Welcome to Rhayader Tunnel Nature Reserve

Brief Introduction
A long narrow reserve with a path leading you straight through to the Elan Valley. Wildflowers flourish on the banks of the old railway tunnel which is an important winter roost for bats.

Wildlife along the Old Mid-Wales Railway Line
Rhayader Tunnel is one of two old railway tunnels that Radnorshire Wildlife Trust manages. The other tunnel is also home to hibernating bats and is at Gilfach Nature Reserve.

The banks of the tunnel and the small meadow are full of flowers in summer. Betony, harebell, wood bitter-vetch and broad-leaved helleborine thrive on the sunny east-facing slopes.

Birds include a chaffinch, Brambling, goldfinch and linnet, with kite, raven and buzzard swooping on the wind overhead.

Walking
The reserve is easily accessible from Rhayader. Simply walk from town down the hill and over the bridge into Cwmduddwr heading for the Elan Valley. Pass the Community Hall on your left and you will see the ornate wooden gated entrance of the Elan Valley Cycle Trail. Rhayader Tunnel Nature Reserve is approximately 200 metres along this trail.

Bats
Bats are a vital part of Britain’s native wildlife, accounting for a third of all our mammal species. They can tell us a lot about the health of the environment as they are sensitive to changes in land use.

Bats do not build nests. The old railway tunnel is a good place for them to roost and they love to eat flying insects. The high banks and valley floor are covered in scrub and developing woodland, which is ideal hunting ground for insect eaters.

Rhayader and the surrounding district is an important area for some of Europe’s rarest bat species. Sadly, our UK bat population have declined considerably during the past century and it is now more important than ever that we maintain suitable foraging roosting sites for them to survive.

Local Area
The reserve offers great views of the surrounding countryside and Rhayader. The path leads up into the Elan Valley itself with more spectacular scenery and wildlife to enjoy.

Gilfach Nature Reserve “The Farm Time Forgot” is just 3 miles away. It has over 400 acres of rugged countryside to explore. Head towards Aberystwyth on the A470 and after 3 miles, turn right onto the reserve.

Daubenton's bat

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Directions to Rhayader Tunnel Nature Reserve

In Rhayader follow the B4518 towards the Elan Valley. Follow the road down the hill and over the bridge into Cwmduddwr. Just at the end of the urban area, immediately on your left you should see an ornate wooden gated entrance. You can park opposite. Go through the wooden gate and you will walk straight onto the reserve after approx 200metres.

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