

PARC CROESERW

Reference No: NPTSINC086

Ward: Cymmer

Grid ref at centre: SS8668195272

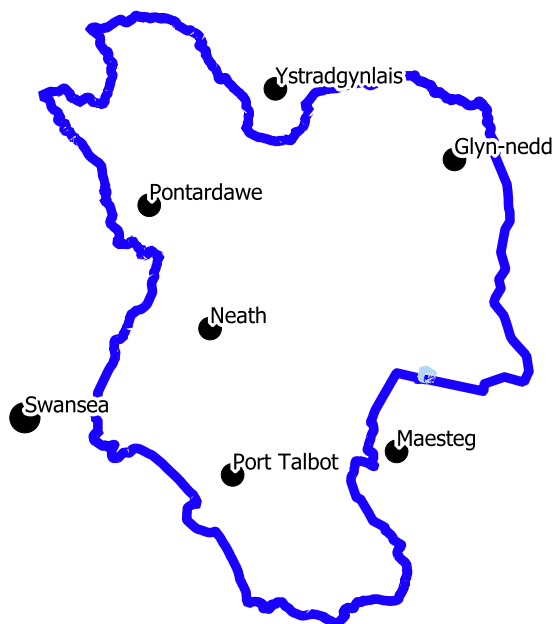
Area (ha): 2.58

Reason for selection:

H5:1 Lowland meadows

H8:1 Lowland heathland

H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

The site is situated in the centre of Croeserw and supports a mosaic of secondary grassland and heath, part of which is on colliery spoil. The land dips gently to the north, the centre-point being at 270m asl, the underlying geology comprising of the South Wales Upper Coal Measures Formation, partial overlain by Devonian till. Habitats present include neutral grassland (spp-rich MG6), lowland heathland (H12), Purple Moor-grass (M25), rush-pasture (M23b) and scattered scrub. Ownership is unknown and there appears to be little or no habitat management. Recorded taxa include 76 vascular plants, 18 bryophytes and 5 lichens

Qualifying features

H5:1 Lowland meadows 9/8
H7:1 Lowland dry acid grassland 11/7
H8:1 Lowland heathland
H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures 15/12

Important species

Species recorded: Bank Haircap, Bilberry, Cladonia spp, Common Bird's-foot-trefoil, Common Knapweed, Common Sedge, Common Yellow-sedge, Cuckooflower, Deergrass, Glaucous Sedge, Greater Bird's-foot-trefoil, Heath Plait-moss, Heath Rush, Heath Wood-rush, Heather, Jointed Rush, Mat-grass, Pendulous Sedge, Purple Moor-grass, Red Clover, Sheep's-fescue, Tormentil, Velvet Bent, Water Figwort, Wavy Hair-grass & Yellow Iris.
Habitat suitable for: Reptiles

Management Recommendations

There appears to be no formal management at the site. Periodic inspections should be undertaken to inform management aimed at; i) controlling scrub / bramble encroachment, ii) topping of areas dominated by rushes and or coarse grasses, including Molinia. An assessment to determine the merits of eradicating Japanese Knotweed should be carried out.

Last surveyed: 2011 Surveyor: BS 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.