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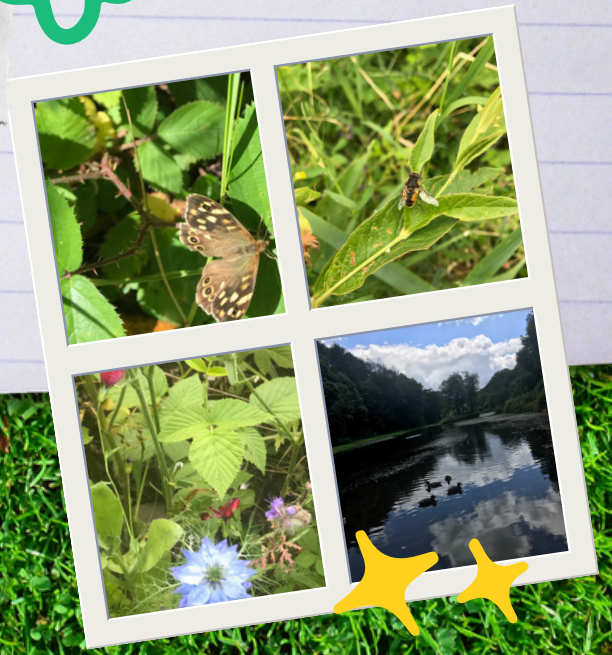
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DISCOVER





I discovered the beautiful parkmill woodlands whilst on a geography trip in year 9 and still to this day look back on the photographs that i took of the wonderful landscape and wildlife. The trip was simple yet effective and I use it as my inspiration because of the many enriching opportunities that this woodland has to offer.

I remember walking through the woodland for the first time feeling a strong sense of nostalgia. I soon realised that it was the smell. Parkmill woodland is home to an abundance of wild garlic. The smell took me back to being a young child on our way to Port Eynon beach on a sunny day with the windows down, driving beneath a canopy of ancient tress and knowing that the smell of the garlic meant that we were close to our destination.




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Pennard Castle
Pennard
Burrows
Three Cliffs
Bay

DISCOVER THE BEAUTIFUL PARKMILL VALLEY AND PENARD CASTLE IN THIS SPECTACULAR DRONE FOOTAGE.



EXPLORE





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Parkmill is an ancient woodland nestled beneath a magical canopy of ash, oak, beech and elm trees. The peaceful woodland path leads you along a meandering river until you reach the stunning three cliffs bay. Whilst we all love the beach, I am going to focus on the journey that it took me to get there and the wonders that sat right in front of my eyes.

The woodland is a joy for the senses. As i close my eyes I can smell wild garlic and see the shadows of the sun shining through the trees.



I can hear the array of spectacular birds and feel the worn ground beneath my feet and it makes me happy that other have had the privilege of experiencing such a beautiful place.

Many vibrant butterflies took my breath away with their beauty and large beetles scuttled beside me along the path. Bees hoped from flower to flower and flowers bloomed vibrantly. It was so magical to see wildlife and nature truly thriving in a world that can so often overlook and not respect these spaces.





CONSERVE

Whilst it is very important to conserve natural areas, it is also vital that we don't interfere with it's natural processes. Conservation to me isn't simply just about adding physical tools to the area to assist what may need help, it goes beyond that.

Whilst this is still vital, I believe that we must look deeper at ourselves and what we do in our daily life that can have a negative impact on the lifespan of these natural landscapes. This can range from car usage, fast fashion, meat and dairy intake to energy consumption.

On my visit to the woodland I took a bag and a litter picker to collect any litter along the way. I also took my local bus as a way of reducing my carbon footprint.







MOTHER EARTH



Mother Earth, Mother Earth,
it's a great place to be.
Mother Earth, Mother Earth,
home planet for you and me.

Look after our earth with care,
'cos it's a planet we all share.
Humans, animals, plants and trees,
let's live together in harmony.

Mother Earth, Mother Earth,
it's a great place to be.
Mother Earth, Mother Earth,
home planet for you and me.

In ourselves we must take pride,
for our future we need to strive.
Be kind it's worthwhile,
light the world up with your smile!

Mother Earth, Mother Earth,
it's a great place to be.
Mother Earth, Mother Earth,
home planet for you and me.
It's a great place to be,
in peace and harmony.

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SHARE

I was so excited to share my experience with my friends and family and tell them all about the wonders that I saw in Parkmill woodland. I had taken photos on both my phone and a digital camera so I showed the photographs to friends and family.

I also shared some pictures on social media and had many friends asking where the location was and was told how beautiful it was and that they would like the visit.

I shared that I had done a litter pick on social media to encourage others to do the same and a Swansea sustainability group reached out to see if I would like to help volenteer with litter picking in the Swansea area.








Thank you
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