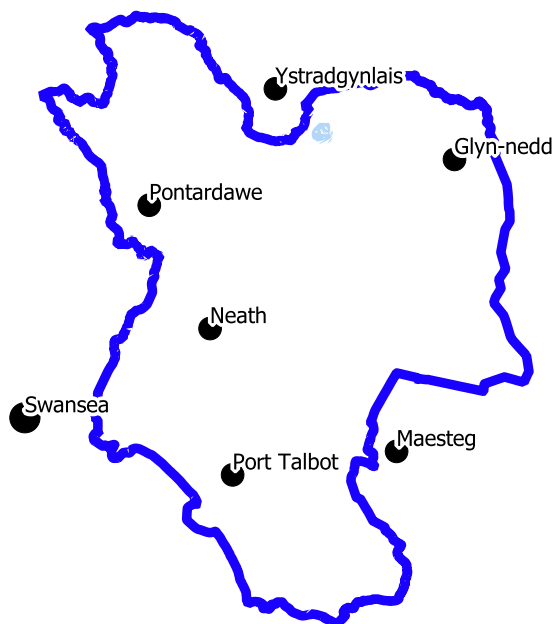


NANT Y CAFN

Reference No: NPTSINC072
Ward: Seven Sisters
Grid ref at centre: SN8126007902
Area (ha): 8.14

Reason for selection:
H7:1 Lowland dry acid grassland
H8:1 Lowland heathland
H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures
S5 Invertebrates



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

NANT Y CAFN

Site Description:

This site lies to the east of the Nant-y-cafn settlement, south of Seven sisters towards the top of the Dulais Valley. It supports areas of marshy grassland and acid grassland. Some areas of the site are more diverse than others, however, the site supports a number of indicator species. The site's importance is due to the role it plays within a chain of species rich marshy grassland habitat patches in the Dulais Valley. Similar designated habitats in the vicinity include the Ynysdawle (NPTSINC071) and Heol Heddwch (NPTSINC073). In 2018 Butterfly Conservation found a Marsh fritillary larval web.

Qualifying features

H5:1 Lowland meadows 10/8
H7:1 Lowland dry acid grassland 12/7
H8:1 Lowland heathland see description
H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures 22/12
S5 Invertebrates Marsh fritillary

Important species

Species recorded: Bilberry, Bog asphodel, Common cow-wheat, Devil's-bit scabious, Eyebright, Greater bird's-foot trefoil, Saw-wort, Marsh fritillary
Habitat suitable for: Reptiles

Management Recommendations

Marshy grassland sites should ideally be grazed by cattle at a low density. The aim is an uneven patchwork of relatively short and longer vegetation. The application of broad-spectrum anti-parasitic drugs should be avoided as they persist in the dung and will kill dung beetles and dung fly larvae.

Last surveyed: 2017 Surveyor: Butterfly Conservation Author: ER

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.