

Elverhoi Fishing



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Fishing Beats & Pool presentation

Please note! There is also a complete river map on the passage wall in the House of Elverhoi for the situation of the pools.

The Elverhoi Beat

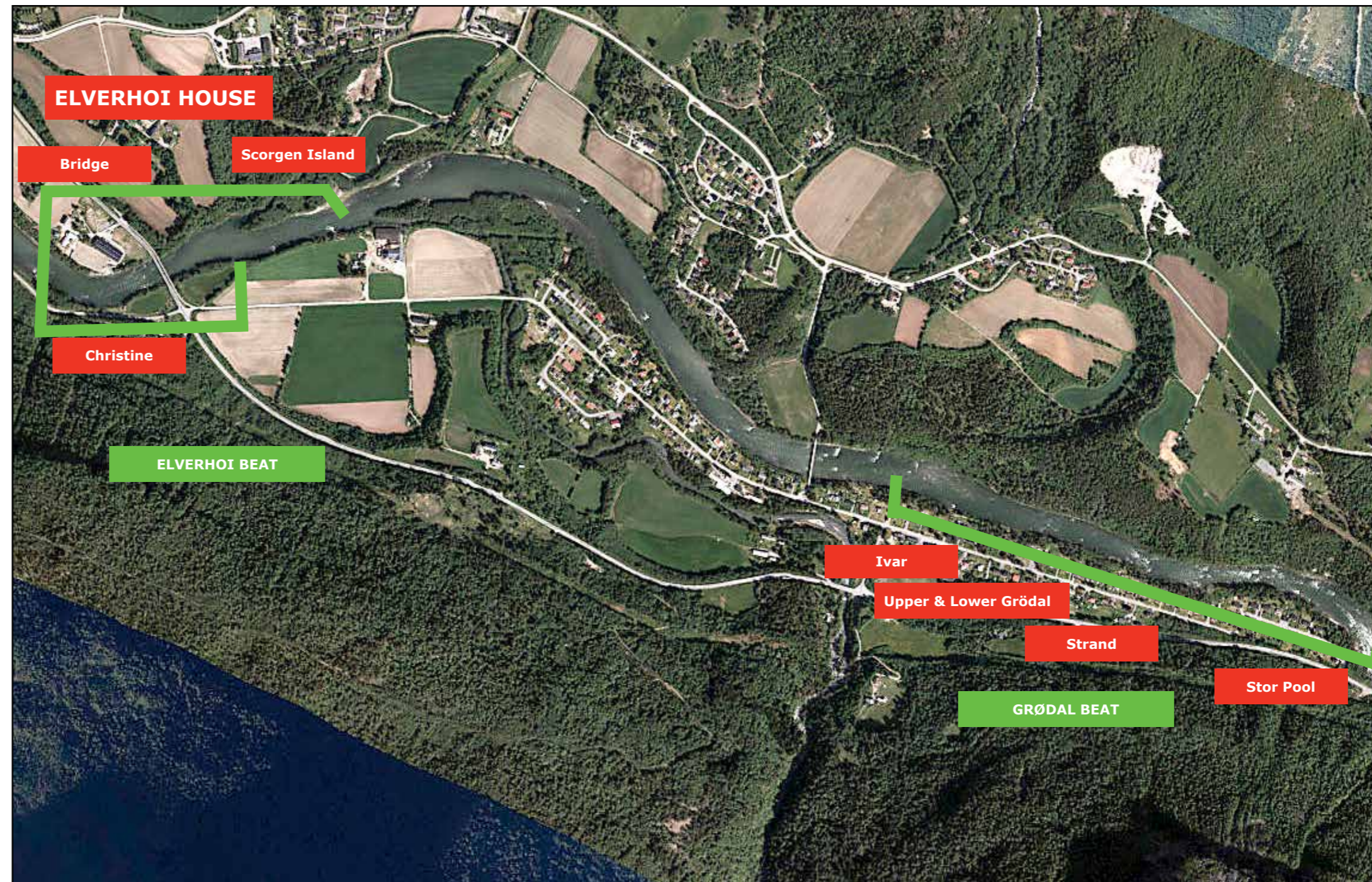
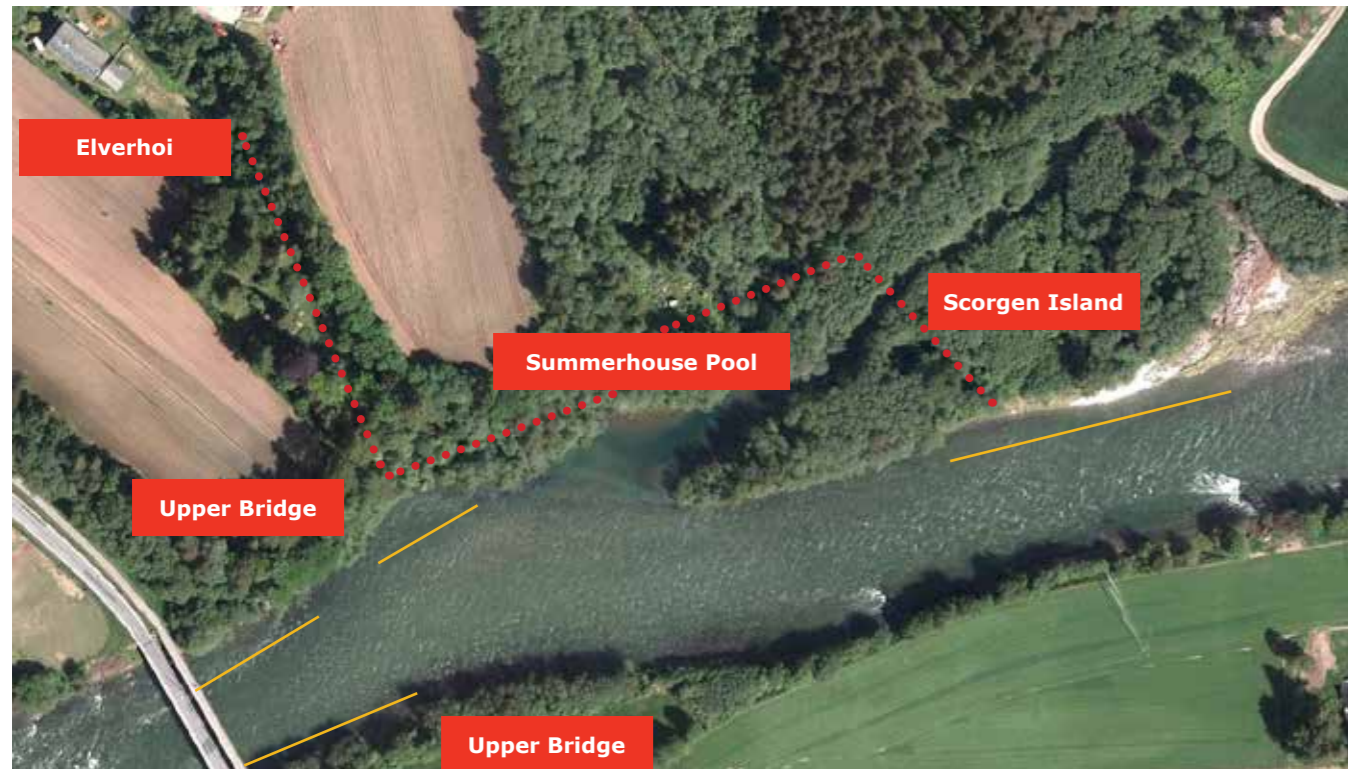
We have the fishing from both the left and the right banks and the upper and lower boundaries of each are marked on the river plan.

Scorgen Island Pool

Please note! This pool can only be fished every other day: From 00:00 -

13:00 hours on uneven dates in June and July and even dates in August. This pool is very good when fish are running.

The "Island" is best reached by walking from the house, through the Phillipshagen, to the Viking burial mounds where you will find a track leading down to your right to some semi-stagnant water at the top of a cleared space. Follow this water downstream for a few paces, and you will find a cleared path across the 'Island' to the river. Note that our fishing starts where marked by a



signboard nailed to a tree by the river bank; it does not extend to the top of the "Island". This is a good pool for salmon and seatrout. All other parts of the Elverhøi beat are ours all day and every day. The pools on the right bank below Scorgen Island are:

Summerhouse Pool

This are immediately downstream of the 'Island'. No salmon here but there is lots of smaller resident trout.

Upper Bridge Pools

These are short pools on both sides of the river immediately above the bridge.

Bridge

This is a very good pool for both salmon and seatrout and it fishes well at almost any height of the river. For salmon it is worth starting right at the very top. For seatrout the tail of the pool is best.

Christine

This is on the left bank of the river below where a small burn enters the river at a whirlpool. Low water pool.

The Grødal Beat

This fishing has been leased by the Elverhoi Estate since 1887. Fishing is only from the left bank.

Stor Pool

One of the most beautiful pools in Norway. Coming between two long

stretches of rapids, it makes a natural resting-place. It is an easily fished pool and fish can be caught here at any height.

In high water salmon can be hooked at the very top of the pool very close to the bank! They can also be caught almost out of the pool at the tail which is also the best part for seatrout. Perhaps the favourite lie for salmon is by the white stone on the riverbed in the centre of the pool. If you are unable to hold a fish in the pool, don't despair, but try and keep in close contact with him, because there is a good chance of landing him in a little bay about 100 yards downstream – we call it "Last Hope".

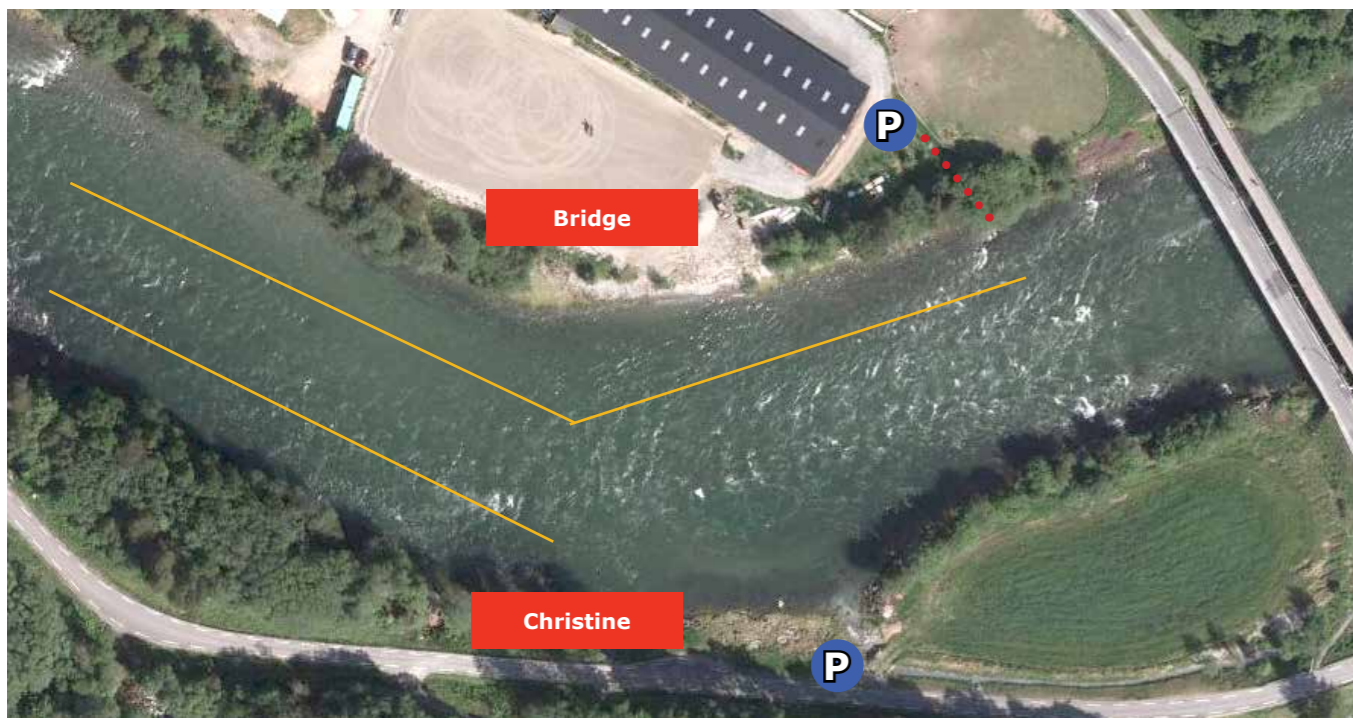
If you miss that you are in serious trouble, but don't despair. I have hooked several big fish in Stor Pool and landed them in both Strand and Grodal.

Traps

200 meters below Stor Pool. Almost nothing now remains of the fish trap, but just above it there is a short pool where salmon rest and can be caught, sometimes they lie only inches above the remains of the trap. Also the short pool below the remains of the traps hold fish when they run.

Strand

It is a favourite pool. One can cover



it best by getting out onto a series of large rocks sticking out into the pool fishing short line and then extending it more and more...

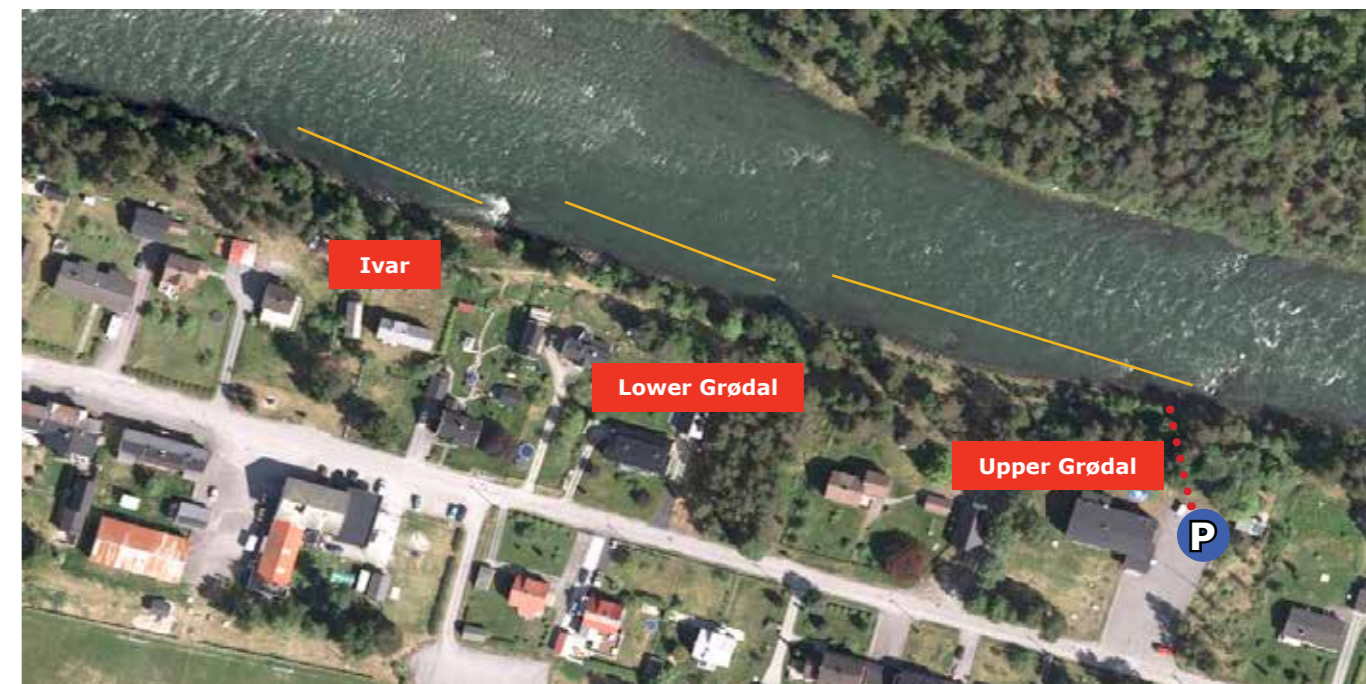
Upper & Lower Grødal

To prevent flooding the banks of these two pools have been canalised, which has rather detracted from their charm, but has made fishing them

easier. Lower Grødal starts at the large rock pointing out on the river's edge. Beautiful fly water with many lies for salmon.

Ivar Pool

A very small pool just below Lower Grødal. The road bridge (Torske Bru) below Ivar Pool marks the lower boundary of our Grødal fishing.







The Flatvad Beat

Each year, on a four-year cycle, we have different pools in this beat, all from the south bank: In 2017 it is Kongen and Leir. 2018 Pine Pool and Long Pool aka Langhølen. 2019 Brekkstranda & Brooklyn Bridge. 2020 Pibe Pool aka Knütsli.

Brooklyn Bridge & Brekkstranda

Here we have a fishing cabin. These are particularly good pools for salmon.

They are best reached by driving up the North side of the river and crossing over the footbridge.

Telephone Pool, not pictured, is 150 metres upstream of Brekkstranda and in recent years has been best for seatrout.

Langhølen aka Long Pool & Pine Pool, is probably easiest reached by crossing over the foot bridge and taking the path towards Flatvad farm and then

turning downstream along the edge of the field.

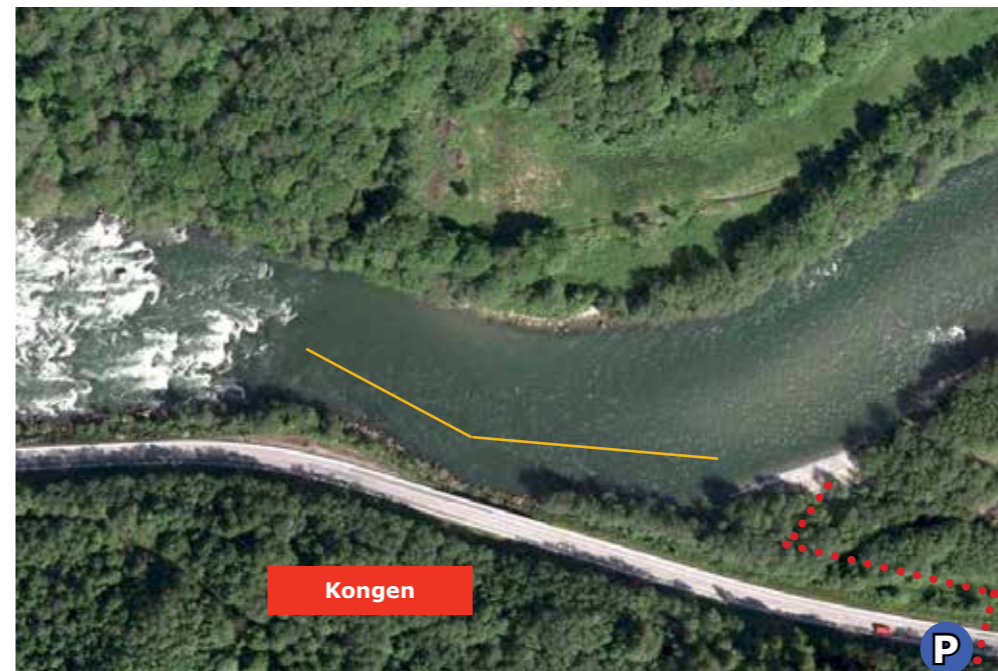
The **Leir Pool** is a very nice pool at most heights and we have a fishing cabin there. Below it there is Upper Kongen, which is also good for seatrout.

Directly under the main road is **Kongen**, a lovely deep pool that is more of a salmon pool. To get to these pools, drive upstream past Grøa and after passing through the two avalanche tunnels there are some spectacular rapids on your left; Kongen is the deep pool close beside the road immediately above these rapids.

A crash barrier now prevents one from parking beside it, so it is best to park 100 meter further up and follow the sign and the track back down to the river. For Leir Pool and Upper Kongen turn right just before reaching the river and walk upstream.

Pibe Pool, locally known as Knütsli, is a beautiful deep resting pool between two spectacular stretches of rapids. It was here that Lord Stair caught our record 61 lb.salmon on a fly in 1938. Pibe Pool has been described as one of the finest salmon pools in Norway. For safety reasons, we stopped keeping a boat here.

On very low water it is possible to catch salmon above the parking place.



Upper Flatvad Beat (Monday Beat)

We only have this water on Mondays. As it has 7 owners the only way they could agree was to have one day each: Elverhoi Estate has it Monday. The fishing is all from the left (South) bank. Drive up the valley on the main road to Gikling Bridge and, immediately before crossing it, turn right down a minor road. After about 400 meter, park on the right of the road immediately after crossing a small burn. From there it is just a short walk to the top pools:

- ☐ **Råa Pool**
- ☐ **Slettbakk Pool: This is the best pool on the Monday Beat - fish it!**
- ☐ **Molykkjeevju:** 'Vju' is Norwegian for backwater. This pool is true to its name and really not worth fishing
- ☐ **Falevju:** The middle of this big deep pool is hard to fish, but the tail of it is excellent for salmon and seatrout. **Be VERY CAREFUL** and do not wade in the loose gravel. Current is strong and rapids are vicious below.
- ☐ **Dollar Stone:** The huge stone in the centre of the river and the pool below it were so named because the salmon caught here gave such a rich reward. A short resting-place among thunderous rapids. It is best for spinning. Best fishable in lower water. Take care when walking the road.

