Welcome to Abercamlo Bog Nature Reserve

Brief Introduction
A fascinating nature reserve made up of wet heath pasture surrounded by birch woodland, scrub and tussocky grassland with three small basin mires which may be remnants of the last Ice Age.

Geology & Plants
The special interest of this reserve lies in the basin mires. These hollows could have been carved by ice at the end of the last Ice Age, some ten thousand years ago or they could be hollows left by ancient river meanders.

These intriguing geological features are preserved by regularly pulling and cutting of willow and birch saplings. If the woodland were allowed to develop, the mires would gradually dry out and the associated flora and fauna would be lost.

The layers of peat create a squidy vegetation underfoot composed of several species of sphagnum and cushion moss. Other wetland plants include marsh cinquefoil, bog cotton-grass, water mint and sundew.

Heathland plants, like the cross-leaved heath, cranberry and common heather, do well here.

Birds & Butterflies
Scrubs are an important wildlife habitat providing nectar, seeds, fruits, shelter and nest sites for insects, mammals and birds. The long-tailed tit, blackcap and garden warbler depend on these habitats to survive.

Other birds found here are the willow warbler and chiffchaff in the spring and summer months, whilst the yellowhammer and reed bunting have been known to use the reserve for breeding.

Enjoy a lovely display of butterflies when the sun is shining. These include small pearl-bordered fritillary, common blue, orange-tip and meadow brown.

Walking
Starting from the entrance gate, you can follow the marker posts to complete a circular walk.

This takes you along the basin mires, through the birch woodland and tussocky wet grassland, before bringing you into the drier scrub areas dominated by small trees and gorse.

As this is a mainly wet site, wellington boots are recommended throughout the year. The path is indistinct, uneven and prone to being slippery in places.

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Directions to Abercamlo Nature Reserve

From Crossgates roundabout, head towards Rhayader on the A44 for 0.7 miles, then turn left after the red brick house onto the minor road signposted Llanyre. The reserve is on the left less than ¼ mile down the road. Park on the verge taking care not to obstruct gateways or the highway. The entrance is through the field gate next to the road (NGR: SO 073 650).

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