

Magor Marsh Nature Reserve

The 90 acres of Magor Marsh is the last relatively natural area of fenland on the Gwent Levels. Threats to this surviving fragment of wetland were felt so strongly by a small group of naturalists that in 1963 they banded together to form what is now Gwent Wildlife Trust, making this our first nature reserve. It has now been designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest because of its outstanding range of habitats and associated insects and other wildlife.

The Wildlife Trust's acquisition and management of the site has been supported by many individuals and organisations over the years. These include Isabel Titie, who left a generous legacy for the reserve, Chris Renshaw, after whom the bird hide is named, World Wide Fund for Nature, Countryside Council for Wales, the Welsh Assembly Government through Adfywio, Environment Agency Wales, Corus Strip Products Ltd, Uskmoth Power, Severnside Power, John Laing Charitable Trust and the Heritage Lottery Fund. There have also been many individual contributions of time and money from members and supporters of the Wildlife Trust. The Education Centre is named after Derek Upton, who was warden of the reserve from 1964 to his untimely death in 2005.

Cors Magwyr, sy'n ymestyn dros 90 erw, yw'r ardal gymharol naturiol olaf o gorstir sydd ar ôl yng Ngwastadeddau Gwent. Roedd grŵp bach o naturiaethwyr yn pryderu cymaint ynghylch y bygythiadau i'r darn olaf hwn o gorstir nes iddynt ddod at ei gilydd yn 1963 i ffurfio'r hyn a elwir erbyn heddiw yn Ymddiriedolaeth Bywyd Gwyllt Gwent a sefydlu eu gwarchodfa natur gyntaf yno. Erbyn hyn, mae'r warchodfa wedi'i dynodi'n Safle o Ddiddordeb Gwyddonol Arbennig oherwydd yr amrywiaeth ardderchog o gynefinoedd a geir yno, yn ogystal â'r pryfadau a'r infertebratau eraill sy'n gysylltiedig â hwy.

Mae gwaith yr Ymddiriedolaeth Bywyd Gwyllt o gaffael a rheoli'r safle wedi cael cefnogaeth gan nifer o unigolion a mudiadau dros y blynyddoedd. Mae'r rhain yn cynnwys Isabel Titie, a adawodd gymynrodd hael i'r warchodfa; Chris Renshaw, yr enwyd y guddfan ar ei ôl; y Gronfa Natur Fyd-eang; Cyngor Cefn Gwlad Cymru, Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru drwy Adfywio, Asiantaeth yr Amgylchedd Cymru, Corus Strip Products Ltd, Uskmoth Power, Severnside Power, Ymddiriedolaeth Elusennol John Laing a Chronfa Treftadaeth y Loteri. Cafwyd hefyd nifer o gyfraniadau unigol o arian ac amser gan aelodau a chefnogwyr yr Ymddiriedolaeth Bywyd Gwyllt. Enwid y Ganolfan Addysgiadol yma ar ôl Derek Upton, sef warden y warchodfa o 1964 tan ei farwolaeth anhymyg yn 2005.

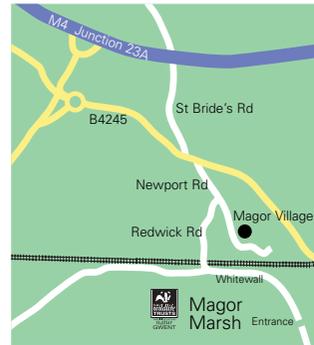
How to find Magor Marsh (NP26 3DD)



By Car

From Newport take the A48 east (towards Chepstow). At Langstone turn right onto the B4245 for 3 miles to Magor. Cross over a roundabout towards Magor Village. You can also reach Magor by taking Junction 23A of the M4 motorway and following signs to Magor village.

Follow the B4245 towards Magor. Just after St Brides Road on the left and after the pedestrian crossing, turn right into Newport Road, signposted Redwick. Follow Newport Road into Redwick Road past the Priory ruins and over the railway bridge. Turn immediately left into Whitewall. The Reserve entrance is 500m down on the right hand side. (Grid Ref. ST 428 867).



By Bus:

From Newport there is a local bus service (Number 61) which stops directly outside the reserve.

Gwent Wildlife Trust Ymddiriedolaeth Natur Gwent

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- Creating and managing nature reserves
- Campaigning against damaging development
- Providing advice on wildlife
- Helping people of all ages appreciate and enjoy their local wildlife through an extensive education programme

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Dragonfly Trail • Butterfly Trail • What to See



The Wildlife of Magor Marsh

what you might see here...

At Magor Marsh there are lots of different habitats. We manage the reserve to ensure that we retain this rich diversity of wildlife. This means that there is something to see here all year round.

Spring

Look out for the marsh marigolds along the reens (ditches) and the lady's smock flowers in the meadow. Listen out for the cuckoo and the Cetti's warbler. Birds like sedge and reed warbler return from winter quarters and the stunning yellow iris comes into bloom in late spring.



Summer

The meadows are at their best now with a host of colourful flowers. You will not be able to ignore the busy damselflies and butterflies. You may even catch a glimpse of a sun-bathing grass snake.



Autumn

Fungi appear on the decaying trees in the wet woodland areas near the bird hide and on the pollarded willows (cut back at head height) alongside the reens. The berries of the hawthorn provide food for the birds.



Winter

The reserve is still full of birds. There are snipe in the meadows, teal on the pond and mute swans along the reens. It is a good time of year to spot the signs of mammals including the otter. Look out for the scarlet elf cup in the undergrowth.

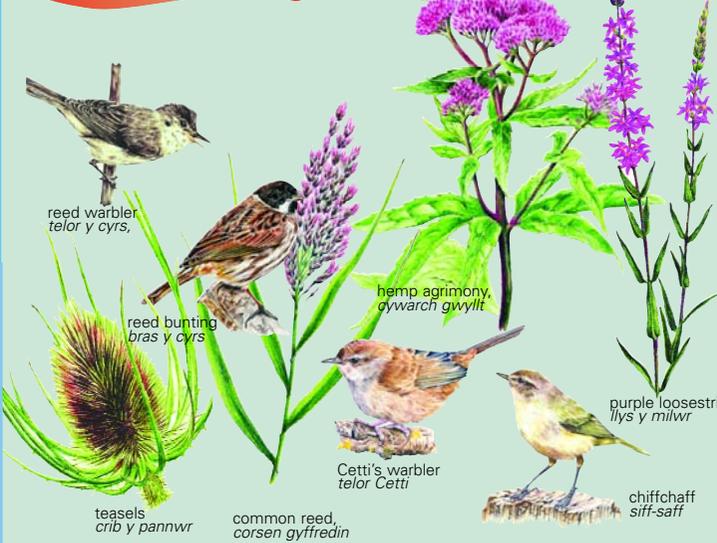
Follow the trails to find the wildlife.

You can use the drawings here and the trail overleaf to identify the common species.

In the Pond



In the Reeds



In the Reen



In the Wet Woodland



In the Meadows

