

GILFACH'S OLD FARMYARD



Visit the **OLD FARMYARD** by foot on the nature trail or by car, for visitor information, toilets and a picnic area. The old barn is used for educational activities and is open seasonally for light refreshments.

The **15th CENTURY LONGHOUSE** is a traditional Welsh dwelling which has been restored keeping some of the surviving original features. Now a grade II* listed building, the longhouse is occupied by private tenants.

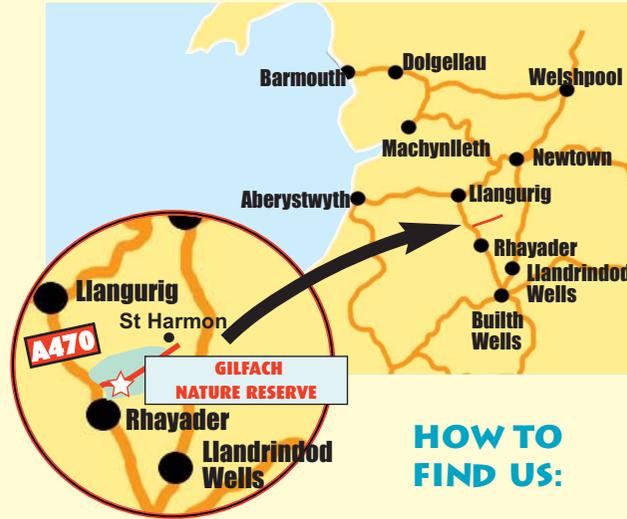
THE BYRE is the lower end of the longhouse where the animals used to live. It now provides wet weather cover and information all year round for visitors.

THE NATURE RESERVE itself is open all year round for people to enjoy the unspoilt countryside through all the seasons. There are interpretation boards for your guidance.

Keeping Safe

- Please keep dogs on a lead and clean up after them.
- Stout footwear is advised for walking the trails.
- Paths may be muddy, slippery and uneven.
- You may encounter livestock when visiting the reserve.

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HOW TO FIND US:

We are 3 miles north of Rhayader and 7 miles south of Llangurig just off the A470 (SN952 715), signposted for St Harmon. Look out for the brown tourist signs. Pont Marteg car park is just over the cattle grid.

From here you can walk on the circular nature trail which takes you by the old farmyard. Alternatively take the hillside Wyloer walk and join up with the nature trail at the otter hide.

You can also drive through the nature reserve, turning right to get to the old farmyard where there is a small car park, visitor facilities and short walks. Check our website to find out about events.



The Gilfach Nature Reserve is just one of a number managed by Radnorshire Wildlife Trust.



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SPRING

With the trees coming into leaf, try and see warblers, redstarts & pied flycatchers in the oak wood. Frogs & lampreys will be spawning in pools. Hear the arrival of the cuckoo and try and spot a dipper bobbing on a rock in the river.

SUMMER

The heather will be in full colour with dragonflies, damselflies and butterflies busying about. Mountain pansies can be seen scattered in the hillside and, after sunset, the glow worms are pinpricks of light dotted along the railway track.

AUTUMN

See the salmon leaping the waterfalls as they find a place to spawn. A stunning time to catch the valley shrouded in mist with the trees changing colour. Keep your eyes peeled for a glimpse of an otter.

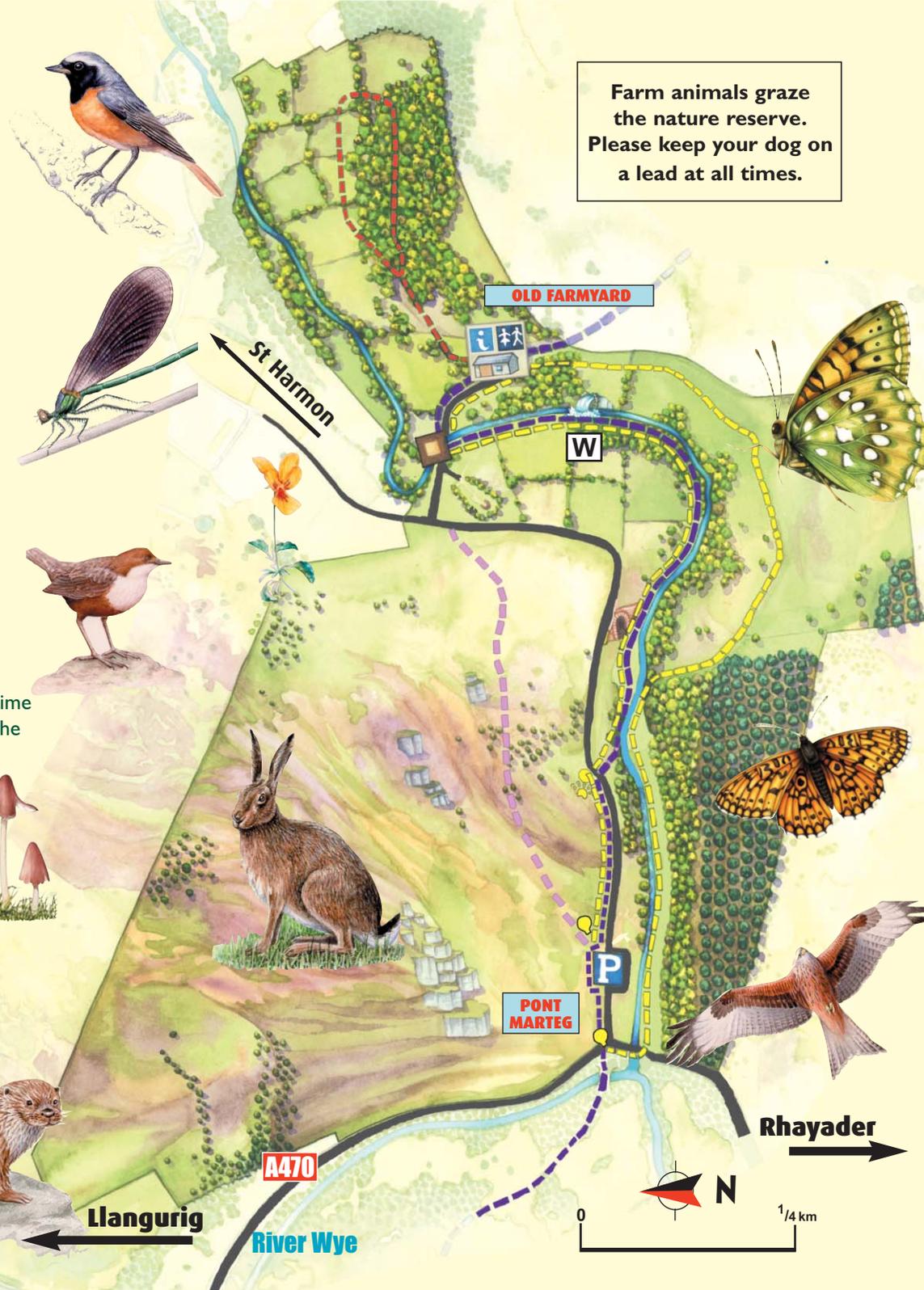
WINTER

Frost covered hedgerows and trees are a photographer's dream at this time of year, with the red kites, ravens and buzzards performing their acrobatic aerial displays overhead. Polecats, weasels and stoats might be seen out foraging.

Farm animals graze the nature reserve. Please keep your dog on a lead at all times.

Gilfach is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and nestles within the beautiful Cambrian Mountains of Mid-Wales. With over 400 acres, the nature reserve plays a vital role in conserving Radnorshire's natural heritage.

The old Mid-Wales railway runs through the reserve. Built in the 1860's, it provided a vital link in transportation but closed in 1962. The old tunnel provides an important habitat for bats and the cuttings are sheltered spots for butterflies.



Key to Map

-  Otter Hide
-  Gilfach Longhouse
-  Waterfall
-  Nature Trail 2½ miles
-  Wyloer Walk 1 mile
-  Oakwood Path ¾ mile
-  Wye Valley Walk
-  River Marteg
-  Road

