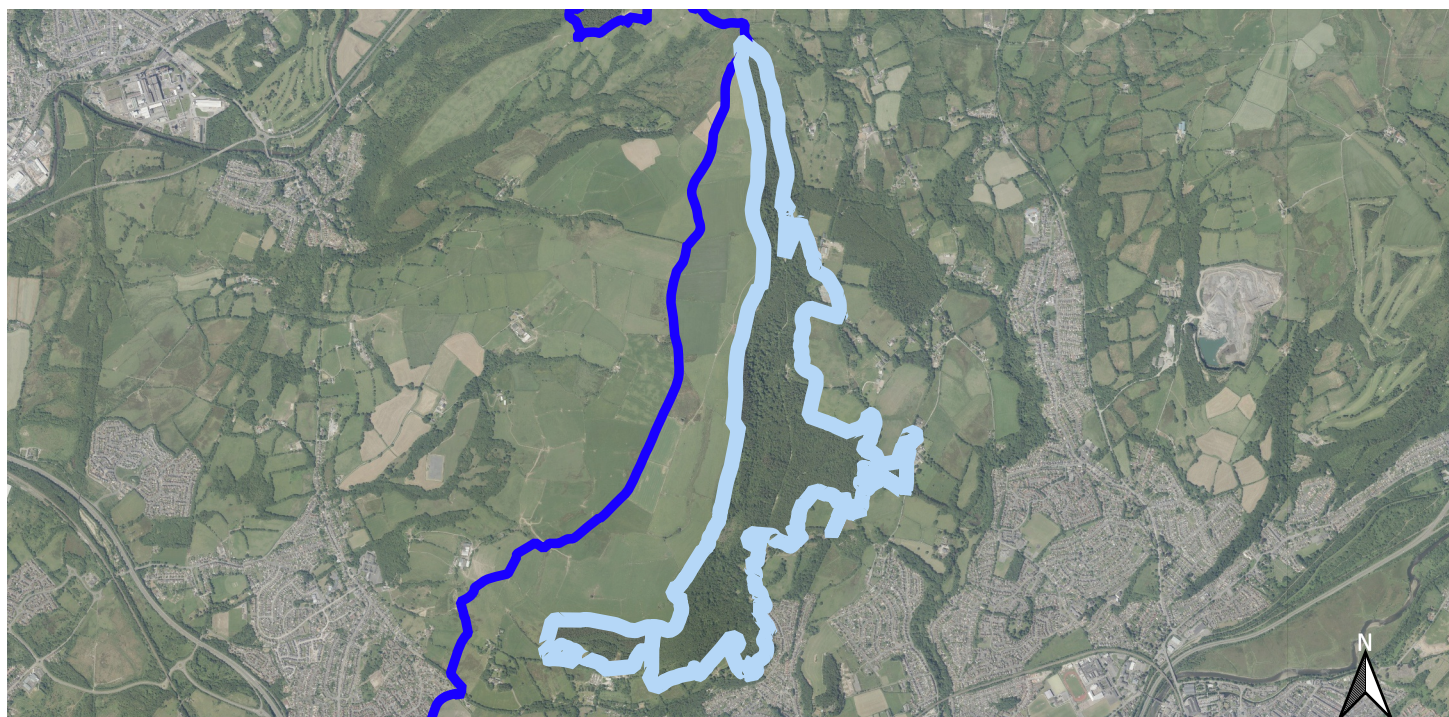
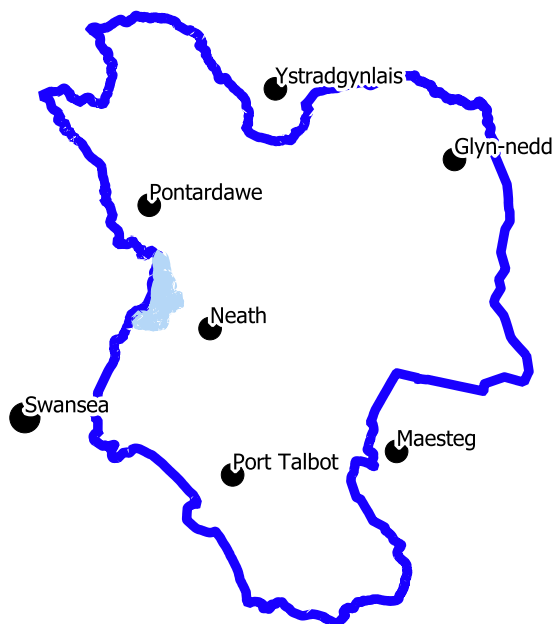


DYFFRYN WOODS

Reference No: NPTSINC059
Ward: Dyffryn, Coedffranc North
Grid ref at centre: SS7277599204
Area (ha): 141.16

Reason for selection:
H1:3 Native woodland



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

DYFFRYN WOODS

Site Description:

Dyffryn Woods is an ancient woodland site, formerly part of a large private estate, which was felled and planted with conifers in the 1930s then mostly clear felled in the 1980. Some blocks of conifers and Beech were retained and the rest replanted with Larch and other conifers. The site is now dominated by dense thickets of birch, willow and other broadleaves. Invasive Rhododendron has been subject to a control programme. There are nine entrance points and an extensive network of paths that provide attractive walks and rides. On the eastern side of Mynydd Drumau, the upper section of the woodland is highly visible and prominent in the local landscape. It slopes steeply down from a line of rocky crags to flatter areas on lower ground. There is semi-natural ancient woodland to the south which links Dyffryn Woods to Coed Maesmelin, both owned by the Woodland Trust. In 2012 the Blue ground beetle was confirmed in the area and has been found in the wood. This is the only area (Skewen) in Wales where the beetle is known and the most northerly population in Europe.

Qualifying features

H1:3 Native woodland - An Ancient Woodland recorded in the Ancient Woodland Inventory, which retains characteristic ground flora

Important species

Species recorded: Grass snake, Common lizard, Blue ground beetle
Habitat suitable for: Bats, birds, badgers

Management Recommendations

The site is managed by the Woodland Trust.

Last surveyed: 2019 Surveyor: LEP/MBP Author: LEP

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.