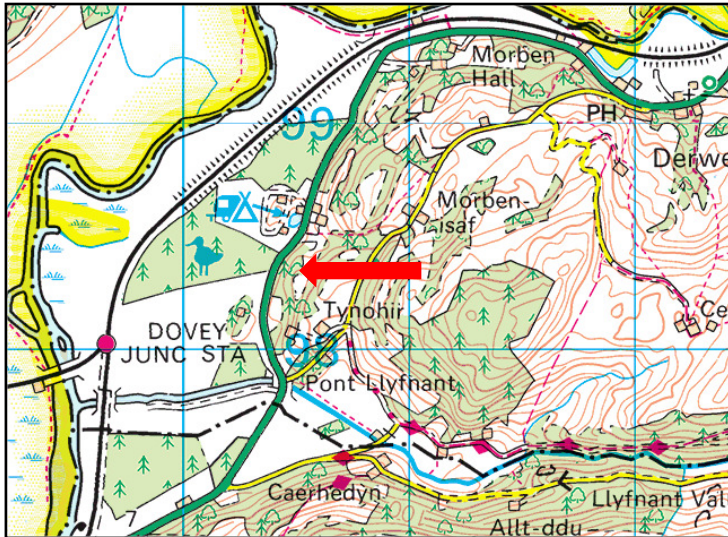


Cors Dyfi Nature Reserve and Dyfi Wildlife Centre Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust

Derwenlas, Machynlleth, Powys. SY20 8SR

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Directions from

Machynlleth (3.5 miles)

From the Clock Tower in the centre of Machynlleth head south on the A487 road towards Aberystwyth. Pass through the small village of Derwenlas (Black Lion Inn). Pass the Morben Isaf Caravan Park on your right. The entrance to the reserve is about 200 Metres after on the right. TAKE CARE: awkward visibility at entrance.

Directions from Aberystwyth (16 miles) Follow the A487 road north towards Machynlleth passing through Bow Street, Talybont, and Furnace. Cors Dyfi Reserve is about 2.5 miles on the left beyond the turning to the Ynys-hir RSPB reserve in Eglwys Fach.

Opening hours Full facilities - 10.00 – 17.30 The Reserve and all other facilities will not be accessible outside of these timings. Some facilities, including the car park, are seasonal, please check on the website:

(<https://www.montwt.co.uk/nature-reserves/cors-dyfi>)

Facilities Free car parking. Dyfi Wildlife Centre including café and shop. Bird Hide. 360 observatory. Toilets, including full disabled 'Changing Places'.

Cors Dyfi is the home of the famous Dyfi Osprey Project. The birds are usually present from early April through to early September. Live streaming from the osprey nest via six cameras, four selected for live viewing in the Dyfi Wildlife Centre and the 360 Observatory.

(<http://www.dyfiospreyproject.com/>)

The Dyfi Wildlife Centre and the 360 Observatory are fully wheelchair accessible. All access on the reserve is via wide non-slip boardwalks with plenty of seating.

Dogs are welcome in the car park, but with the exception of Assistance Dogs, dogs are not allowed on the reserve or in the Dyfi Wildlife Centre. Water bowls are provided.

The reserve and all buildings are strictly no smoking, this includes all electronic smoking devices. Smoking is permitted in the car park.

Entrance fee Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust members free on production of membership card. Non-members – payment required. Daily, weekly and season tickets available. Current admission details on the website.
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Birding information

One of the premier sites in Montgomeryshire for range and number of species. The facilities, particularly for the less able-bodied, are outstanding. The presence of breeding Ospreys, still a rarity in Wales, is of course the main visitor attraction. However the reserve offers so much more for all birdwatchers.

True of all reserves and habitats, species numbers vary by season. Outlined below are birds that can be regularly seen at Cors Dyfi from March to October inclusive. A walk through the reserve from the visitor centre begins in a small woodland copse.



The top of the boardwalk

Here bird feeders attract excellent numbers of Lesser Redpoll, Siskins, other finches and tits including the occasional Willow Tit. Great Spotted Woodpecker, Nuthatch, Treecreeper and Goldcrest. Yellowhammer are occasional visitors. Needless to say this area offers an excellent chance of seeing Sparrowhawk. A number of nest boxes in this area attract Pied Flycatcher.

The boardwalk continues through willow and birch scrub with clumps of gorse and bog myrtle. Listen here for Grasshopper Warbler, Whitethroat, Linnet, Tree Pipit and Stonechat.

Continuing along the boardwalk there are three pools, one of which has been dug during the winter 2019/20 as part of the captive Beaver programme that is hoped will commence in 2021.

There is one hide in this section, the Ceri Hide, often the quietest place on the reserve to just sit and observe, a pair of Canada Geese favours nesting in this area.



The Ceri Hide with the 360 Observatory in the background

Hérons are seen on most days plus the occasional Kingfisher. Always a chance of seeing an Otter, there is a distinct track created by Otters either side of the boardwalk nearby. Water Rail are vocal in this area, good numbers of Reed and Sedge Warblers, Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, Garden Warbler, Blackcap and Reed Bunting. Overhead expect martins, Swallows and Swifts. Red Kite and Buzzard are



The 360 Observatory

more or less guaranteed. Hobbies visit on passage and can provide spectacular viewing. Peregrines fairly regular, less frequently Kestrel and the occasional Hen or Marsh Harrier and Merlin (winter). Barn Owls are often caught on camera and a lucky few have seen Short-eared Owl in winter.

The boardwalk now rises on a gentle gradient to the lower level of the 360 observatory. A lift is provided for less able people and pushchairs etc. Otherwise it is two flights of shallow-rise wide staircases gaining approximately 8 metres in height. On the upper floor there is a viewing platform and large fully glazed observatory looking across to the Osprey nest less than 200 metres away. Two telescopes are sited looking over the nest and lower reaches of the Dyfi as far as Ynys Las. The nest is easily watched with the naked eye and for a close up view there is a large 4G screen fed by cameras located adjacent to the nest.

In addition to river views the observatory looks out over bog, scrub, marsh and pasture. Duck, geese, gulls and waders, Lapwing, Curlew, Little Egret, Great Egret, Heron and Snipe are regularly seen. A highlight for many visitors is looking down to watch Cuckoos being mobbed. Recent rarities from this vantage include Chough, Cattle Egret and Firecrest.

Time now to return to the Dyfi Wildlife Centre for a coffee and piece of home-made cake sitting on the veranda or first floor balcony looking back over the reserve.



The Dyfi Wildlife Centre nearing completion