

# 49. Coed Maidie B Goddard

Llechryd, Ceredigion

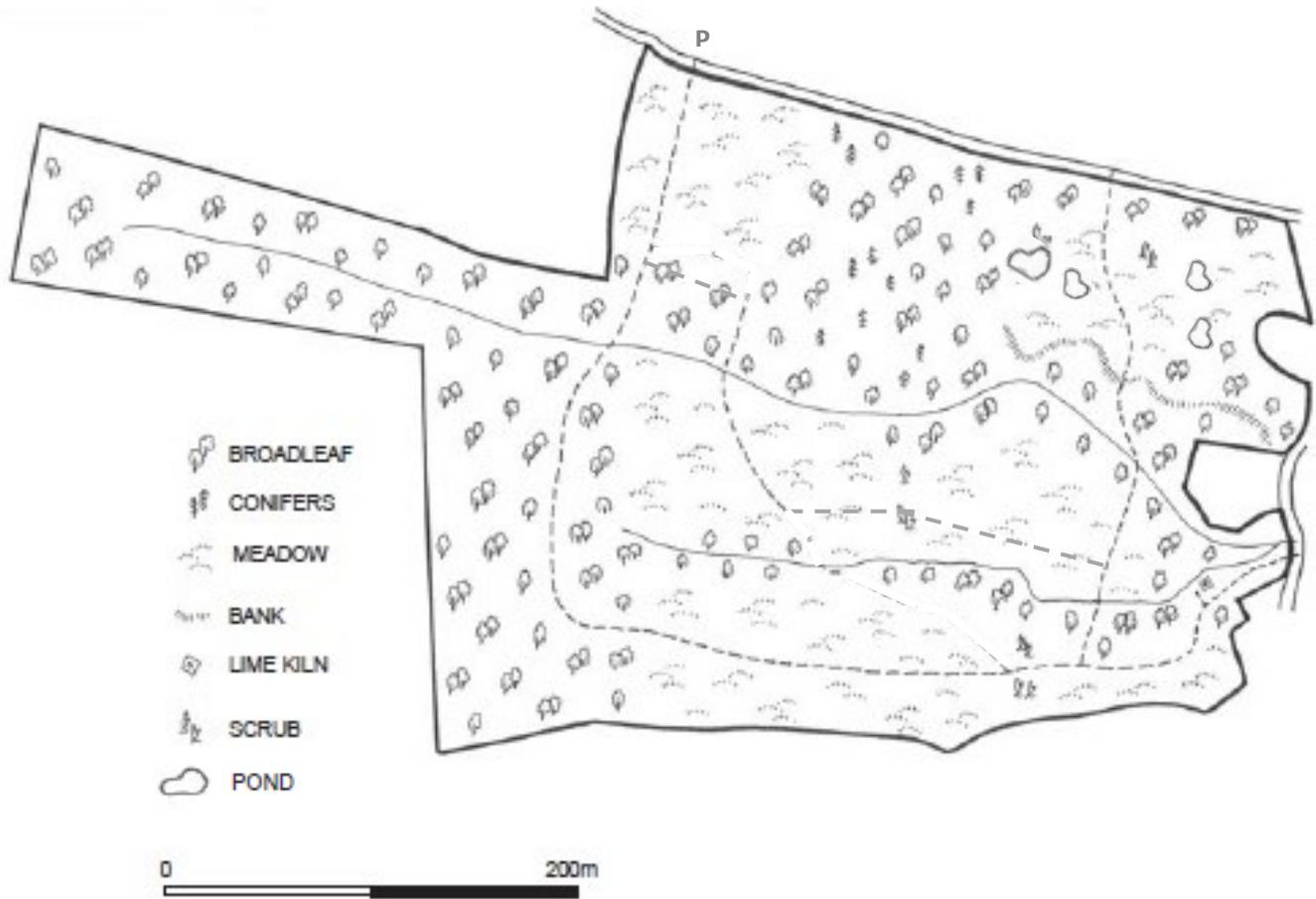
Grid	O.S. Explorer map 185 Newcastle Emlyn.
References	Main entrance: SN208438, Site centre: SN210437
Status	
Tenure	The original 21.7 acres were bought in 1990 from Geoffrey William Lloyd, with funding from RSNC and Sutton Place Heritage Trust. The remainder of the reserve was acquired in the early 1990s.
Size	15.6 ha (38.5 acres).
Location and Access Notes	Parking for 2-3 cars in front of field gate on north side of reserve. Waymarked footpaths; not accessible to wheelchairs.
Public Transport	The 460 bus departs from Cardigan regularly and stops in Llechryd, 0.5 km north east of the reserve.

**Description:** This relatively large reserve is a mosaic of woodland and grassland with wide, wooded gullies. Part of the woodland is mature secondary Ash woodland. There is also a large area of previously clearfelled conifer plantation, now over 20 year old regenerating Ash woodland, which has an attractive mossy ground flora with ferns and Wood Sorrel (4-5). In this woodland, bark scraping by the local population of Red Deer is clearly visible. One compartment of woodland remains conifer, and was host to a heronry until recently when ravens took over. Two planted specimens of Black Poplar grow in the meadows.

Many butterfly species use the meadows and woodland edges, including Common Blue, Small Skipper, Gatekeeper, Ringlet, Orange Tip, Comma and Speckled Wood among others. A large Badger sett can be found in one of the wooded gullies, and Goldilocks Buttercup (4-5) also occurs along the edge of the reserve.

There are two ponds and two scrapes in one meadow where dragonflies and damselflies can be seen in the warmer months including Broadbodied Chaser, Common Darter and Emperor dragonflies and Large Red, Blue Tailed and Azure Blue damselflies.

Common Frogs, Common Toads, Slow Worms and Grass snakes all use the reserve.



**Management objectives:** The grassland areas are grazed in the summer to improve their botanical interest. The Ash woodland is being thinned to improve its wildlife value. Deer and Badger numbers are monitored.

**Good times to visit**

Apr-Sept	Woodland and meadow flowers
May-Jul	Butterflies and dragonflies
Sept-Nov	Red deer