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Coed Pentre

Pembrokeshire

Magical woodland at the confluence of three streams with a mix of conifer and broadleaf in tranquil surroundings.

Details

Price: £75,000 Freehold
Location: Abercych, Cardigan, Pembrokeshire
Size: Over 5 ⅔ acres for sale
OS Landranger: OS No 145
Grid ref: SN 232 407
Nearest post code: SA37 0HH

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Description

Some woodlands have more magic about them than others and Coed Pentre is one of them.

You'd never guess from your first walk down the track, or even crossing over the stream and up the bank to get into the main body of the woodland but once in there, you are enveloped in woodland peace and tranquillity, suffused in the wonderful smell of a conifer forest. The ground undulates throughout, and the resulting dips and hollows make the woodland seem bigger than it is, with interesting varied corners to explore and discover.

Streams run through the western, eastern and southern sides of Coed Pentre, always an asset in a woodland for practical reasons as well as for birds and wildlife. Hidden under ivy and moss, the ruins of a small stone building, purpose unknown, are tucked next to the stream in the northeastern corner of the woodland.

The conifers are well spaced which makes it easy to make your way through the woodland and there are many level areas and lovely nooks in which to sit, or camp and enjoy the wonderful peace of your surroundings.

Coed Pentre has three ancient woodland designations; PAWS (Plantation on Ancient Woodland Site), Ancient Semi Natural Woodland and Restored Ancient Woodland - the ASNW and RAW designations applying to the northern and eastern sectors of the woodland and the PAWS applying to the south western corner and southern stretch.

The purchasers of the woodland will be asked to enter into a covenant to ensure the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of adjoining woodlands and meadows.

Trees

The western sector of Coed Pentre was clearfelled some years ago and replanted with Sitka spruce, which is growing on successfully. The remainder, and the majority of the woodland is a mix of well-spaced Sitka and Norway spruce and various broadleaf with some wonderful veteran specimens; mainly oak, some glorious beech, some birch and a small quantity of ash at the northern fringes much of which has succumbed to ash die-back and is ready to be felled for onsite firewood.

There is holly dotted throughout and hazel and hawthorn to the fringes. There are a couple of clumps of laurel and rhododendron in the mid-section towards the northern boundary which would need to be kept in check, but are attractive when under control. In the southeastern corner of the woodland is a stand of Grand fir.

Wildlife

Surrounded by fields and away from any big roads, the larger woodland Gallt Sena of which Coed Pentre is a part, is a wildlife haven. There are some large, very long-established badger setts in areas of the larger woodland, and red deer have been spotted wandering through which is fairly unusual in this part of the world. Birds proliferate and early butterflies take advantage of the many wildflowers springing up: bluebells (of which there are a multitude in Coed Pentre), wood anemone, oxalis, blue and yellow speedwell, pink campion, and celandine.

There are numerous hidey-holes indicating small woodland creatures here, and the bird song is fabulous. The three streams in Pentre Wood are a wildlife magnet and the mixed habitat of conifer and broadleaf also provides diverse sustenance.

Features

Ancient woodland designations.

Three beautiful streams.

Mature beech and oak in glorious setting.

Carpets of bluebells in spring.

Very private and quiet, apart from the rushing streams.

Small stone ruin.

Access, tracks and footpaths

A long, stoned track brings you from the public road to the woodland, via the locked main entrance gate. The last section of the track, from where the left fork is taken, is a steep climb uphill and we would recommend 4 wheel drive only, especially in winter months or wet weather.

The main shared access track of Gallt Sena (the larger woodland of which Coed Pentre is a part) is a designated bridle way which continues along the north eastern perimeter of Coed Pentre, or along the right fork.

The initial part of the main access track is also a public footpath, although there is no public footpath running to or through Coed Pentre itself.

Rights and covenants

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Activities

The most tempting activity in Coed Pentre is to sit under a majestic beech tree, close your eyes and listen to the rushing of the stream and the birdsong.

However if you really had to do something, there is rhododendron and laurel to keep under control, a small stone ruin which could potentially be rebuilt, and if required, a more substantial foot bridge could be constructed over the stream for easier access into the woodland.

Local area and history

The Shell House, or the Cilwendeg Hermitage, is an extraordinary grotto, a rare survival in West Wales, which underwent careful and beautiful restoration in 2003.
It was built in the late 1820s by Morgan Jones the Younger, who inherited the Cilwendeg estate upon the death of his uncle (a lighthouse baron!), and created the Shell House in his uncle's honour. Cilwendeg Mansion was designed by John Nash.

The surrounding area of the Cych valley is also rife with myth and mystery. One of the portals into the mystical realm of Annwn, or the Otherworld as described in the famous Welsh myth tetralogy, the Mabinogion, is said to be located nearby at the Ffynnone Falls, although I believe it may be under the beech tree by the stream...

The stunning Cardigan coast is within easy reach, and the towns of Cardigan and Newcastle Emlyn are both within half an hour's drive with all amenities, great pubs, cafes, and independent shops, but even nearer is the Nag's Head, a mere walk away in Abercych itself!

How to find this woodland

You are welcome to visit this wood by yourself, but please ensure that you have a copy of these sales details with you - many of our woodlands do not have mobile phone reception or internet access so we recommend either printing the details or downloading them to your phone/tablet/laptop.

Do remember to also check that it is still available for sale. If you have seen the woodland and wish to be accompanied on a second more detailed visit please contact our local manager.

Directions

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From Newcastle Emlyn take the A484 towards Cenarth. At Cenarth take the left turn just after the Three Horseshoes pub, signposted B4332. Follow this winding road for a few miles, until the road crosses the Afon Cych and turn RIGHT on the sharp bend into the village of Abercych. Follow the road through Abercych, and just before you leave the village, take the left turn BEFORE you go over the small stone bridge. Look out for a bridleway sign, and a small Woodlands for Sale arrow sign at the left turn.

Continue along this track, you will pass a small water treatment plant on the right, until you come to a locked wooden gate with a Woodlands for Sale sign on it. Please park up on the left, making sure not to obstruct access through the gate and continue on foot.

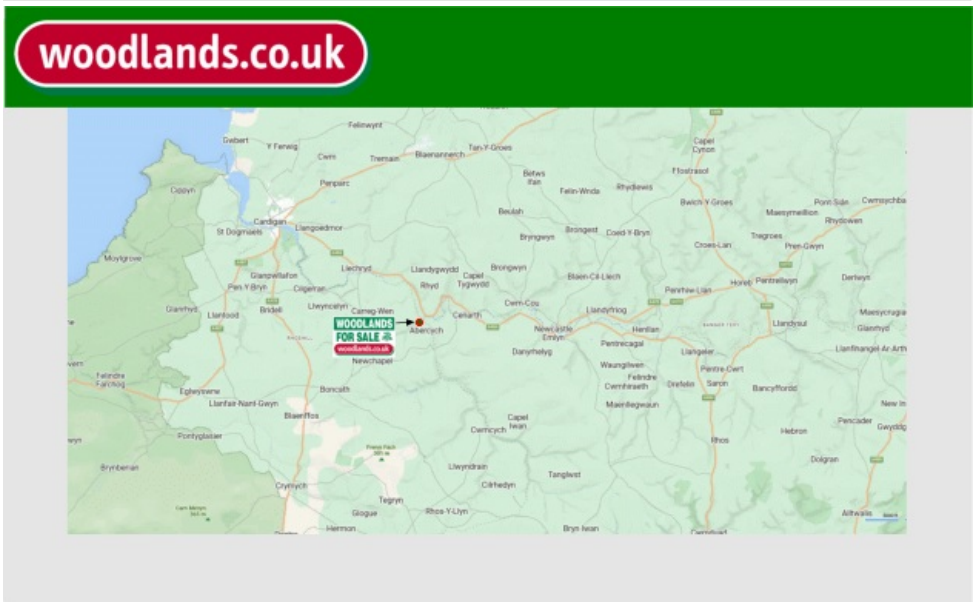
Follow the track through the woodland - continue through the open quarry area and follow the track uphill until you come to a fork - take the left fork and continue up the steeper hill until you see the entrance to Coed Pentre on the right hand side, marked by a ride stop with a wooden name board and a Woodlands for Sale sign.

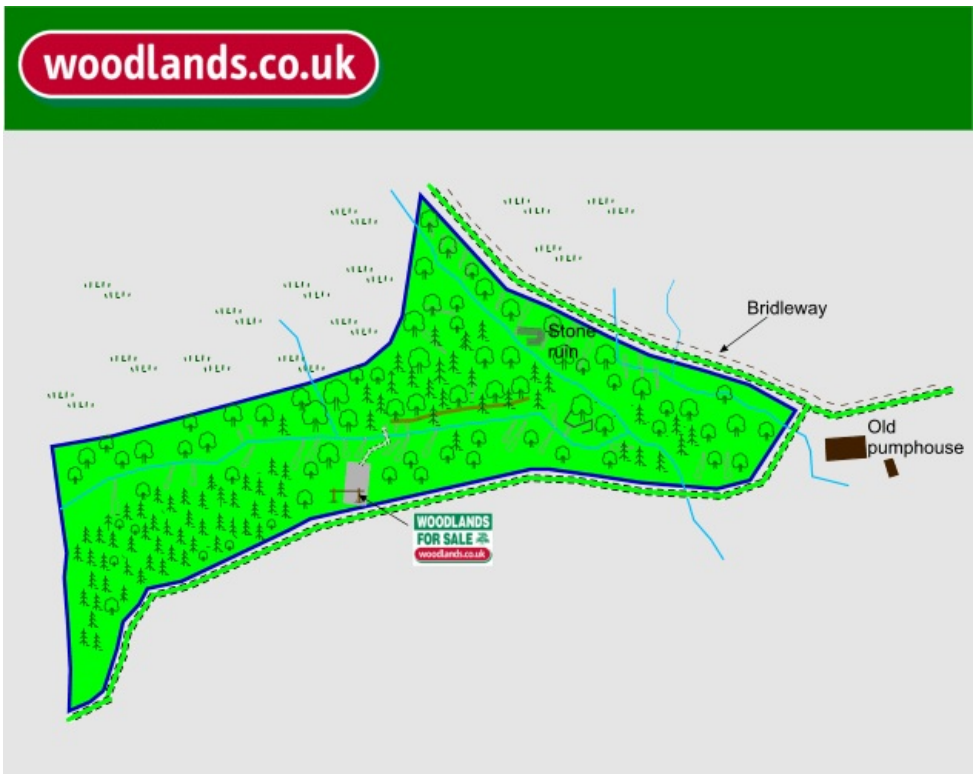
Boundaries:

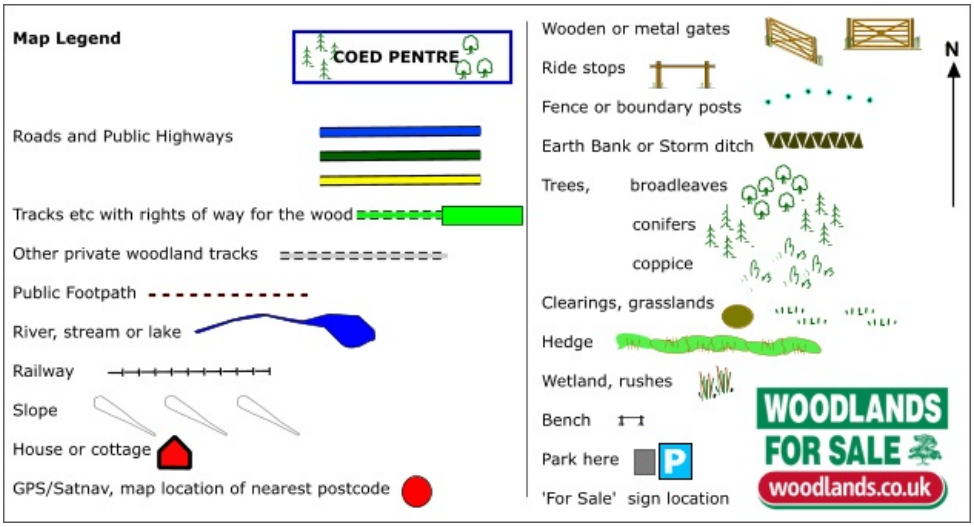
The boundaries of Coed Pentre are marked with royal blue paint on trees, wooden marker stakes and fenceposts.

The southern and north eastern boundaries are defined by tracks.

The remainder of the northern boundary is fenced and looks onto fields.







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Please take care when viewing as the great outdoors can contain unexpected hazards and woodlands are no exception. You should exercise common sense and caution, such as wearing appropriate footwear and avoiding visiting during high winds.

All woodlands are sold at a fixed price, and include free membership of the Small Woodland Owners Group and the Royal Forestry Society, as well as £300 towards paying for a course (or courses) to help with managing and enjoying your woodland.

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