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## **NWHG Ref. 023 — The Laird’s Pool, Lochinver**

### **Location, grid reference**

The site is located within the course of the River Inver at the Laird’s Pool, 1 km upstream from Lochinver, Grid Ref. [NC 103 235].

### **GCR site reference, block, volume and notified feature of SSSI?**

GCR Ref. 1224, Caledonian Igneous Block, Vol. 17. Confirmed GCR site, not SSSI notified feature.

### **Description and geological significance**

The exposure is representative of “Canisp Porphyry” and is seen as a 4 m thick dyke cutting the Lewisian Gneiss basement, indicating the western extent of this suite of nepheline-syenite dykes in the Foreland.

### **Accessibility**

Some scrambling over rough ground is required to access the exposure from the north side of the River Inver which is close to the A 837 Lochinver–Inchnadamph road at this point. Alternatively, the site can be reached via the path on the south side of the river, requiring a much longer walk. There is no access for all abilities.

### **Conservation**

Low conservation due to the location of the site.

### **Visibility and “clarity”**

### **The dyke is easily seen from the river bank. Interpretation and interpretation potential**

There is no on-site interpretation and none is required. The exposure has a potential value as a teaching resource for geology students and could be included in a future Geopark guide.

### **Key references**

PARSONS, I. 1999. Late Ordovician to mid-Silurian alkaline intrusions of the North-west Highlands of Scotland. In Stephenson, D., Bevins, R. E., Milward, D., Highton, A. J., Parsons, I., Stone, P. & Wadsworth, W. J. (eds) Caledonian Igneous rocks of Great Britain. Geological Conservation Review Series, 17, Chapman & Hall, 345–393 (site description page 384).