

ABERBAIDEN FARM SMALL MEADOW

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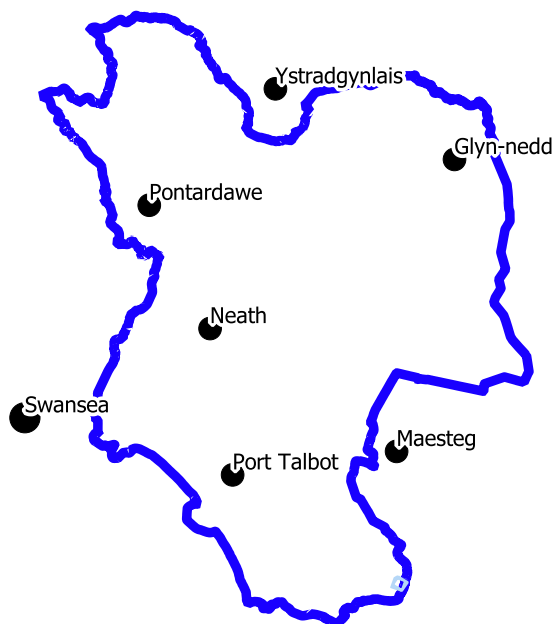
Ward: Margam

Grid ref at centre: SS8526084367

Area (ha): 1.59

Reason for selection:

H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

Marsh grassland adjacent to Parc Slip Opencast site and a remnant of a previously more extensive, marshy grassland landscape. The occurrence of Devil's-bit Scabious (*Succisa pratensis*) and Saw-wort (*Serratula tinctoria*) is notable. The field is heavily grazed by horses and bounded by a hedge on its north side and by a wet ditch on its south side.

Qualifying features

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Important species

Species recorded: Devil's-bit Scabious, Gipsywort, Saw-wort, Sneezewort, Meadowsweet, Ragged robin
Habitat suitable for: Bats, Herps, Song Thrush, House Sparrow

Management Recommendations

The habitat is in poor condition due to heavy grazing and would benefit from a less intense grazing regime.

Last surveyed: 2016 Surveyor: MRH/CH Author: CH

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