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Nanteos, Ceredigion

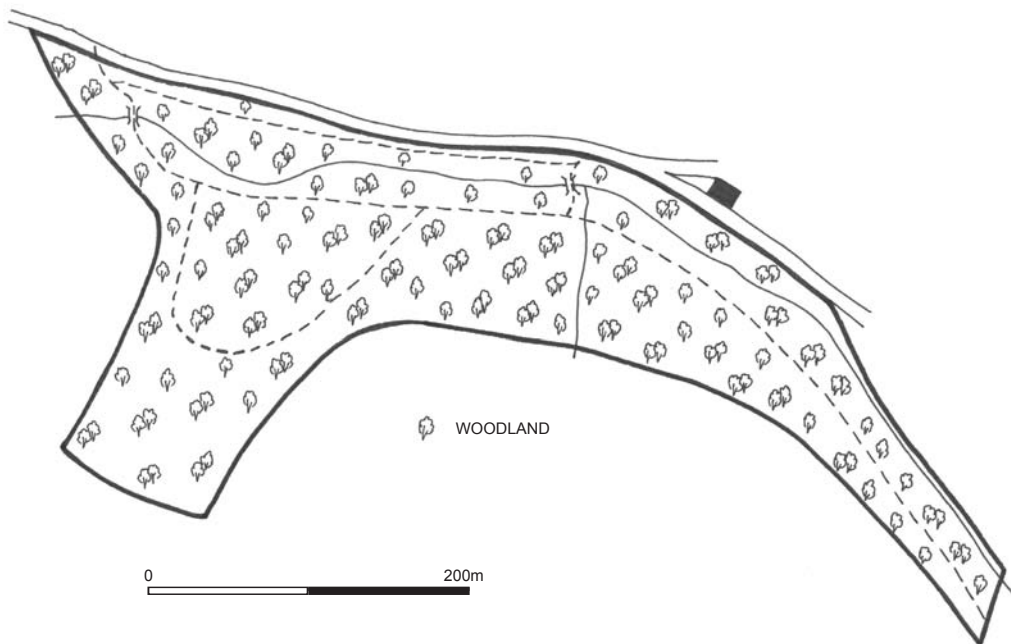
Grid References	O.S. Explorer map 213 Aberystwyth & Cwm Rheidol. Main entrance: SN611786, Site centre: SN609785
Status	
Tenure	The site was purchased in 1978 with grant aid from WWF, and with the help of donations in memory of the late Mr. E.H. Chater, in whose memory the reserve is dedicated.
Size	5.3 ha (13.1 acres).
Location and Access Notes	5 km south east of Aberystwyth, just south of, and adjacent to, Old Warren Hill NR. From the B4340 to Trawsgoed take the minor road signposted Nanteos and park in the dedicated layby near the eastern entrance gate. There is one circular walk that includes two bridges, and a second path to the eastern end of the reserve. Inaccessible to wheelchairs.
Public transport	The Aberystwyth circular town service stops in Penparcau, from where the reserve is just over a 2 km walk.

Description: Mixed estate planted woodland.

The woodland canopy is varied, including species such as Ash, Beech, Sessile Oak, Holly, Sycamore, Wych Elm, and Grand Fir, typical of woods associated with large country houses in west Wales. Some of these specimens are extremely large, including the county's tallest tree, a specimen of *Sequoiadendron giganteum*.

The diversity of mature trees provides an excellent habitat for hole nesting birds and all three woodpecker species have been recorded in the past, together with Nuthatch, Pied Flycatcher, Stock Dove, Tawny Owl, and Treecreeper.

The wood is rich in lichens and fungi, with the shade loving crustose lichen *Enterographa crassa* being particularly abundant, an indicator of the longevity of woodland cover on this site. In the early summer the western end of the reserve is a spectacular carpet of Bluebells (4-6) and locally abundant Wood Anemone (3-4).



Management Objectives: The central part of the wood is dominated by a dense stand of Cherry Laurel and Rhododendron, originally planted for ornamental purposes and game cover. The main management work is concerned with reducing this area of non-native shrubs to allow better conditions for natural regeneration. A small glade is also cut every summer to improve its botanical interest.

Good times to visit

Mar - Jun	Woodland flowers
May - Jun	Bluebells
Apr - Jul	Breeding birds
Jun - Oct	Bryophytes