

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
n/a	River Monnow	SO 51141214 (start) & SO 33462267	c.40 km	River	Otter White clawed crayfish	<p>For much of its length The River Monnow (a main tributary of the River Wye) marks the county border with Herefordshire (except a few places where its changed course) before it joins the River Wye at Monmouth. The main river flows entirely on Devonian Sandstone.</p> <p>The river rises near Craswall on Cefn Hill just below the high Black Mountains. It flows southwards, gaining the waters of its tributaries the Escley Brook and Olchon Brook near Clodock and the waters of Afon Honddu , from the Welsh side of the Black Mountains, near Pandy. The river then flows briefly eastwards before again turning southwards. It flows south of Osbaston and through the centre of Monmouth before joining the River Wye with the River Trothy. Its total length is around 26 miles (42 km). The Monnow menaders through the farmed landscape of lowland eastern Monmoutshire, and is tree lined for most of its length. In the uper reaches whole stretches of the river are densely shaded. The bank habitats are very varied with eroding banks of almost 90° frequent with corresponding shallow deposing banks. These banks change from shingle in the upper half of the river to mixed shingle, sand and silted mud in the lower half. At one time the river was noted for its substantial brown trout population, with the length from Pontrilas to Skenfrith producing record catches. Numbers fell substantially during the 20th century and especially after the 1960s. Projects such as the Game Conservancy Trust's River Monnow Project have looked to address this through habitat management works &amp; fish stocks monitoring.</p>	H15 Watercourses S1 Mammals, S2 Birds S5 Fish S6 Invertebrates