

26. Peel Wood

Oystermouth, Swansea

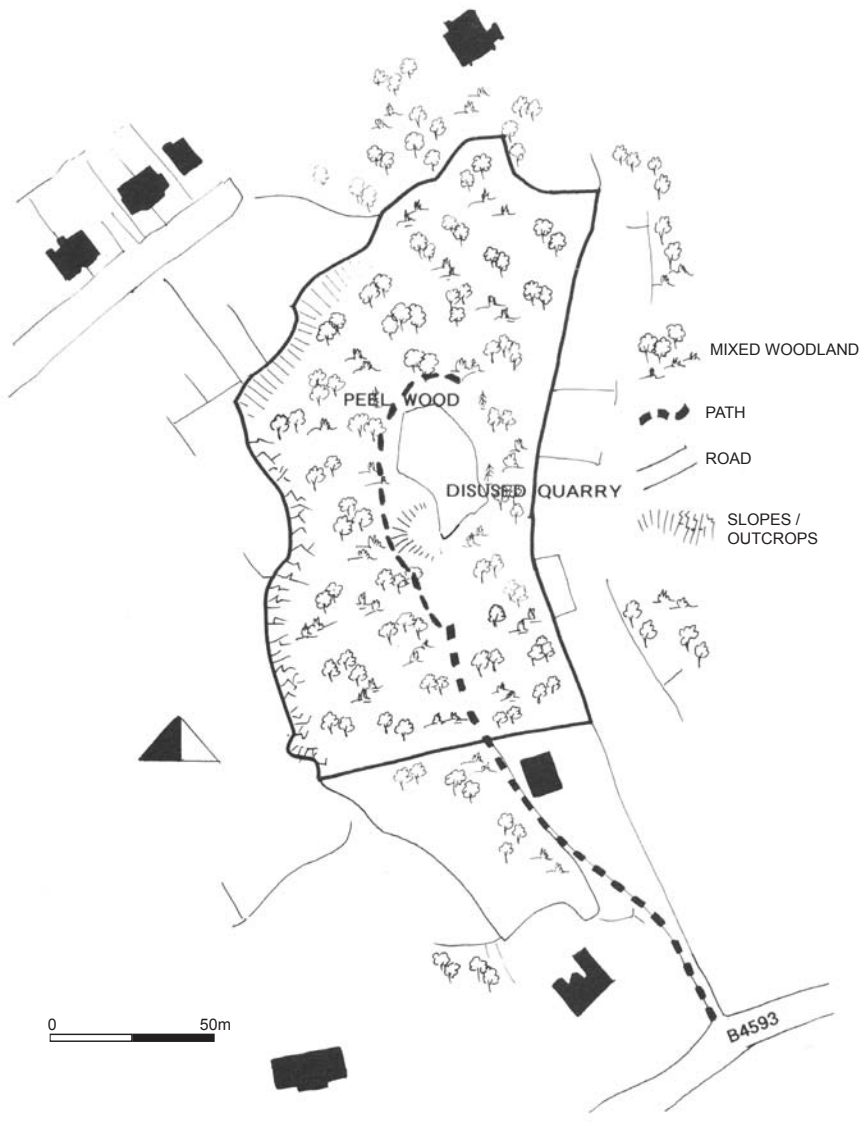
Grid References	O.S. Explorer map 164 Gower. Main entrance: SS607881 Site centre: SS607883
Status	The site is covered by a Tree Preservation Order.
Tenure	The reserve was acquired in 1969, and the freehold was bequeathed to Trust by Mrs S.M. Peel after her death in April 1979.
Size	1.2 ha (3 acres).
Location and Access Notes	0.7 km west of Oystermouth. Access is obtained by entering the reserve through the gate from a path which leaves the Newton Road to the south of the residential old people's home called "Sunnyside". Parking is very limited close to the site. Not accessible to wheelchairs. Care must be taken on paths near the quarry.
Public Transport	Bus number 2 from Swansea Quadrant Bus Station to Oystermouth.

Description: Secondary broadleaved woodland within a disused limestone quarry. Peel Wood occupies the site of the former Callencroft quarry. The woodland canopy is dominated by Sycamore, with Ash and Oak as a lesser component. The ground flora has displays of naturalised Daffodils and Solomon's Seal in early spring which later gives way to Wild Garlic (4-6). Ivy predominates, with plentiful Hart's Tongue and Soft Shield Fern.

The quarry cliffs support an interesting bryophyte and fern flora.

There is a good range of woodland birds including breeding Tawny Owl, Great Tit, Blue Tit and Wren.

This is a site to see the locally rare Marble White butterfly (6-8).



Management Objectives: To conserve and maintain the present character of the quarry and woodland, and preserve the lime kilns.

Good times to visit

Mar - Jun Woodland flowers

Apr - Jul Breeding birds

Sept - Nov Bryophytes and fungi