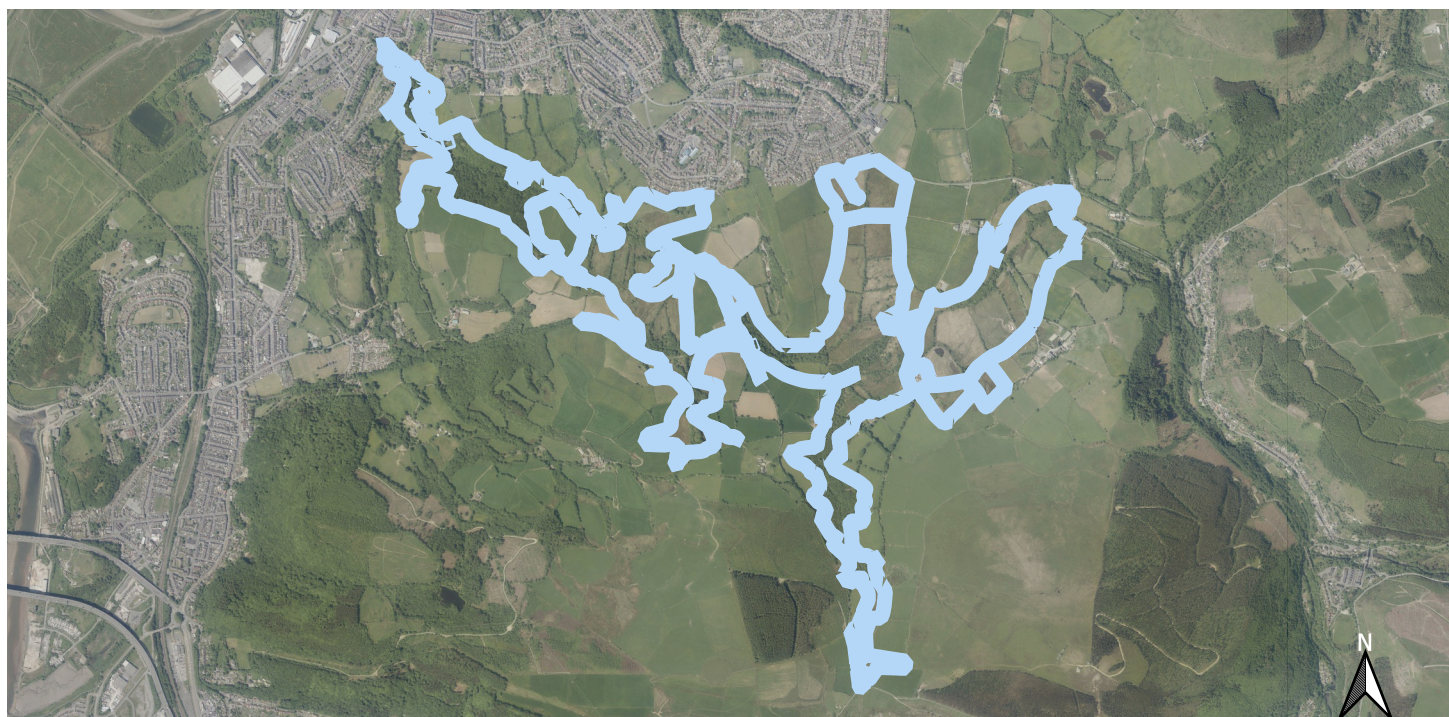
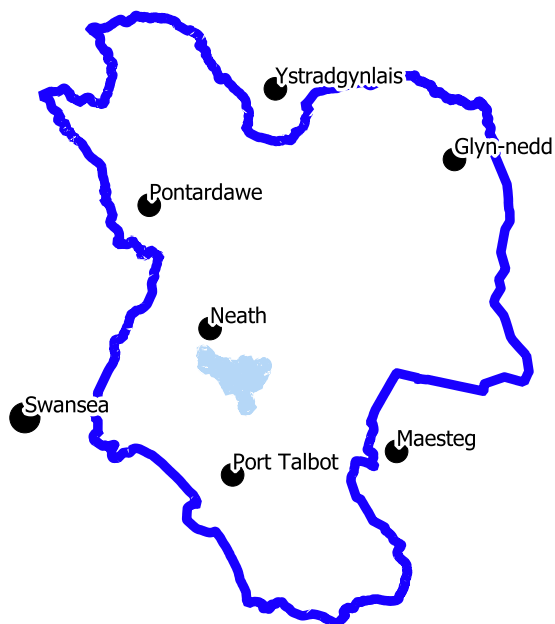


THE WAUN, CIMLA

Reference No: NPTSINC031
Ward: Neath South, Neath East, Briton Ferry East, Cimla, Pelenna, Bryn and Cwmavon
Grid ref at centre: SS7685095288
Area (ha): 154.67

Reason for selection:
H1:3 Native Woodland
H2:1 Hedgerows
H9:3 Purple Moor-grass and Rush Pastures



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

THE WAUN, CIMLA

Site Description:

Y Waun comprises an extensive mosaic of enclosed land that lies to the south of Cimla, with altitudes ranging between 50-150m. The underlying geology in this area is the South Wales Upper Coal Measures Formation overlain by glacial moraines of till with outwash sand and gravel deposits. Much of this land has impeded drainage and supports unimproved and semi-improved wet grasslands (M24) and valley mires that flank Crythan Brook. Other important habitats include Registered Ancient Woodland and Ancient Hedgerows. Most of the land is privately owned and under agricultural management, with grazing being particularly important for maintaining habitats in favourable condition. Recorded taxa include 258 vascular plants, 65 bryophytes, 73 bird species and 70 invertebrate

Qualifying features

H1:3 native woodland
H1:4 scrub communities
H2:1 hedgerows
H5:1 lowland meadows
H9:3 Purple Moor-grass & rush-pasture.
H16:2 bracken

Important species

Species recorded: Notable, Brown hare, Barn owl, Red kite, Tree pipit, Dunnock, Cuckoo, Spotted flycatcher, Starling, House sparrow, Linnet, Bullfinch, Lesser redpoll, Yellowhammer and Reed bunting, Dark green fritillary, Small pearl-bordered fritillary, Bog pimpernel, Greater tussock-sedge, Bottle sedge, Meadow thistle, Heath spotted-orchid, Narrow buckler-Fern, Cotton-grasses, Wood horsetail, Alder buckthorn, Petty whin, Bog asphodel, Royal fern, Round-leaved crowfoot, Saw-wort, Devil's-bit scabious, Marsh violet
Habitat suitable for: Otter, bats and reptiles

Management Recommendations

This is a complex site with M24-25 grasslands being a primary feature. The main focus should be to ensure the best examples are maintained in favourable condition, by using Marsh Fritillary management guidance. Opportunities should also be sought to bring areas of semi-improved grassland into better condition by encouraging land owners to manage their sites sympathetically, possibly providing assistance for them to join agri-environment schemes.

Last surveyed: Surveyor: Author: BS

To be read in conjunction with Wildlife Sites Guidance Wales (WBP 2008) and the NPT amendments. This area has been designated as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council. This does not formally protect the site or place any restrictions upon the landowner. Neath Port Talbot Council's Countryside & Wildlife Team will endeavour to support and encourage activities that maintain and enhance the biodiversity interest of the land; where funding is available, funds may be provided to facilitate these activities. The information given is used to ensure that nature conservation is taken into account in planning decisions. The designation itself does not confer any rights of access to the site and places no restriction on the management of the land.