

# Welcome to Mynydd Ffoesidoes Nature Reserve

## Brief Introduction

The 27ha (67 acre) nature reserve lies close to the highest point in Radnorshire (the 2,135ft high summit of Black Mixen) and is part of the Radnor Forest Site of Special Scientific Interest.

## Birds & Beetles

Hen harrier can sometimes be seen gliding across the heather moorland. Other birds of prey more commonly seen are red kite, peregrine falcon, buzzard and merlin.



Short-eared owl

The distinctive flight and warbling song of the skylark can be heard with meadow and tree pipits flitting about. The winter months are a good time to try and see short-eared owl.

Over 40 species of beetle have been recorded, including the ground beetle *Pterostichus aethiops* and the heather weevil.

## Mountainous Wildlife

The brown hare is one of the few animals that grazes Mynydd Ffoesidoes, although you are more likely to find its droppings amongst the heathland than encounter the animal itself. Roe deer are increasingly seen near the reserve and you may be lucky enough to spot one along one of the forest rides as you approach the reserve.

The mountain bumblebee *Bombus monticola*, is one of the larger British bumblebees and stands out with a prominent red 'tail end'. It is also found at the Gilfach Nature Reserve.



Heather moorland

## Plants & Lichen

At Radnorshire's rooftop, it's hardly surprising the vegetation is dominated by sub-montane dwarf shrub heath. This consists of cowberry, crowberry and the more widespread bilberry, ling and cross-leaved heath. Boggy pools are dimpled across the nature reserve and are home to a range of water beetles and other mini-beasts that can tolerate the acidic, peaty water.

A number of notable lichen species have been recorded including the nationally scarce *Trapeliopsis glaucolepidea* and the county rarity *Micarea nitschkeana*. This is found on dead bilberry stems but a name you might remember - the 'reindeer lichen' *Cladonia portentosa* - is found across the reserve.



Mountain bumblebee

## History

Mynydd Ffoesidoes escaped the commercial conifer plantations that occurred on much of the surrounding Radnor Forest. Fire breaks have been cut between the nature reserve and nearby forestry as fire is a real risk and can burn for months within the peat, as happened during the 1970s.

A Bronze Age burial mound at the highest point on the reserve is a Scheduled Ancient Monument.



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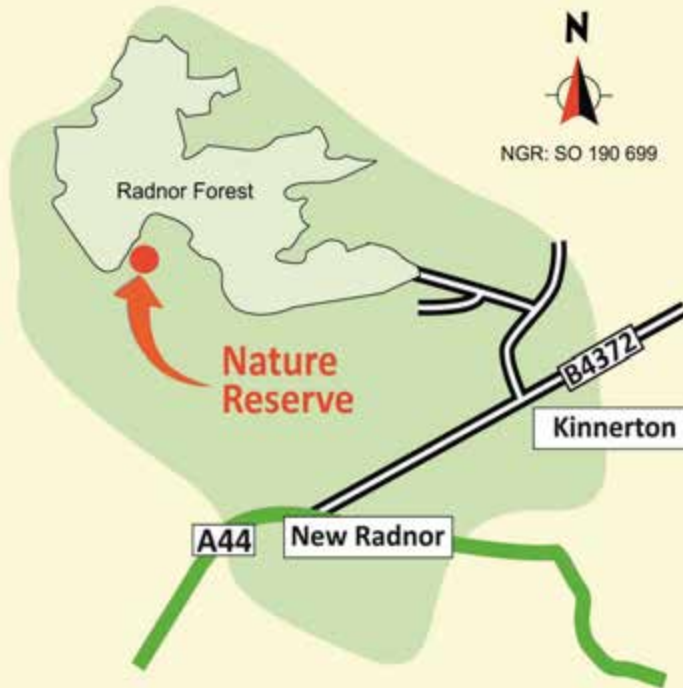
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### Directions to Mynydd Ffoesidoes Nature Reserve



The reserve can be reached at all times by foot via the many forest tracks in the Radnor Forest (access land) using an OS map (NGR: SO 190 649). Vehicle access is possible from Kinnerton up to the Forestry Commission gate. The reserve is a good 4 mile walk beyond this gate.



For more detailed information, please go to [www.rwtwales.org](http://www.rwtwales.org)

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The rooftop of Radnorshire



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