



# The Wildlife Centre of Wales - Canolfan Byd Natur Cymru

## Stunning scenery, rare and beautiful wildlife

The boulder strewn River Wye tumbles and cuts its way through the Cambrian Mountains in the heart of Wales.

18 miles south from its source where the valley narrows and then meets the waters of the River Elan, lies the small market town of Rhyader, nestling amid beautiful rugged scenery.

To the west of the town the mountain top plateaux is draped in a mosaic of heather and grass moorland.

Gnarled woodlands of oak hang on the valley sides and high rocky outcrops and cliffs overlook small patchwork farms.

**For more information** about wildlife watching places and walks to enjoy go to [www.rhayader.co.uk](http://www.rhayader.co.uk)

To find out about our wildlife, including recent sightings, go to the local natural history society's website [www.rhayaderbynature.wordpress.com](http://www.rhayaderbynature.wordpress.com)

### Key

-  moorland
-  woodland
-  farmland
-  rivers & lakes
-  roads

**Elan Estate**, Welsh Water/Elan Valley Trust: 70 square miles of stunning landscape with rivers, streams and reservoirs, traditional upland farms, flower rich hay meadows and oak woodland. Designated a special conservation area for its rich and precious wildlife. (See advert page 10)

**Camrgallt** RSPB Nature Reserve: 1000 acres of internationally important ancient oak woodland, valley side fridd and moorland of heather and bilberry with whinchats, stonechats, skylarks, meadow pipits and cuckoos. Access by public footpaths. Tel 01654 700222 [www.rspb.org.uk/wales](http://www.rspb.org.uk/wales)

**Rhayader's Riverside Walks and parks**, accessible for everyone: see dippers, grey wagtails and kingfishers, damselflies and dragonflies, may flies and minnows. Walk leaflets available, [www.rhayader.co.uk](http://www.rhayader.co.uk)

**Gilfach Radnorshire Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve**: 400 acres with the beautiful Marteg river and waterfalls, badgers, otters and leaping salmon. Trails, car parking, toilets with disabled facilities. Visitor Centre open Easter to September, weekends and school holidays. Byre open all year for wet weather cover. Tel 01597 823298 [www.radnorshirewildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.radnorshirewildlifetrust.org.uk)

**Gigrin Red Kite Centre**: daily feeding of red kites, buzzards and ravens, a fantastic wildlife spectacle throughout the year. (See advert page 8)

**Coed Dolifor** Woodland Trust Nature Reserve: 30 acres of mixed woodland with pied flycatchers, redstarts and wood warblers in spring. Access by public and permissive paths. Tel 0800 026 9650 [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk)

**Abergwesyn Commons**, National Trust: 16,500 acres of upland "wilderness" with peat bog areas of sphagnum moss, cotton grass, wild cranberry, bog asphodel and sundew, where red grouse, curlew and golden plover still call. Open access land with public rights of way. Tel: 01874 625515 [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

**The Willow Way**, a nature trail with a difference where imagination meets nature at the Mid Wales Shakespeare Centre. (See advert page 5)

