

My John Muir Award Aberavon dunes

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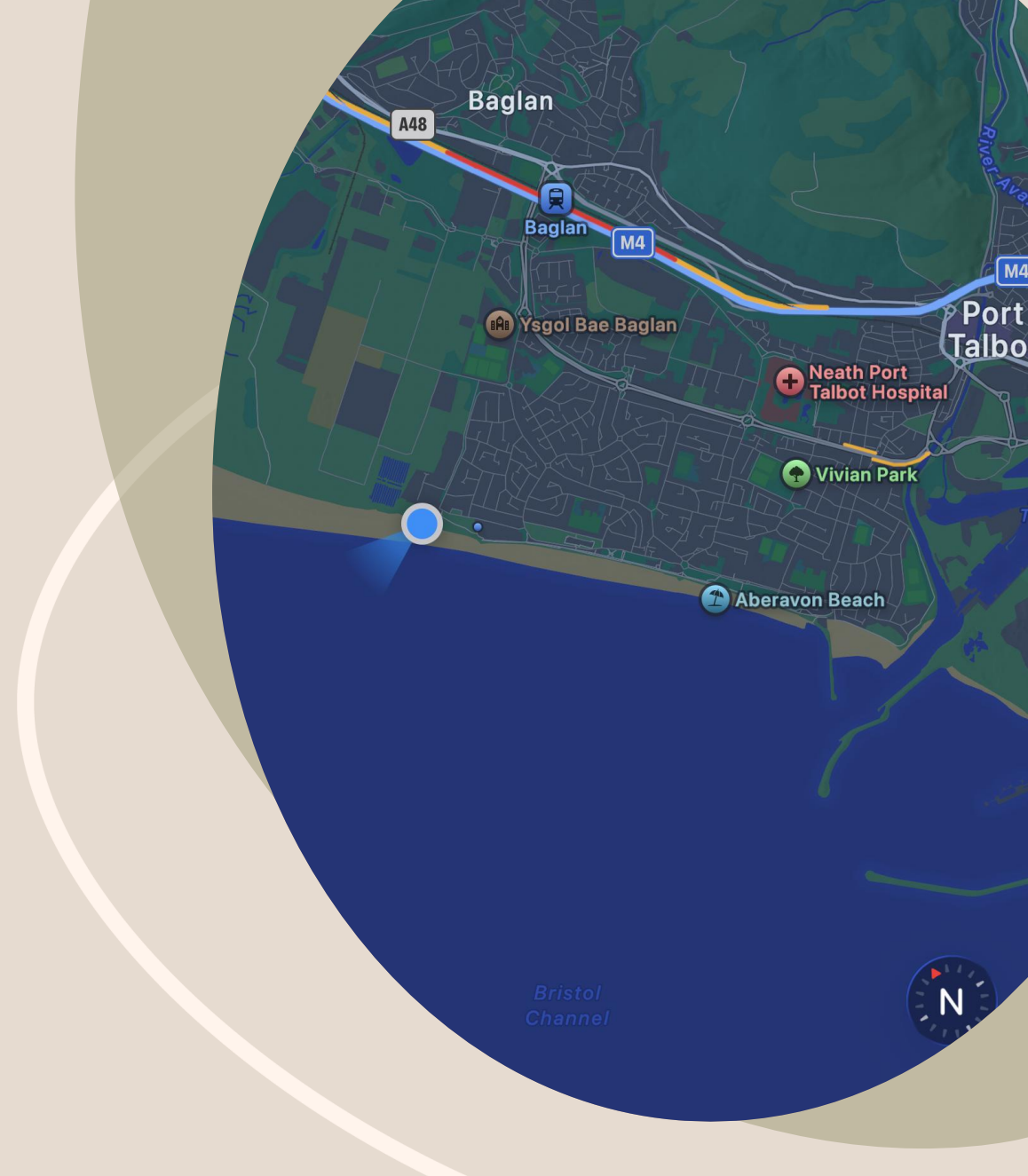
Why I chose this wild place

I chose Aberavon Dunes because it is a fragile coastal ecosystem close to home. The dunes show a clear relationship between nature and human impact, especially litter, dog waste, and erosion. It is a place where sustainability issues are visible and meaningful.



Where is it?

This map shows the exact location of Aberavon beach dunes, where I completed my John Muir award experience.



Sensory statement



I see ripples in the sand, shells scattered like patterns, and grasses moving in the wind.



I hear waves rolling in and distant footsteps across the beach.



I feel the cold wet sand under my feet and the breeze across the dunes.



I smell the salty air mixed with seaweed.



I notice how peaceful the dunes feel, but also how fragile they are.

Discovering the area



Natural finds





HUMAN IMPACT

I noticed clear signs of human impact, including litter, campfire, remains, bricks, and dog waste. These issues affect wildlife, damage vegetation, and spoil the natural beauty of the dunes.

Conservation Action

 ABERAVON DUNES NEED YOUR HELP 

Dog waste and litter are two of the biggest threats to the Aberavon Dune ecosystem.

They harm wildlife, damage plants, and spoil the natural beauty of this fragile coastal environment.

 DOG WASTE = DAMAGE 

Dog waste doesn't just look unpleasant — it spreads bacteria, harms dune vegetation, and creates unsafe play areas for children.

It also affects the small animals and insects that rely on the dunes for shelter.

 LITTER = POLLUTION 

Cans, glass, plastic, and fire pits left behind on the sand can injure wildlife, destroy habitats, and wash into the sea.

Litter also attracts pests and makes the dunes less enjoyable for everyone.

 BE A DUNE DEFENDER

Picking up after your dog and taking your litter home protects the dunes and keeps them safe for wildlife and visitors.

Small actions make a big difference — every responsible choice helps preserve this beautiful environment.

As part of my conservation action, I created an awareness poster about litter and dog waste. I also cleaned up rubbish from the campfire area. Small actions like this help protect wildlife and keep the dunes safe for visitors

Exploring plants

I explored dune vegetation, including marram grass and hardy coastal plants. These plants stabilise the dunes and prevent erosion. Their roots help hold the sand together, making them essential for dune survival.



Wildlife signs

I looked for signs of wildlife including, footprints, paw prints, bird tracks, insects and small holes in the sand. These show how many species use the dunes.



What I learned

This experience helped me understand sustainability in a practical way. I saw how fragile ecosystems can be and how small actions like removing rubbish or cleaning up after dogs can protect nature. Children could learn responsibility, observation skills, and care for the environment through experiences like this

