environment sent me this photo taken at the weekend along with the comment “No Difference” and that the rubbish “had obviously been lying for a while”.

The Loch Drunkie dam on Forest Drive is within the Trossachs Camping Management Zone:



Its a bit tucked away though so easy enough for people to go there and party and leave all their rubbish just as they used to do. Proof, as if any is needed, that the camping byelaws have not changed anything in respect of so called anti-social behaviour.

All the camping byelaws have done is displace the people who want to have a party outside, either into the more hidden parts of the camping management zones where they are unlikely to be detected by Rangers, or outside of them. The Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park Authority says it has no evidence of displacement but that it because it has set up no mechanisms to report on displacement, either by increasing ranger patrols outwith of the camping management zones or by asking neighbouring local authorities for evidence.

What the LLTNPA has done though is prevent people like Stephen from camping where they used to camp and instead forced them to use certain overcrowded permit areas whether they are any good for fishing or not. The camping byelaws have criminalised the innocent – whom the LLTNPA should have been treating as their key partners in their attempts to reduce rubbish etc – while the guilty get off scot free. This is completely the opposite of what a National Park should be doing

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