

13. Bolgoed Quarry

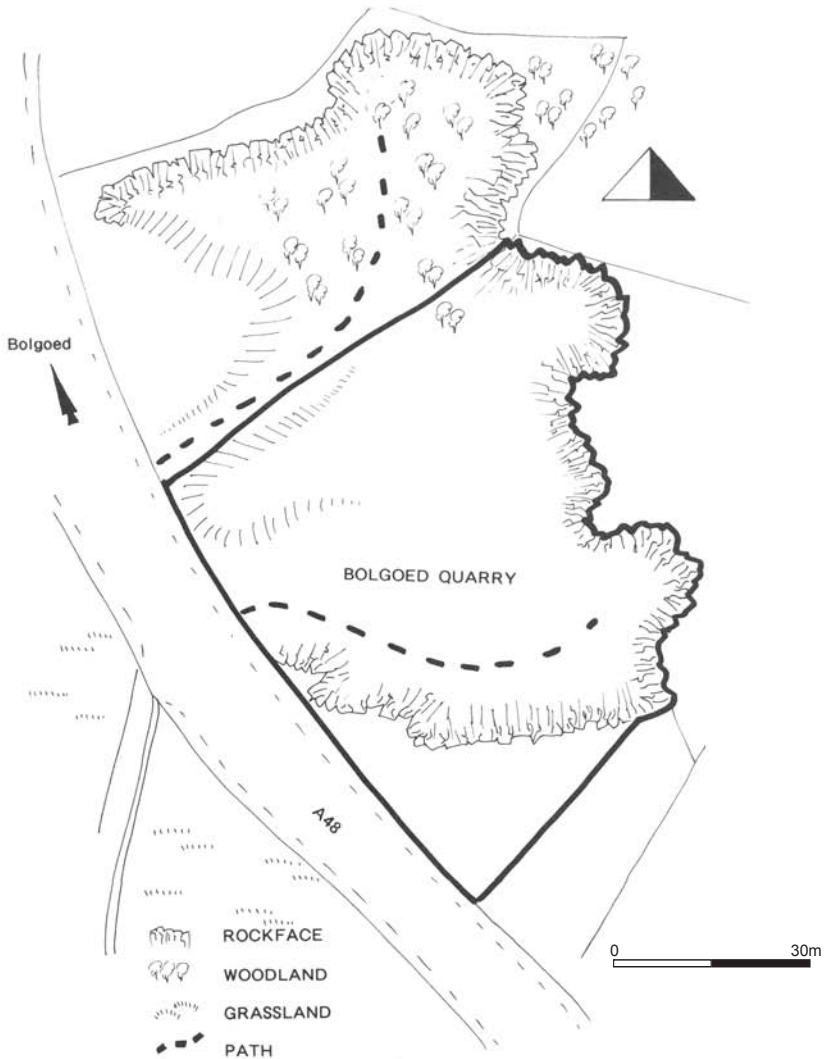
Pontarddulais, Swansea

Grid References	O.S. Explorer map 164 Gower. Site centre: SN603027
Status	
Tenure	The reserve was purchased in August 1968.
Size	0.81 ha (2 acres).
Location and Access Notes	Lies on the north side of the A480 between Pontlliw and Pontarddulais. A lay by provides convenient parking. Not accessible to wheelchairs.
Public transport	Bus numbers X13 and X14 from Swansea Kingsway Post Office to Bolgoed Road.

Description: Bolgoed is an old sandstone quarry, last worked in 1955. The habitat consists of open-canopied mixed secondary deciduous woodland of Ash and Birch with a ground layer dominated by Ivy and Bramble. The remainder is dominated by dense Gorse scrub.

The ground flora includes Lesser Celandine [2-4], Wood Anemone [3-5], and Bluebell [4-6]. The major quarry faces are irrigated by groundwater seeping out from the sandstone strata, and provide a habitat for a number of relatively common bryophytes.

The reserve encourages a range of woodland birds such as Chiffchaff, Great Tit, Tawny Owl, Nuthatch and Treecreeper, and the damp nature of the quarry floor makes it an ideal winter roost and feeding site for up to ten Woodcock at a time, during winter cold weather.



Management Objectives: Manage the woodland to high forest, and maintain the quarry faces for lower plants.

Good times to visit

Apr - Jun	Woodland flowers
May - Jul	Breeding birds
Sept - Nov	Bryophytes