

CITATION

**RESTENNETH MOSS
SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST
Angus**

Site Code: 1346

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: NO 483518, NO 480520, NO 491519

O.S. 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger Series 54
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer Series 389

AREA: 35.52 hectares

NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURES:

Biological: Fens: Basic Fen

DESCRIPTION:

Restenneth Moss is located 2 km east of Forfar just below the source of the Lunan Water and comprises three sections separated by local roads. It is important for its mesotrophic (moderately nutrient-rich) wetland plant communities which are unusual in Angus.

The 'moss' is actually a series of wetlands in basins in a former loch bed created when marl was extracted from the area several hundred years ago. The vegetation of the site is a mosaic of willow carr, wet birch woodland, scrub, sedge and reed swamp, marsh and fen, with grassland in drier areas. The site supports a number of plant species of relatively local distribution and provides valuable habitat for birds which include breeding grasshopper warbler.

NOTIFICATION HISTORY

First notified under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949: 1979

Re-notified under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981: 7 February 1983

Reviewed under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004: 9 February 2010

REMARKS

Measured area of site corrected (from 35.4 ha).