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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

SWANSEA

PWLL DU HEAD AND BISHOPSTON VALLEY

Date of notification: 1959, 1985

National Grid Reference: SS 574875

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Site Area: 180.8 ha

Description:

A steep sided partially wooded valley in Carboniferous Limestone. The woodland is predominantly ash with pedunculate Oak, maple and elm, with lime locally abundant, particularly along the lower edge, with shrub layers including hazel, spindle, privet, dogwood and guelder rose. The ground flora varies from Lonicera-Oxalis associations in the driest places through *Primula-Mercurialis* associations to *Filipendula*, *Allium* and *Chrysosplenium* in the flushes. The valley also exhibits quarried cliffs, limestone block scree, and a series of sinks and resurgences. The coastal section exposes the *Patella* beach overlain by both colluvial and solifluction deposits whilst Bacon Hole contains important deposits of Ipswichian age.

Remarks:

Within Gower AONB.