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The Woodland Trust - Coed Dolifor (SN 960 653 – Near Llanwrthwl)

A north facing woodland 11.54 ha (28.52 acres) on the hillside above the River Wye. Formerly boggy grazing land and open grazed oak, birch and alder pasture woodland, but fenced and planted in 1974 by the then private owner, with a wide range of non native species with the aim of creating an arboretum. The middle section of the wood is very wet with a line of springs feeding boggy ground dominated by purple moor grass, sphagnum, alder, birch and willow.

In 1970's the planting included a large number of small blocks of conifers as well as a wide range of individual exotic trees. Many of the latter have failed to survive because of the relatively wet and cold conditions but those that survive add to the interest of the wood. The key features of the site are secondary woodland (which seems to be on an old pasture woodland site), trees of special interest and informal public access. There are also large mossy rocks and some ancient woodland ground flora species which add conservation interest. There are spectacular views from the site and the wide variety of tree species make the wood an attractive landscape feature especially in spring and autumn.

The wood is surrounded by small hedged fields, scattered mature trees and areas of scrub. Fields to the west are mostly improved pasture but to the north and east is wet and unimproved grassland. On higher land to the south is the extensive upland common land of Carngafallt, including moorland, upland grassland and woodland habitats.

Since acquisition by the Woodland Trust in 1982 Coed Dolifor has been allowed to develop towards predominantly oak and birch woodland. Those individual non native trees that have survived have been retained. Most conifer blocks have grown steadily and now dominate the upper southern part of the woodland. Most blocks were thinned to waste in 2002.

Please keep your dog on a lead at all times to limit disturbance to wildlife and farm animals.

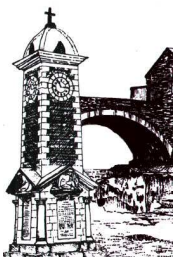
Directions

A public footpath crosses the lower northern end of the wood, and a permissive path is maintained through the wood, linking the three entrances, and providing a detour for walkers on the Wye Valley Walk which runs just outside the eastern boundary of the wood.



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