

COED HIRWAUN WETLAND

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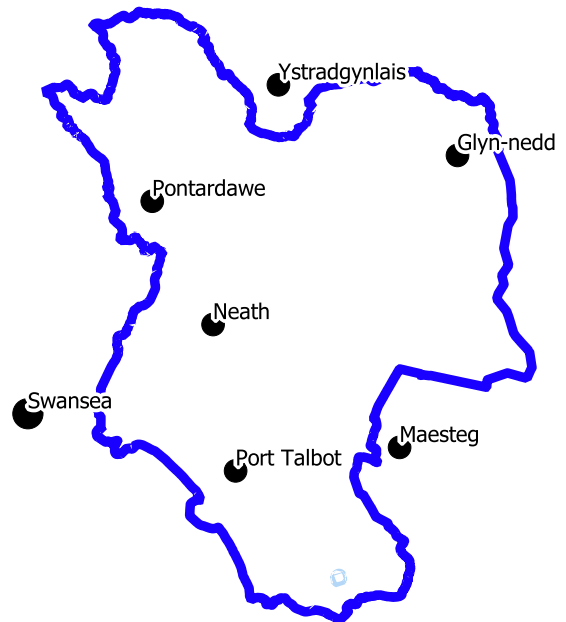
Ward: Margam

Grid ref at centre: SS8193384448

Area (ha): 1.67

Reason for selection:

H1:3 Native woodland



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

A unit of ancient woodland on the entrance to the Coed Hirwaun. The underlying geology is that of the South Wales Middle Coal Measures Formation, overlain by alluvium - clay, silt, sand and gravel. Wet woodland (~W6) is the primary habitat. The site is owned by the local authority and is unmanaged. Recorded taxa include 66 vascular plants, 20 bryophytes, 11 birds & 2 lichens.

Qualifying features

H1:3 Native Woodlands - On ancient woodland inventory - Wet woodland
H13:2 Ponds

Important species

S7: Lesser Redpoll. Local Interest: Gypsywort, Marsh Violet, Purple Moor-grass, Purple-loosestrife, Square-stalked St John's-wort, Velvet Bent, Water Mint, Wild Angelica, Yellow Iris, Yellow Loosestrife

Management Recommendations

Non-intervention of wet woodland will ensure the natural development of the woodland continues, though monitoring should be undertaken to check for non-native invasives.

Last surveyed: 2011 Surveyor: BS Author: BS

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