

49. Coed Maide B. Goddard

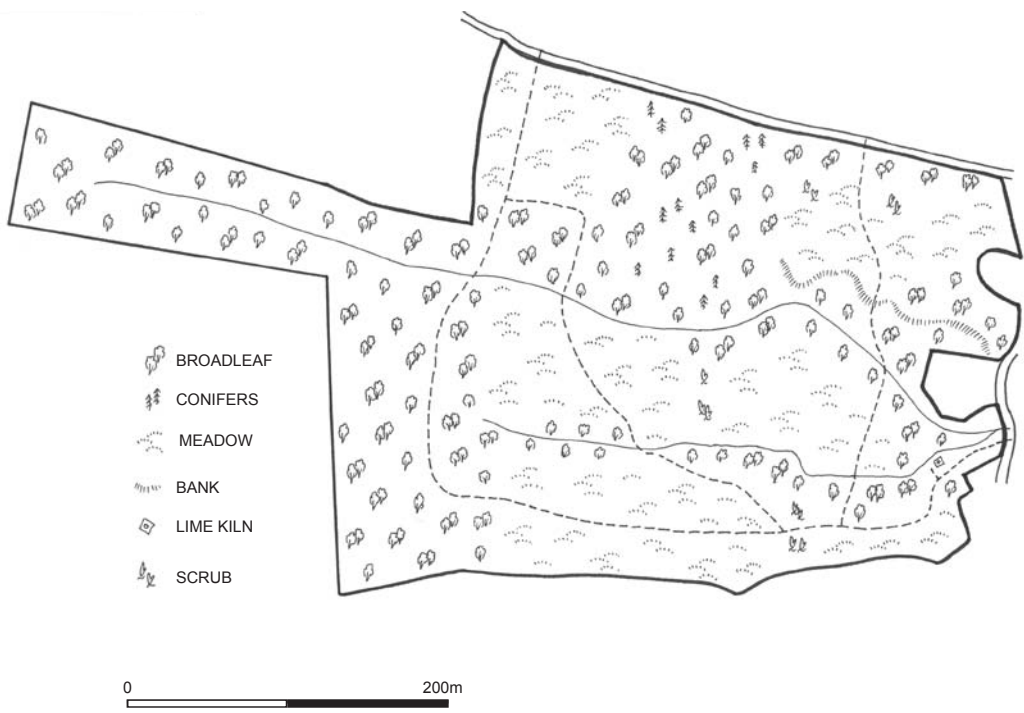
Llechryd, Ceredigion

Grid References	O.S. Explorer map 185 Newcastle Emlyn. Main entrance: SN212435, Site centre: SN210437
Status	
Tenure	The original 21.7 acres were bought in 1990 from Geoffrey William Lloyd, with funding from RSNC and Sutton Place Heritage Trust. The remainder of the reserve was acquired in the early 1990s.
Size	15.6 ha (38.5 acres).
Location and Access Notes	Car park for 3 cars near Llechryd sewage works. Footpaths; not accessible to wheelchairs.
Public transport	The 460 bus departs from Cardigan regularly and stops in Llechryd, 0.5 km north east of the reserve.

Description: This relatively large reserve is a mosaic of woodland and grassland with wide, wooded gulleys. Part of the woodland is mature secondary Ash woodland. There is also a large area of previously clearfelled conifer plantation, now 20 year old regenerating Ash woodland, which has an attractive mossy ground flora with ferns and Wood Sorrel (4-5). In this woodland, bark scraping by the local population of Red Deer is clearly visible. One compartment of woodland remains conifer, and is host to a heronry. Two planted specimens of Black Poplar grow in the meadows.

Many butterfly species use the meadows and woodland edges, including Common Blue, Small Skipper, Gatekeeper, Ringlet, Orange Tip and Speckled Wood among others. Brown Hairstreak eggs have been observed on Blackthorn in the hedgerows.

A large Badger sett can be found in one of the wooded gulleys, and Goldilocks Buttercup (4-5) also occurs on the reserve.



Management Objectives: The grassland areas are grazed in the summer to improve their botanical interest. The young Ash woodland is being thinned to improve its wildlife value. Deer and Badger numbers are regularly monitored.

Good times to visit

- Apr - Sept Woodland & meadow flowers
- May - Jul Butterflies
- Sept - Nov Red Deer

