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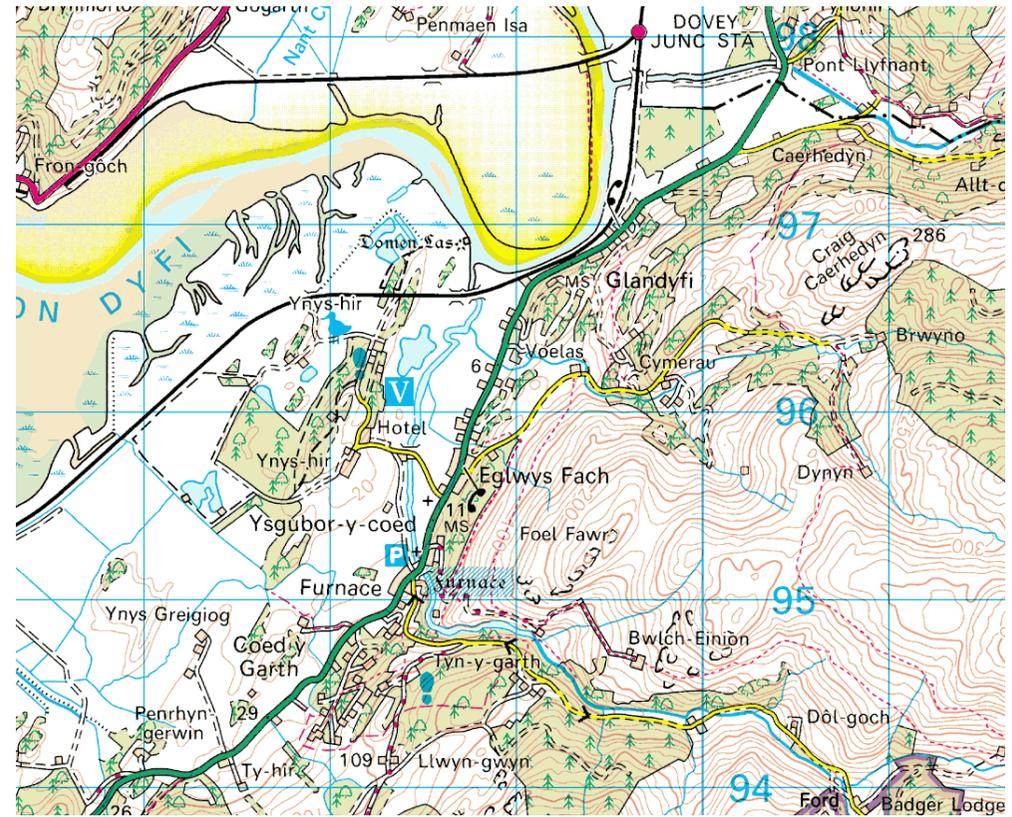
YNYS-HIR NATURE RESERVE

To get to Ynys-hir turn left towards Aberdovey, drive through the village and on to Machynlleth. On reaching Machynlleth drive through the town passed the clock tower on to the A487 south towards Aberystwyth. After 6 miles you will reach the village of Eglwys Fach, here turn right signposted RSPB reserve.

Ynys-hir was purchased by the RSPB in 1969. It is a site of Site of Scientific Interest (SSSI). The walks encompass a whole variety of habitats, including saltmarsh, peatland, fresh water pools and woodland.

The walks takes you through mixed woodlands, parts of which date from the 17th century, they were cut for use as charcoal in the lead and smelting industries.

An array of bird life can be seen, mallard, teal, shelduck, pintail, red-breasted merganser, goldensye, warblers and curlews can all be seen. Birds of prey include, red kites, hen harriers, merlins and peregrines which can be seen throughout the year.



Finding your way around Ynys-hir nature reserve



Please note disabled access is very limited on the reserve.

Woodland trail

This one-mile path is rugged in places so take care. A haze of indigo bluebells carpets the woods in spring.

Boardwalk trail

This short, half-mile detour from the woodland trail takes you into the boggy woodland with its unique plants and myriad of insects.

Wetland trail

At three miles, this is the longest route and takes you onto the saltmarsh where you'll have great views of the estuary. Look out for Greenland white-fronted geese in winter and dirty spring. The railway path is closed from November to March (inclusive).

Saltmarsh trail

Just one-and-a-half miles, this popular and busy walk takes in three hides and leads you very close to the River Dyfi. Dornen Las hide is closed from the end of February to the end of July to avoid disturbing the nesting herons and egrets.

Key:

- Water
- Grassland
- Woodland
- Mudflats
- Saltmarsh
- Lowland raised bog
- Visitor centre
- Toilets
- Parking
- Hide
- Viewpoint
- Railway

“I saw my first kingfisher here in Wales. Just a flash of glorious blue.”
Lyndsey Salisbury



In spring, bluebells in the boggy woodlands.



About Ynys-hir

Ynys-hir mixes Welsh oak woodland with wet grassland and salt-marshes.

In the spring, the ground is carpeted in flowers, and birdsong fills the air. You might see flycatchers and redstarts emerging from the nestboxes.

Summer brings wading birds, such as lapwings and redshanks, and some very special butterflies too. Then in the colder months, ducks and geese move in.

Feast your eyes from any of our seven hides – look out for birds of prey. Then round off your visit with a snack at the visitors' centre, and a browse in our well-stocked shop. Please take care on the paths as some are rugged.

Opening times

The reserve is open from 9 am-9 pm, or dusk if earlier. The visitor centre is open daily 9 am-5 pm from April to October and 10 am-4 pm from November to March (closed Mondays and Tuesdays).

Entrance charges

Free for members. For non-members - £3 adult, £1 child and concession, £6 family

Information for families

Brass rubbing trail. Children's activity rucksacks to borrow.

Information for dog owners

No dogs allowed, except registered assistance dogs