

37. Coed Wern Ddu

Llanllwch, Carmarthenshire

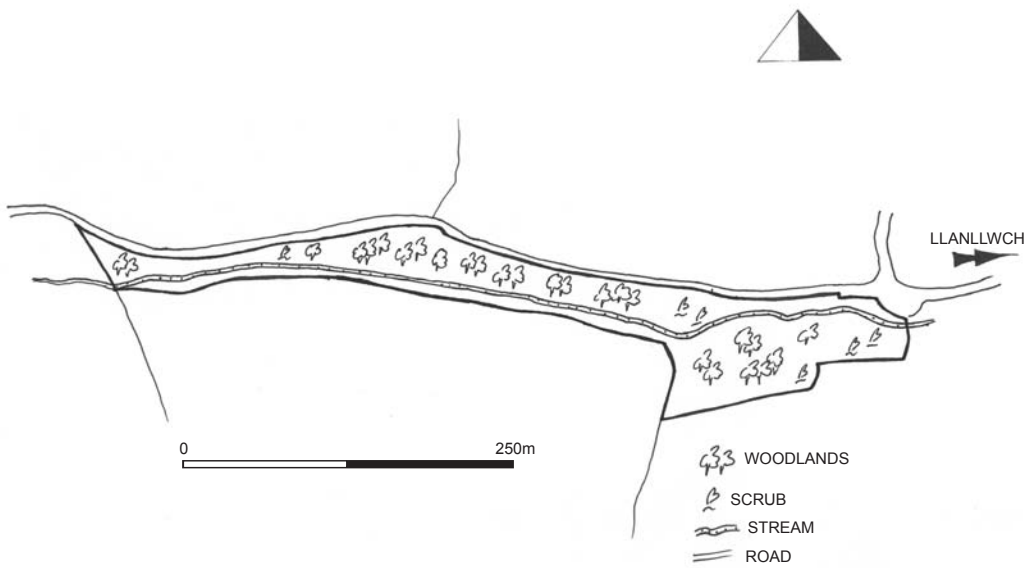
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| Grid References | O.S. Explorer map 177 Carmarthen & Kidwelly. Main entrance: SN373179, Site centre: SN374178 |
| Status | |
| Tenure | The site was given to the Trust in 1981 during the Dyfed Wildlife Appeal by Mr and Mrs Dunn. |
| Size | 1 ha (2.5 acres). |
| Location and Access Notes | 4 km west of Carmarthen. From the A40 west of Carmarthen, take the B4312 to Johnstown and then follow an unclassified road through Llanllwch for 3 km to Wern Ddu. Cars may be parked near Wern Ddu farm with the owner's permission. |
| Public transport | No known public transport access. |

Description: Mixed deciduous and wet woodland and stream.

Wern Ddu is a long strip of mature Oak woodland with a stream running the length of the site. Sessile Oak predominates with Wych Elm, and Downy Birch. There is an understorey of Rowan, Holly, Guelder Rose (6-7), and Gorse, with Honeysuckle (6-9), Field and Dog Rose (6-7). There are large specimens of Beech in the drier areas. There is an abundant ground flora in spring with Bluebell (4-6), Early Purple Orchid (4-5), Foxglove (5-7), Primrose (2-5) and Wood Anemone (3-5).

A variety of bryophytes and ferns occur, including the rare moss *Cephaloziella turneri*. This woodland area provides a good habitat for birds, and several species of butterfly and moth, particularly during the late summer months.

Towards the south-west, the vegetation is more mixed with grasses, Rosebay Willowherb, Herb Robert and some Ash. As the plot narrows and becomes shadier, Garlic Mustard, Creeping Buttercup, Sow-thistle and various grasses are found.



Management Objectives: To manage the site as semi-natural woodland by allowing natural regeneration of native trees, and avoiding grazing by maintaining boundary fencing.

Good times to visit

Mar - Jul Woodland flowers

May to Aug Breeding birds and insects

Jun - Oct Ferns and bryophytes