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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

NEATH PORT TALBOT

PANT-Y-SAIS

Date of Notification: 1979, 1983

Natonal Grid Reference: SS 716942

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Site Area: 19.5 ha

Description:

Predominantly an area of lowland fen located in a narrow valley which was a former course of the River Neath. The site supports a range of fenland communities including *Sphagnum* and bryophyte dominated areas of poorer fen vegetation, *Molinia caerulea* communities, swamp areas with abundant *Typha latifolia* and *Typha angustifolia*, and developing fen carr. Formerly part of the same hydrological system as Crymlyn Bog.

The Tennant Canal section acts as a refuge for aquatic plants, including *Butomus umbellatus* which is rare in the county.