

CITATION

**PASS OF LENY FLUSHES
SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST**
Stirling

Site code: 1275

PLANNING AUTHORITY: Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: NN 596086

OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger Series 57
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer Series 365

AREA: 35.23 hectares

NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURES

Biological : Woodlands : Upland oak woodland
: Fens : Springs (including flushes)

DESCRIPTION

Pass of Leny Flushes Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) lies on a north facing slope on the south bank of the River Teith, 3 km west of Callander and within the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park.

The SSSI consists of a series of nutrient-rich upland flushes set in acidic moorland and native deciduous woodland. The upland oak woodland, set within this mosaic of wet woodland and flushed open ground, is of ancient and long-established origin. It is dominated by sessile oak *Quercus petraea* and downy birch *Betula pubescens* with a field layer of blaeberry *Vaccinium myrtillus*, grasses and bracken. The wet birch woodland with willow and alder is also an important aspect of the site, and, although not a feature in its own right, contributes to the overall biodiversity and intrinsic character of the site.

The calcareous flushes form a mosaic throughout the site and are characterised by plants such as broad-leaved cottongrass *Eriophorum latifolium*, fragrant orchid *Gymnadenia conopsea* and butterwort *Pinguicula vulgaris* as well as sharp-flowered rush *Juncus acutiflorus*, globeflower *Trollius europaeus* and marsh violet *Viola palustris*. Calcareous flushes such as these are uncommon in the Stirling Council area.

NOTIFICATION HISTORY

First notified under the 1981 Act: 21 February 1985
Notification reviewed under the 2004 Act: 13 January 2011

REMARKS

Measured area of site corrected (from 36.5 ha)

Part of Pass of Leny Flushes SSSI is part of the River Teith Special Area of Conservation (SAC), which is designated for the European species listed below.

Species : Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*)
Brook lamprey (*Lampetra planeri*)
River lamprey (*Lampetra fluviatilis*)
Sea lamprey (*Petromyzon marinus*)