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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

BRIDGEND DAREN Y DIMBATH

Date of notification: 1979, 1983

National Grid Reference: SS 952895

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Site Area: 4.2 ha

Description:

The crags and deep chasms of Cwm Dimbath were formed as a result of the translational block slide in the Brithdir Sandstone on a S-facing spur of the valley above Nant Iechyd. Massive fallen blocks of sandstone now occupy the floor of the 10+ m deep chasms and support a rich assemblage of liverworts, mosses and ferns, the most notable being the two rare species of filmy ferns, *Hymenophyllum tunbridgense* and *H. wilsonii*.

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