

60. Rhos Glandenyys

Cross Inn, Ceredigion

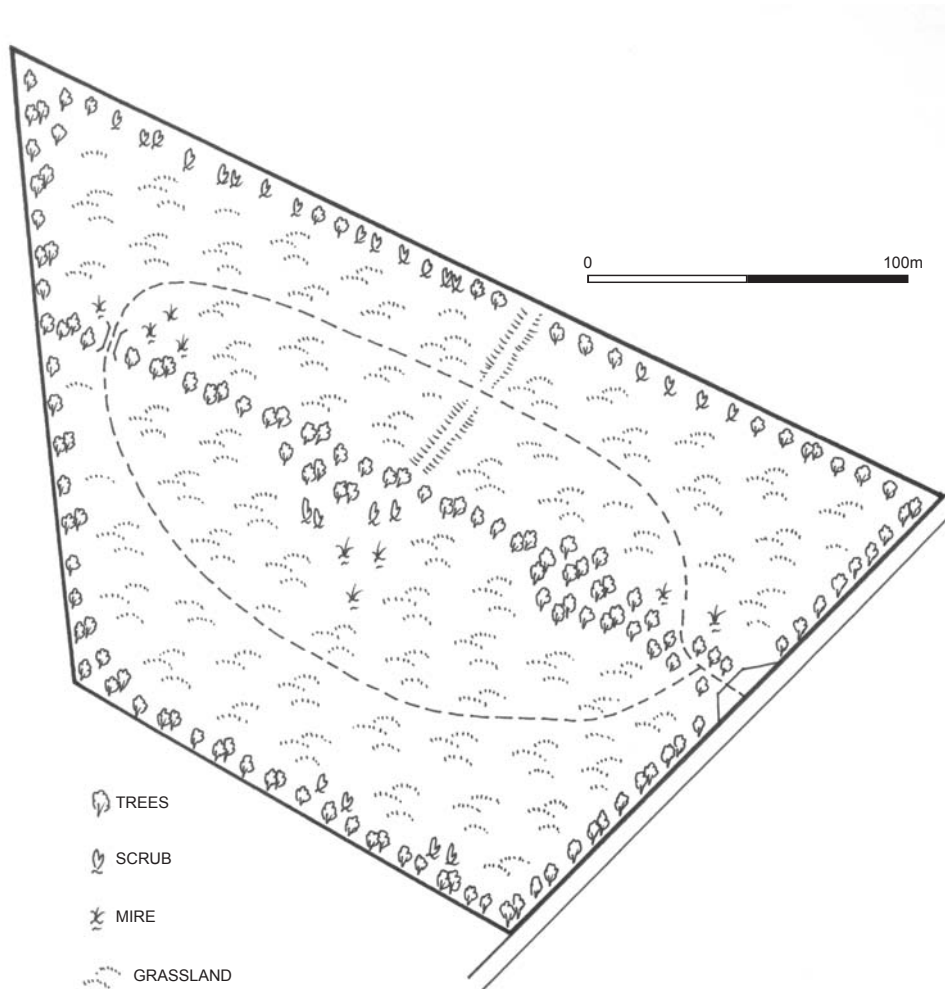
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| Grid References | O.S. Explorer map 199 Lampeter. Main entrance: SN539650, Site centre: SN538650 |
| Status | |
| Tenure | Freehold was purchased in 1989 with grant aid from the National Heritage Memorial Fund. |
| Size | 2.4 ha (5.9 acres). |
| Location and Access Notes | Off road parking for 2 cars. Access is via a kissing gate which is not wheelchair friendly although there are two farm gates; they are wired up during horse grazing season. There is a bridge with a stile over a boggy area at the western end to connect the 3 fields in the site. The site is flat but there are large areas of wetland. |
| Public transport | Not on regular bus route. 1 bus/week to and from Aberaeron on Wednesdays, and 1 bus/week to and from Llanrhystud on Fridays; bus stop for both at the cross roads adjacent to the Rhos yr Hafod pub, Cross Inn, 1 km walk from the reserve. |

Description: Rhos pasture.

Rhos Glandenyys can be divided into 3 compartments of wet, species-rich grassland with a mosaic of communities associated with the varying wetness of the land and is an excellent example of wet Ceredigion 'rhos' grassland. It is surrounded by banks with mixed species hedges, mainly Willow, and a small scrub woodland.

Hedgerow birds are abundant, including Dunnock, Robin, Blackbird, Wren and Grasshopper Warblers have also nested on site. Willow Warblers and Chiffchaff are common summer visitors. There are areas of standing water and Common and Jack Snipe and Woodcock are frequent visitors in the autumn/winter and early spring months.

The site is noted mainly for its abundance of Southern Marsh Orchids (6-7), and Heath Spotted Orchids (6-7) can be seen as well as a beautiful summer display of Ragged Robin (5-7), Sneezewort (7-8), Devil's-bit Scabious (6-10) and Greater Bird's-foot Trefoil (6-8).



Management Objectives: Maintain the current habitat for the species of particular conservation importance by using horse grazing throughout the summer and early autumn months. Rushes are topped annually in one compartment to increase botanical diversity and the hedgerows will be managed by laying in the future.

Good times to visit

- May - Sept Rhos pasture flowers
- May - Jul Breeding birds
- Sept - Nov Flowering orchids
- Oct - Feb Snipe and Woodcock