

## CITATION

**RIVER DOCHART MEADOWS  
SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST  
Stirling**

Site code: 1359

PLANNING AUTHORITY: Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: NN 436274

OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger Series 51  
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer Series 365

AREA: 29.1 hectares

## NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURES

**Biological: Lowland grassland: Fen meadow**  
**Lowland grassland: Lowland neutral grassland**

## DESCRIPTION

River Dochart Meadows is located in Glen Dochart, 5km east of Crianlarich, and consists of fen meadow and neutral grassland. The fen meadow consists of long strips of tall-herb meadow along the shore, and of marshy grassland at the southeastern end of the SSSI. The neutral grassland occurs in narrow strips alongside the tall herb meadow, on the drier ground.

The meadows show a transition from lush, wet meadows on the river banks over reed and sedge beds to nutrient-poor grassland on the drier ground. These grassland habitats contain an exceptionally high number of vascular plant species, such as melancholy thistle, bog asphodel and marsh skullcap in the wet grassland, northern bedstraw and lesser water-plantain in the tall-herb meadow, and alpine bistort and goldenrod in the drier neutral grassland.

The site is one of the most extensive areas of unimproved meadows of this kind in the Stirling Council area.

## NOTIFICATION HISTORY

First notified under the 1981 Act: 1 June 1985

Notification reviewed under the 2004 Act: 6 March 2009

## REMARKS

Measured area of site corrected (from 30.3 ha).

Part of River Dochart SSSI is part of River Tay Special Area of Conservation (SAC) designated for the European habitats and species listed below.

Habitats: Clear-water lakes or lochs with aquatic vegetation and poor to moderate nutrient levels

Species: Otter (*Lutra lutra*)  
Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*)  
Brook lamprey (*Lampetra planeri*)  
River lamprey (*Lampetra fluviatilis*)  
Sea lamprey (*Petromyzon marinus*)