Welcome to Llanbwchllyn Lake Nature Reserve

Brief Introduction
The largest natural lake in Radnorshire measuring nearly 30 acres. It is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, welcoming overwintering wildfowl and is home to some increasingly scare plants.

Birds
One of the few places in Powys where you find dense stands of reedbed, Llanbwchllyn is home to sedge warbler, reed warbler and reed bunting in the summer. Coot and water rail use the reeds as a refuge throughout the year.

In winter, the lake is visited by mallard, teal, tufted duck, pochard and goldeneye. Great crested grebe are one of the few water-birds to successfully rear young on the lake because of predation by pike.

Plants & Fish
In the wet grassland and fen meadow near the lake, marsh orchids flower in June. Devil's-bit scabious and lesser skullcap come out later in the summer. Carpets of meadowsweet hide the increasingly scarce globeflower which can be found flowering in late spring.

In summer, patches of lilies are common, with rare species of Potamogeton pondweeds flourishing. It is one of only a few places in Radnorshire where you can see greater spearwort. Bogbean, reedmace and bottle sedge are found in abundance whilst the commonest fish are pike, perch and rudd.

Famous Visit
Llanbwchllyn was visited by the Victorian diarist Reverend Francis Kilvert who was curate at nearby Clyro in the 1870’s.

“Suddenly we came in sight of the precipitous grey rocks which are so like the Rocks of Aberedw and which were the last haunt of the fairies...Then there was a gleam of silver over the dark heather stems and Llanbwchllyn pool lay in its hollow like a silver shield.”

Rev. Francis Kilvert, 3rd July 1872

Access & Management
The Wildlife Trust manages Llanbwchllyn on a lease from Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water. You are welcome to visit the bird hide which is five minutes walk along the path from the reserve entrance. From here you can observe both wetland and woodland birds.

Sorry, no dogs are allowed at Llanbwchllyn.
PAYMENT METHODS
New members who opt to pay by direct debit will get 3 months free membership as this reduces administrative costs. However, if you prefer, you can pay by cheque made out to ‘Radnorshire Wildlife Trust’

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From Erwood Station Craft Centre, follow the B4594 towards Painscastle for 2½ miles. At crossroads, turn left signposted Llanbwchllyn onto single lane road. Continue for 0.8 miles, turn right at junction. The reserve is 0.3 miles on your right (NGR: SO 116 466).

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