

MARGAM COUNTRY PARK

Reference No: NPTSINC081

Ward: Margam

Grid ref at centre: SS8104086137

Area (ha): 326.05

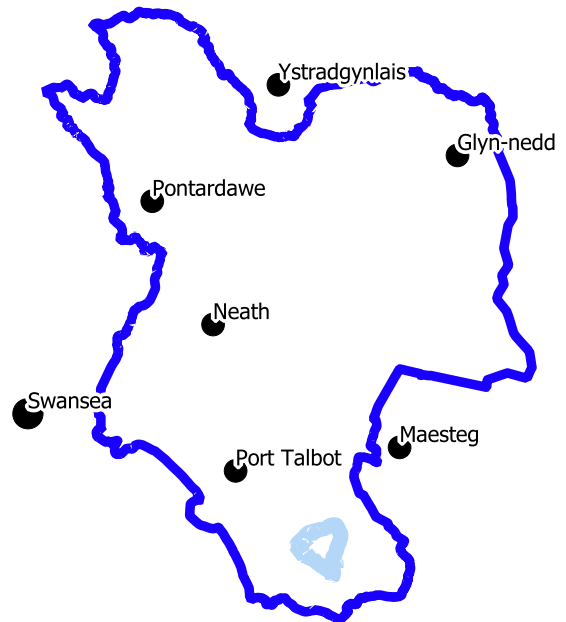
Reason for selection:

H1:2 Wood pasture and parkland

H13:2 Ponds

H16 Mosaic habitats

S1 Mammals



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

Large area of public access parkland, with numerous habitats making a cohesive site. Habitats include woodlands, wood pasture, ponds, neutral grassland, marshy grassland. Some is grassland grazed by the deer herd. The site is important for bats with 14 of the UK's 18 resident species having been recorded here including Lesser and Greater horseshoes and Barbistelle. Both the building and trees provide a variety of roosting features particularly the cellars in the Castle, the attics in Twyn yr Hydd and the artificial roost above the Apple Store.

Qualifying features

H1:2 Wood pasture and parkland

H13:2 Ponds

H16 Mosaic habitats (Marshy grassland, Woodland, Scrub, Neutral grassland)

Mosaic of Habitats and buildings.

S1 Mammals - Bat roosts 14 species

Important species

Species present: Lesser horseshoe, Greater horseshoe, Barbastelle, Brown hare, Adder

Management Recommendations

A management plan was written up in 2012 but it has not been followed. Removal of non-native invasive species is important particularly Rhododendron, Himalayan balsam, Japanese knotweed and Skunk cabbage.

Last surveyed: 2019 Surveyor: LEP Author: LEP

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