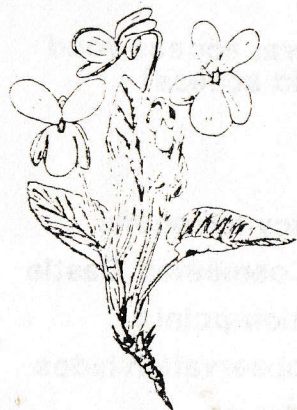


Cosmeston Country Park

What is a Country Park : It is not a park in the ordinary sense of the word, with rose gardens, fountains, swings and slides, but an area, more often than not, in a countryside location which offers members of the public a number of countryside experiences in a relaxed and informal environment. Cosmeston Country Park has been recognised by the Countryside Commission and this leaflet attempts to provide some basic facts relating to the site.

Character of the Park : Much of the park's character is derived from its former use as a limestone quarry. Limestone quarrying began on the present site between the two World Wars and terminated in June 1970. The lakes have been formed as a result of water from underground sources flooding former quarries.

The total park area of 210 acres includes approximately 130 acres of derelict land. However, the first phase of the country park (70 acres approximately) open to the public includes the lakes, former agricultural land, reed beds and grassland. The area north of the lakes is at present closed to the public, but a programme to reclaim the limestone spoil tips of the former quarry is due to commence in late 1978.



Hairy Violet

How to get there :

By car: Cosmeston Country Park is situated 5 miles west of Cardiff between Penarth and Sully. Access to the car park can be obtained via the B.1267 on Lavernock Road with the entrance to the country park situated approximately 1 mile west of the Schooner Inn. There is parking space for 100 cars.

By public transport: The site is accessible by public transport from Cardiff and Penarth, with the nearest stop to the country park being either the Schooner Inn or Fort Road. Daily services throughout the year are provided by Nos. 315, 316, while this service is supplemented in summer by bus no. 319.

Facilities of the Country Park : Facilities included for the benefit of users and the general public include a car park, temporary toilet block, emergency telephone, boardwalk, slipway, life belts, a footpath around both lakes, wildlife observation hides and a warden service. Organised activities within the country park are restricted to members of clubs or recognised users who have previously applied to use the facilities. Activities include sailing, canoeing, sub aqua diving, model boating on the larger eastern lake and fishing and wildlife observation on the smaller western lake. It is hoped when the remainder of the country park is in operation other activities will be incorporated, such as archery, horseriding and wayfaring.



Bee Orchid

Proper use of the Park : To ensure the country park is run for the benefit of the community at large, it is essential that members of the public co-operate in its management and its development. By following simple rules they will not only aid the speedy development of the country park, but contribute to the enjoyment of themselves and others who are visiting the country park.

Simple rules to follow are:

Warden: The warden on site is working for the benefit of the country park, its users, members of the public and the joint developing authorities. He will be glad to offer advice and guidance, but please be prepared to accept any directions from the warden. He is acting for the benefit of everyone.

Signs: Please obey all signs in the country park. There are very few and they are designed to increase your enjoyment of the park and to avoid the risk of serious accidents.

Litter: You will notice there are no litter bins in the country park, this is deliberate; the country park welcomes you but not your litter. Please take it home with you.

Fires: Please do not light fires anywhere in the country park. Fire can do damage to vegetation, wildlife, and to other users and members of the public.

Wild Plants: Please do not pick them; leave them for others to enjoy.

Unauthorised Activities:

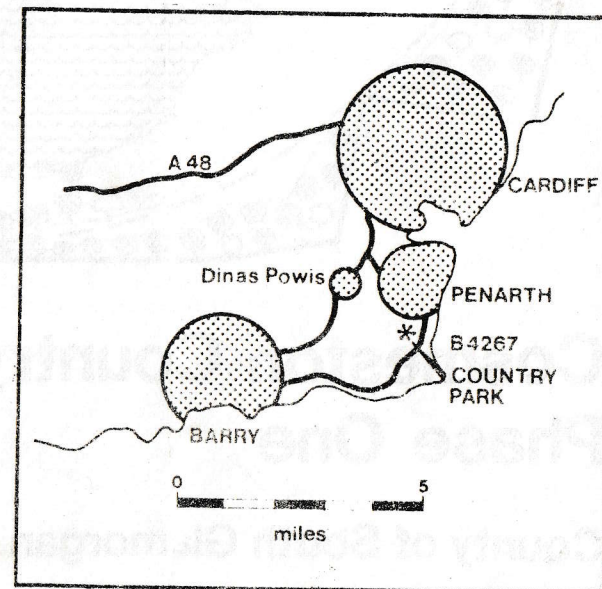
At present, we regret that motorcycling and swimming is not permitted in the country park. The water is very deep and there are few shallows. Remember the lakes are flooded quarries.

Private Property: Keep to the country park. Do not trespass on adjoining land which is private property and in active use.

Further information: Can be obtained from the Vale of Glamorgan Borough Council Parks Department. Tel. Barry 730311.



Water Millfoil

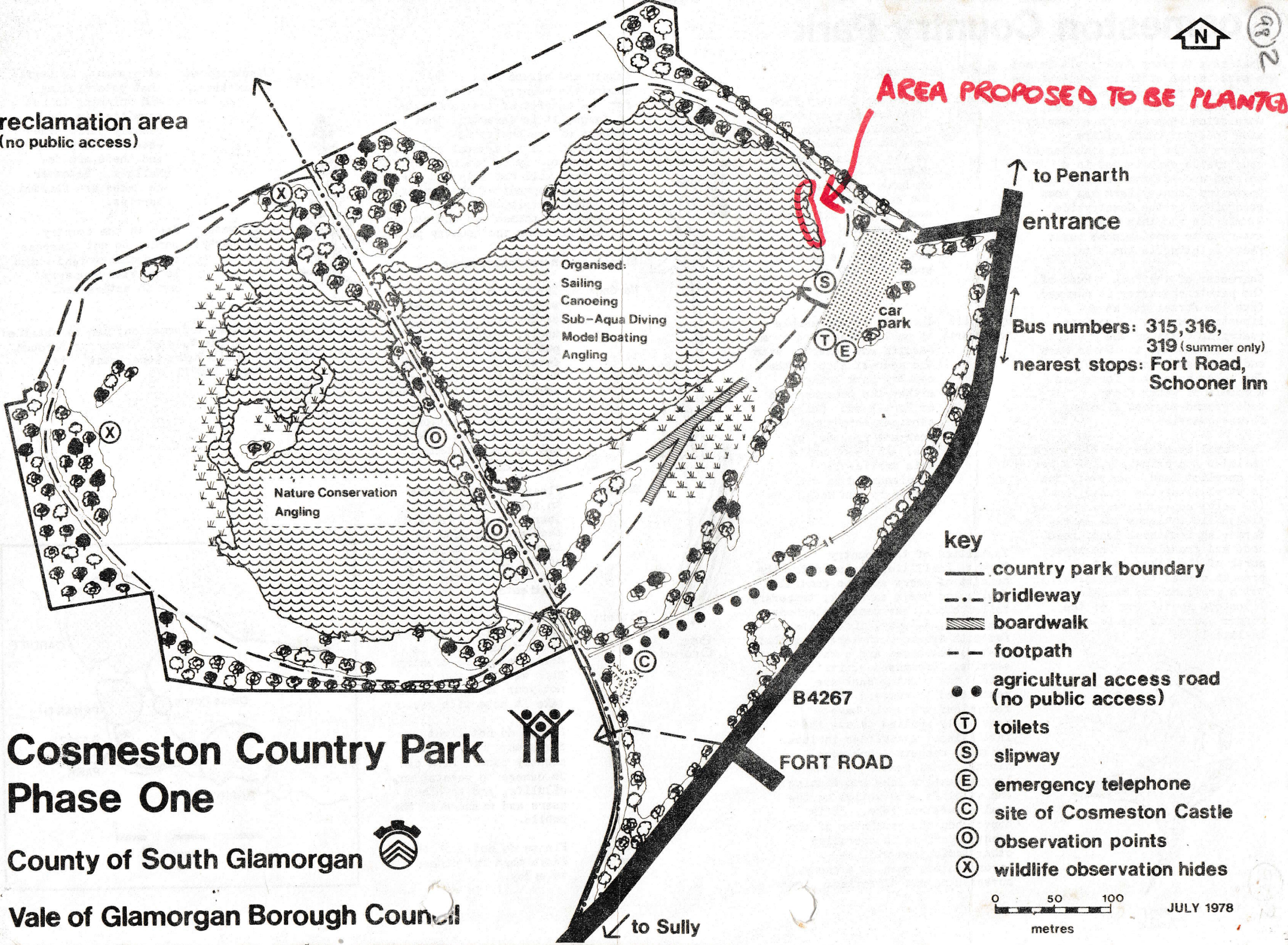




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reclamation area
(no public access)

AREA PROPOSED TO BE PLANTED



Organised:
Sailing
Canoeing
Sub-Aqua Diving
Model Boating
Angling

Nature Conservation
Angling

car park

to Penarth
entrance

Bus numbers: 315, 316,
319 (summer only)
nearest stops: Fort Road,
Schooner Inn

key

- country park boundary
- - - bridleway
- ▨ boardwalk
- - - footpath
- ● agricultural access road (no public access)
- (T) toilets
- (S) slipway
- (E) emergency telephone
- (C) site of Cosmeston Castle
- (O) observation points
- (X) wildlife observation hides

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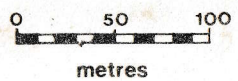


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