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SITE INFORMATION

Location:

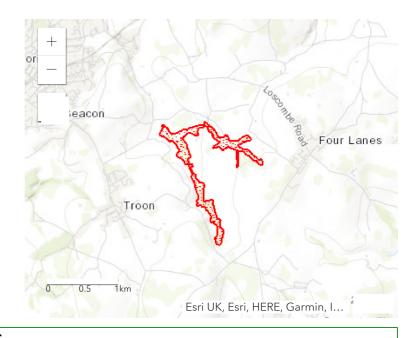
I mile east of Troon

Grid Reference: SW675385

Parish:

CARN BREA CP

Area: 30.7 Ha



Important note about access to CWS

The County Wildlife Site designation does not confer public access.

What does the designation County Wildlife Site mean?

County Wildlife Sites (CWS) are the most significant areas for wildlife in Cornwall outside Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and Special Areas of Conservation (SACs). County Wildlife Sites contain features that are of substantive nature conservation value at a county level of significance. There are over 490 sites in Cornwall under both public and private ownership and they range from small ponds, copses and linear features, such as river valleys, to wetlands, ancient woodlands and large moors. They make up approximately 10% of the county's land area.

CWS were identified and selected in the 1980s and 1990s using a combination of aerial photograph data, local knowledge and, where possible, ground based surveys. CWS are selected through the application of a set of criteria agreed by Cornwall's Local Sites Partnership.

The benefits and implications of owning a County Wildlife Site

Owning a CWS brings both implications and benefits to the landowner:

- CWS can attract grant aid through Defra's Environmental Stewardship schemes
- Cornwall Wildlife Trust can provide free management advice for landowners
- As the CWS designation is non-statutory, there are no restrictions placed on agricultural operations
- Landowners/Managers remain in control of all land management decisions
- Access is by landowner permission, no rights of access are created.
- Where substantial land use changes are proposed on a CWS, the Local Authority will take wildlife into account along with all other planning considerations

Progress towards achieving National Indicator NI197 Improved Local Biodiversity

Active conservation management is being achieved on this site 🗹



Activity

July 2007

Surveyor: Liz Cartwright, CWT

0.6 ha surveyed as part of the County Wildlife Sites Project - condition of site reviewed and report outlining management recommendations produced and discussed with landowner/s.

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Site Description

This site is situated in two small sheltered valleys containing streams which unite and run north to form the Red River. The eastern valley is dominated by mixed scrub developed around a number of old spoil tips and disused mine workings. This has a diverse structure and species composition; it is dominated by bracken with frequent patches of European gorse and many small trees and shrubs, with areas of tall herbs and coarse grasses, and ferns around old mine buildings. The wetter western valley contains a range of wetland habitats, the most extensive being wet willow woodland which contains a pond. Areas of fen and species-rich bog occurring within larger agricultural fields are also included in the site.

BAP Priority Habitats: Wet Woodland, Lowland Fens

BAP Priority Species: otter Lutra lutra

Other notable species: Near Threatened ivy-leaved bellflower Wahlenbergia hederacea and Nationally Scarce Cornish moneywort Sibthorpia europaea; bat species (unidentified), all Red Data Book and fully protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Management

Parts in Countryside Stewardship (ending 2010/2012); part in Entry Level Stewardship (ending 2010).

Further Information

This summary sheet was produced using information held by the Environmental Records Centre for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly (ERCCIS). For further details or a comprehensive/notable species search please contact the Wildlife Information Service, email: wis@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk.

For further information regarding Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) Priority Habitats and Species refer to UKBAP. Note that species listed may be subject to more than one conservation status and may also be protected under legislation such as the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 or the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. Refer to JNCC for full current taxon designations.

Contact Us

To make a comment regarding this County Wildlife Site, please fill in a feedback form.

To submit a species record to ERCCIS, please use the online recording system at www.orks.org.uk