

# Woodland Dedication

## Wood Information

### WOOD PROFILE

**Name:** Cwm George & Casehill Woods

**Nearest Town/Village:** Dinas Powys

**County Area:** Vale of Glamorgan

**Size:** 207.76 acres (84.08 hectares)

**Maps:** OS Explorer 151, Landranger 171

**Grid Ref:** ST152723 - Casehill Meadows,  
ST155724 - Casehill Wood,  
ST144723 - Cwm George Wood  
ST156724 - Pen-y-Turnpike Wood

**Designations:** Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland (ASNW, Casehill Wood & Cwm George), Planted Ancient Woodland Site (PAWS, Casehill Wood).



### About this wood

The existing woodlands of Cwm George and Casehill have been linked by new native woodland plantings on former improved agricultural land. Plantings include native species for the area such as oak, ash and a range of shrub species. New native woodland has been identified as a key feature for the site. Extensive areas of the grassland have been left un-planted and are being restored to species rich grassland.

Although in the main the areas of grassland have improved characteristics the potential for the restoration to species rich characteristics has been recognised by the inclusion of the grassland as a key feature. A scheduled ancient monument increases the interest of the site. The wooded medieval hill fort is found within Cwm George Woods.



### How to find this wood

Cwm George and Casehill Woods are located around ½ a mile south east of Michaelston-Le-Pit; a small village close to Dinas Powys, inland from Penarth.

From Junction 33 of M4 take the A4232. Stay on this road until the 3rd turn off (Approx 6 miles) which is signposted Athletics Stadium and Ninian Park. Turn right (the last exit) for Dinas Powys. Going straight away over a weak bridge, the road then climbs quite steeply. After just under ½ a mile is Leckwith. Then driving downhill, pass Woodland Care Home off to the right; the next turning right is just into housing.

Then after a 90 degree turn left there are filter road markings to turn right but no road sign: this is just over 1 mile from the roundabout. Take this right turn. The road climbs steeply again. This is quite a narrow road. After ¾ mile (around 1.8km) from main road there turn right (sign-posted Michaelstone-le-Pit). You see woods to the left and soon come to the car park for Casehill and Pen y Turnpike Woods.

At the main car park on the Michaelston le Pit road, there are padlocked 5-bar gates, squeeze stiles, plus a horse entrance. The Woodland Trust main car park holds 7 or 8 cars.



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## Public Transport

Bus Route 89 from Cathays stops at Llandough Hospital (5th stop). From here walk up to Pen-y-Turnpike Road and turn left. After just over 300m (350yds) turn right: this road is sign-posted Michaelstone-le Pit. Walking downhill you see the woods to your left and after the road bend left you see the Woodland Trust entrance and car park.

Alternatively on the 95 bus (Cardiff-Barry-Rhoose-Llantwit Major), alight at Elm Grove Road stop, on Mill Road, Dinas Powys. The stop is by The Square where the 3 Horseshoes pub is. Britway Road is on the opposite side of the road from Elm Grove Road. From here it is about 1.75km (less than 1 mile) to the Cwm George minor entrance following the driving instructions above. Alternatively, instead of walking along Britway Road, by taking Highwalls Road, then turning left into Highwalls Avenue and following this to the right you, comes out by the Dinas Powys Golf Club' Club House and a public footpath north west across the golf course. This footpath finishes on Beauville Lane yards from the Cwm George entrance.

The closest train station is Dinas Powys. From the train station, cross the road (Cardiff Road) and walk up Station Road. This comes out at The Square where the 3 Horseshoes pub is. For transport information please contact Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 or visit <http://www.traveline-cymru.info/>



## Public Access

From the main car park one path goes uphill and leading towards Pen-y-Turnpike up (on the left). The bridleway follows the contour and is an easier climb and also leads out to the meadow paths. An explanatory information board is just inside the gate. The paths are generally easy to walk earthen/stony tracks, but do become muddy in areas. Meadow paths are broad grassy tracks. A public footpath running from Michaelston Le Pit to Dinas Powys runs through the gorge at the centre of the site.

At the entrance to Cwm George woods off Beauville Lane, there is a forest barrier, hunter gate and a squeeze stile. There is a broad stony track to follow (bridleway) with a gentle incline. There are narrow footpaths branching off which are fairly even earth tracks, although they descend steeply into Casehill.

The main restoration phase has been completed with the removal of larch from the site. It now consists of mixed broadleaved woodland dominated by oak and ash. There are also areas dominated by beech from former plantings. Beech is now considered to be a part of the woodland and will not be actively removed.

*Overleaf: Bluebell above the gorge in mid-May; Entrance to the gorge at Cwm George. This page: Steep bend in the path; Dappled woodland path.*

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