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Llyn Eiddwen, Ceredigion



The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales
Ymddiriedolaeth Natur De a Gorllewin Cymru



In the water...

There are several unusual species of plant that live in the very low nutrient waters of the lake, including water lobelia, shoreweed, quillwort, awlwort and floating water-plantain. All these species benefit from the shallow, unpolluted waters and are known from few other sites in the county. The lake reaches 7 m at its deepest point and is also home to a population of pike. The southern end of the lake is slitter than the north, and is thickly vegetated with bottle sedge and water horsetail.

On the water...

The lake is a great place to go birdwatching, especially in the winter when good numbers of wildfowl pass through. Regular winter visitors include whooper swan, teal, mallard, tufted duck, and goldeneye. Recent, more unusual records also include black-throated diver and green-winged teal. Ravens, buzzards and red kite regularly soar overhead and gulls also congregate on the water.

On the land...

The banks of Llyn Eiddwen remain a home to the nationally threatened water vole, which has suffered a catastrophic decline in the UK over the last fifteen years. The vegetation is also important in its own right, containing various habitats typical of this part of Wales, including upland heather and acid grassland. The mire, lying where water drains into the northern end of the lake, contains bog asphodel and round-leaved sundew. Traditionally the area was cut for peat, and the once dominant purple moor-grass was also burned regularly. In 1963 this practice ceased, and as a result the heather has now become a more prominent feature of the vegetation.



Reserve description - National Nature Reserve (NNR) and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). 55.2 hectares including a 10.5 hectare lake, upland heath, grassland and mire.

Directions to Llyn Eiddwen - From Llangwyrfon on the B4576, turn south east on the minor road to Treffenter and the wind farm. Follow the lane through the village and up past the trig point; Llyn Eiddwen will appear below you and to the right.

To get to the reserve - Leave cars next to the road, by the cattle grid at SN609673, and enter the reserve at this point.

Buses - The Royal Mail provide a limited service (585) to Treffenter. The 585 Aberystwyth/Lampeter bus service also passes through Bronnant regularly, leaving a 4-5 km walk to get to the lake.

Access notes - There is one public right of way through the reserve but visitors are welcome to wander. However, the ground can be very wet and wellies are essential if crossing the mire. The reserve is common land so boundaries are not fenced and livestock graze the site freely.

Your safety - If walking alone, please tell someone where you are and what time to expect you back. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear, planning ahead for possible changes in the weather. An Ordnance Survey map is always useful for additional information. Please follow the countryside code.

Cyfarwyddiadau ar gyfer cyrraedd Llyn Eiddwen - O Langwyrfon ar y B4576, trwch tua'r de ddwyrain ar y ffordd fechan i Drefenter a'r fferm wynt. Dilynwch y fôn drwy'r pentref ac i fyny heibio'r trigbwyt. Bydd Llyn Eiddwen yn ymddangos oddi tanoch ac i'r dde.

I gyrraedd y warchodfa - Gadewch eich car wrth ymlyn y ffordd, gerllaw'r grid gwarcheg yn SN609673, ac ewch i mewn i'r warchodfa yn y fan yma.

Bysus - Mae'r Post Brenhinol yn darparu gwasanaeth cyffngedig (595) i Drefenter. Mae gwasanaeth bws 585 Aberystwyth/Llanbedr Pont Steffan hefyd yn mynd drwy Fromnant i rheolaidd, ac yna mae'n rhaid cerdded 4.5 km i gyrraedd y llyn.

Nodiadau mynediad - Ceir un hawl tramwy drwy'r warchodfa ond mae croeso i ymwellu grwydro. Fodd bynnag, gall y tir fod yn wlyb iawn ac mae'n rhaid wrth esgidiau glaw os am groes i'rs gors. Mae'r warchodfa'n dir comin ac felly i nid oes ffens ar y terfynau ac mae da byw yn pori'r sail'n rhudd. Eich diogelwch - Os ydych yn cerdded ar eich pen eich hun, cofnwyd drwywr wrth rywun ble i'r gogledd ac i'r gogledd i'r gogledd.

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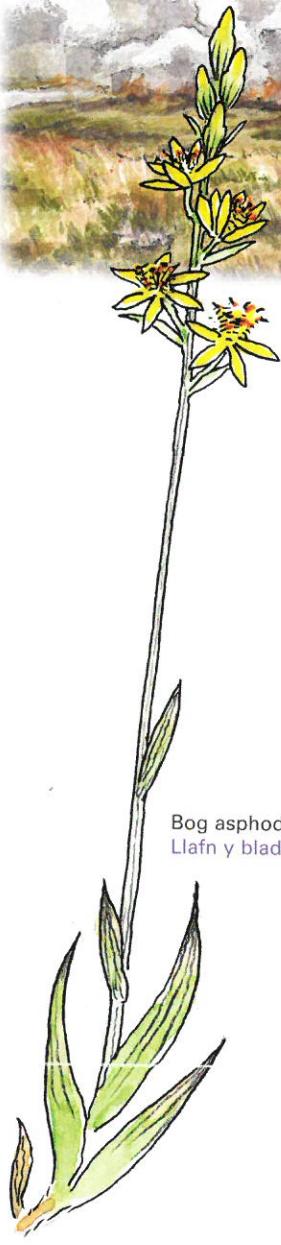
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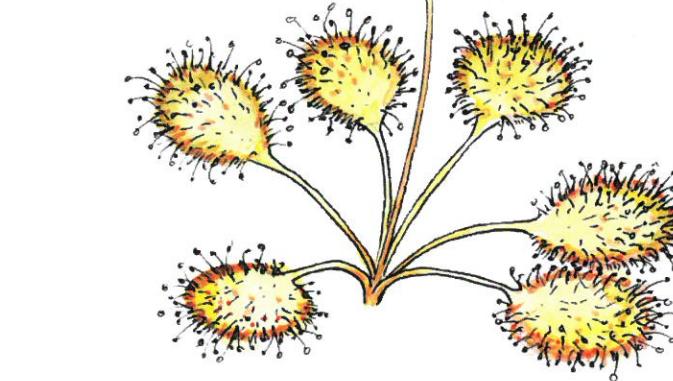
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Bog asphodel
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