



DIFFICULTY:

Some Exertion

DISTANCE:

2.1 km / 1.3 mi

ALLOW:

50 minutes

HABITAT:

Woodland / Riverside

CWM DU GLEN AND GLANRHYD PLANTATION

This hidden gem of the valley is accessed from 'The Cross' at Pontardawe town centre (entrance opposite the Dillwyn Arms)

Follow the Cwm Clydach River until you take a flight of steps to the left, which leads up to the old estate known as Glanrhyd. Take the circular path around this top section, looking out for the dramatic specimen trees, such as the Giant Coastal Redwood, that were planted by the Gilberton family. The estate, dating back to the 1870s, is now mostly demolished and reverted to secondary woodland, however remnants of the historical interest still remain and plans to install interpretation and improve access to these features will provide even greater interest to this diverse woodland.

Wildlife Watching Spring flowering plants such as Wood Anemone, Tutsan and Yellow Pimpernel are best seen in May. In the trees, flocks of Tits can be seen including Coal Tit and Long-tailed Tit.

