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Wales

Report a Beaver Sighting

Be a Citizen Scientist
for Beavers in Wales

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A swimming beaver

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Be Aware!

When on the lookout for beavers, please be mindful of the following advice:

- Wear warm clothes and sensible closed shoes. Carry waterproof clothing (and extra clothing) as conditions can change rapidly even in the warmer, drier months.
- Do not approach the beavers and be sure to observe them from a safe distance to avoid disturbing them or other wildlife.
- Keep quiet and avoid sudden movements.
- Dogs will make it trickier to spot a beaver. If your dogs are joining you, please be sure to keep them on a lead at all times.
- Take a phone, binoculars and a camera so that you can take photographs and report beaver sightings.
- Beavers are especially active at sunrise and sunset so aim to be out early or late.
- Late spring and summer are ideal periods to spot a beaver because of the longer periods of daylight.



A pair of beavers



Spot a Beaver! Introduction

The North Wales Wildlife Trust (on behalf of the Wildlife Trusts in Wales) is working to re-establish beavers in Wales. Eurasian beavers used to occur across the country but they were hunted to extinction 400-500 years ago. The Wildlife Trusts support the return of beavers to the wild because they can provide many environmental benefits which will considerably improve our freshwater ecosystems. However, beavers need your help to become re-established in the wild. We are running a citizen science scheme so that you can play a crucial role in reporting beaver sightings and field signs. Read on to hear how to identify a beaver.

Further information about beavers can be found on the [Welsh Beaver Project web page](#).

A beaver feeding on a willow branch

How to Report a Sighting

When looking for beavers, please bear in mind the information shared in our guide called Spot A Beaver!

Recording your sighting is simple. Just visit this web address from any internet-connected device:

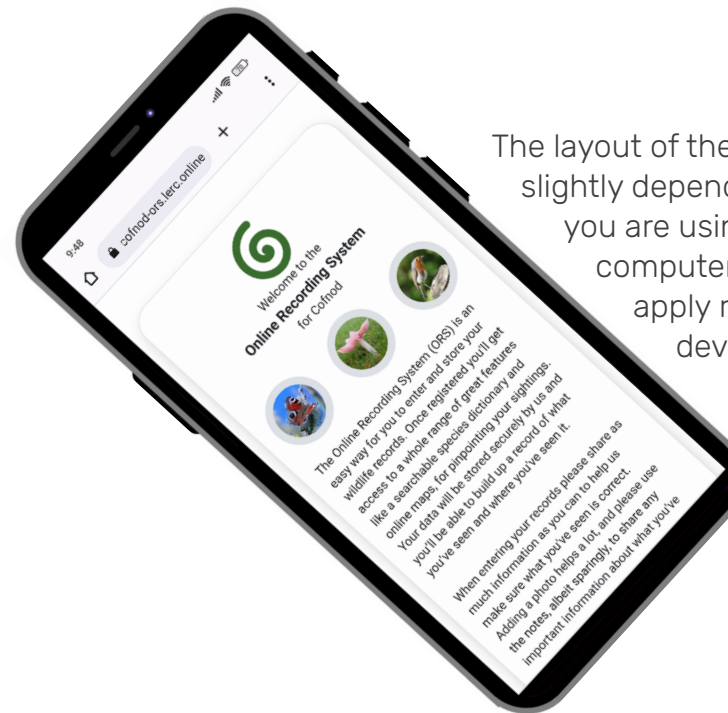
<https://cofnod-ors.lerc.online/>



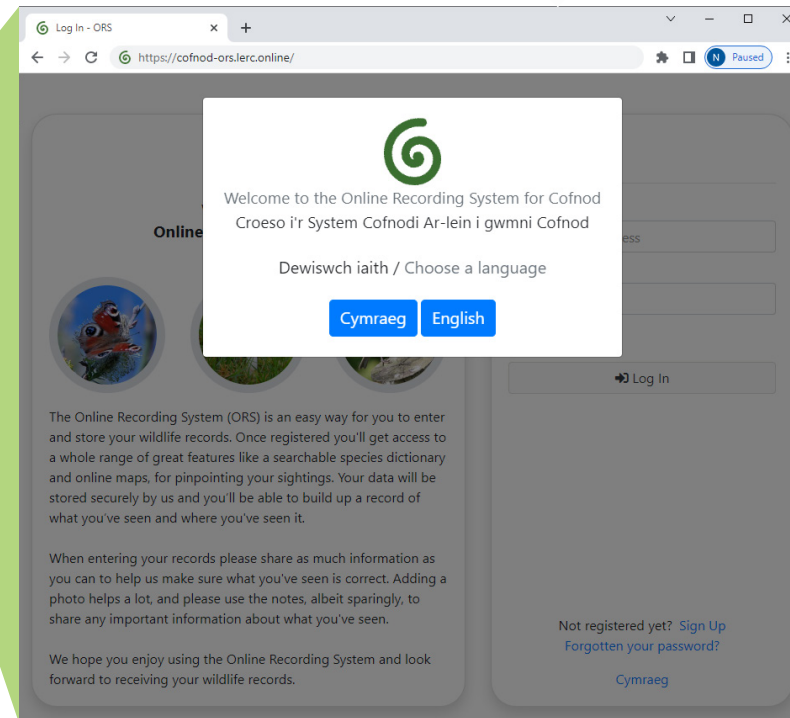
This data portal is provided by Cofnod – part of Local Environmental Records Centres Wales (LERC Wales).

Step 1: Choose your Language

On first visiting the site, you will see this screen. Select your preferred language (Cymraeg or English).

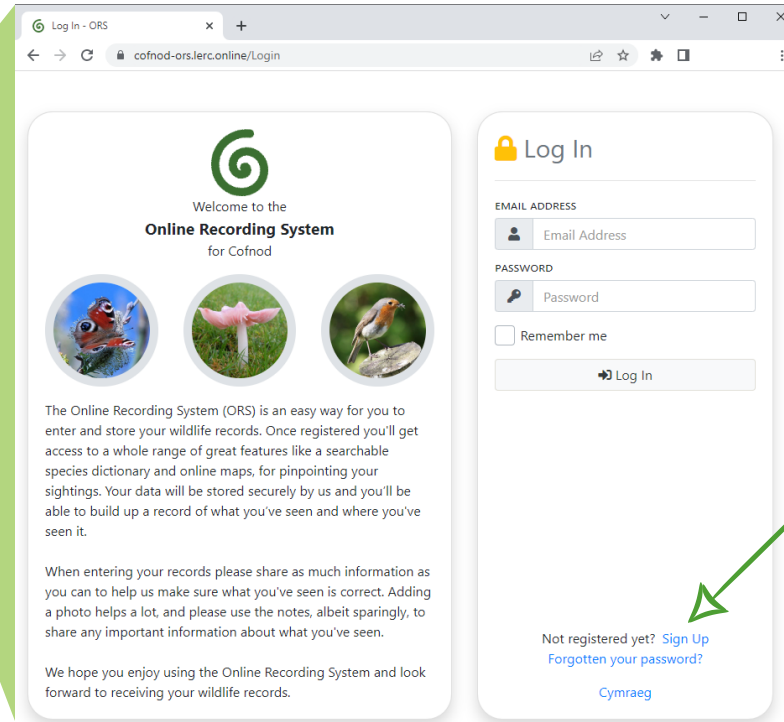


The layout of the web page will differ slightly depending on whether you are using a phone, tablet or computer but the same steps apply regardless of your device.



Step 2: Login to your ORS Account

You will need a Cofnod Online Recording System (ORS) account to submit your sightings. Login if you already have an account. Otherwise, click on "Sign Up".



Log In - ORS

cofnod-ors.lerc.online/Login

Welcome to the
Online Recording System
for Cofnod

EMAIL ADDRESS
Email Address

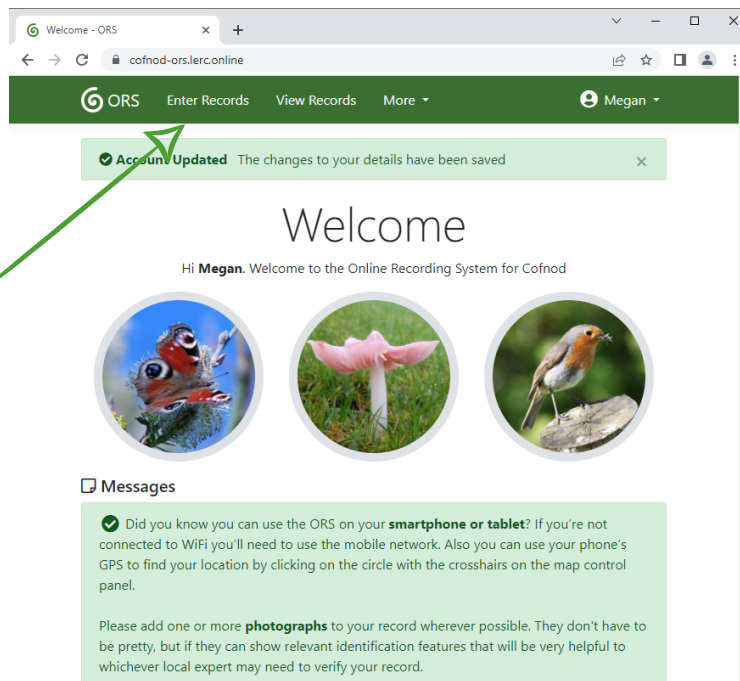
PASSWORD
Password

☐ Remember me

Log In

Not registered yet? [Sign Up](#)
[Forgotten your password?](#)
[Cymraeg](#)

Click here to register. The system will confirm your email address so check your spam folder if necessary.



Welcome - ORS

cofnod-ors.lerc.online

ORS Enter Records View Records More Megan

Account Updated The changes to your details have been saved

Welcome

Hi Megan. Welcome to the Online Recording System for Cofnod

Messages

Did you know you can use the ORS on your **smartphone or tablet**? If you're not connected to WiFi you'll need to use the mobile network. Also you can use your phone's GPS to find your location by clicking on the circle with the crosshairs on the map control panel.

Please add one or more **photographs** to your record wherever possible. They don't have to be pretty, but if they can show relevant identification features that will be very helpful to whichever local expert may need to verify your record.

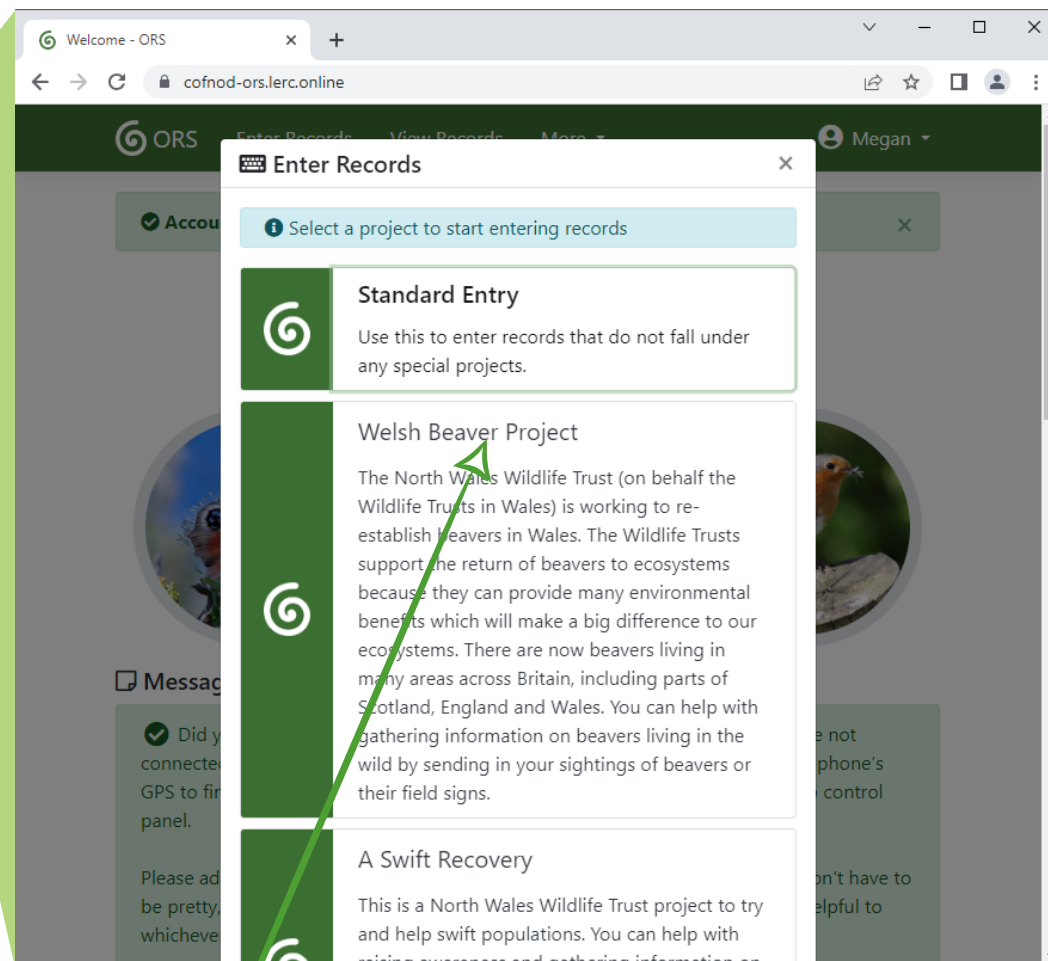
Click here to find the beaver recording form

Step 3: Enter Records

Once you have logged in, click on "Enter Records" to provide details of your beaver sighting/field signs.

Step 4: Select Welsh Beaver Project

Click on "Welsh Beaver Project".



Click here to report
a beaver sighting /
field signs.

Fill out as many fields as possible.

Remember that fields masked with an asterisk (*) must be completed.

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Please ensure that the location/GPS function is enabled on your phone or tablet. If necessary, please also ensure that you adjust the camera settings on your device so that location data is added to your photos. (This is the default setting on most devices.)

Records - ORS

→ → ↺ cofnod-ors.lerc.online/Records/Enter/m/8465 ⌕ ☆ □ 👤

ORS Enter Records View Records More ▾

Megan ▾

➤ Enter a record for Welsh Beaver Project: Data submitted through Cofnod ORS D2131/001

❗ Please enter details of animals seen as well as any other signs of beaver presence. Please add to the Notes field anything additional including whether a burrow/lodge are active/inactive and whether a dam is maintained or not. For feeding signs, please give more details in the Notes field including whether the material was old, new or mixed.

What ?

Species Name * 🔒 Beaver (Castor fiber) ▾

Confidence * ★★★★★ Very Confident ✖

Abundance * 🔒 2 Adult ▾
+ Add another abundance

Attachments

213.95 KB footprint.jpg x
Upload a File... ❗ Please upload photos, audio or video recordings if you have them as they will help Local Experts verify your record.

Record Type 🔒 Live Sighting ▾

Feeding Signs 🔒 ▾

Where ?

Grid Reference * 🔒 SH75460357 Map 📍

Grid Ref. Type 🔒 Selected from Interactive Map ▾

Site Name * 🔒 Glan Dulais Mawr

Who ?

Recorder * 🔒 Megan Sample
+ Add another recorder

When ?

Date * 🔒 Full Date Vague Date
Add Date Range 19/05/2023 📅

Anything else ?

Notes 🔒 Saw two adult beavers. Also saw some footprints: photo attached. Possible lodge in the bank. No dam. 900/1000

Surrounding Land Use * 🔒 Broadleaved woodland ▾

Impact on Land Use * 🔒 None ▾

Submit Record

⏮ ⏪ ⏩ ⏭ 0 records. Page 1 of 1

📄

There are no records available to view for this project

⏮ ⏪ ⏩ ⏭ 0 records. Page 1 of 1, at 10 ▾ records per page

**Please include
photographs of
your sighting/
field sign if
possible.**

Provide the exact location. If you first click on this "Map" button, you can then click on this symbol to upload your exact location via GPS:



**Alternatively,
manually select
your location
using the map.**

Use this "Notes" field to provide information about whether you saw a lodge, a dam, feeding signs, or anything else of potential interest.

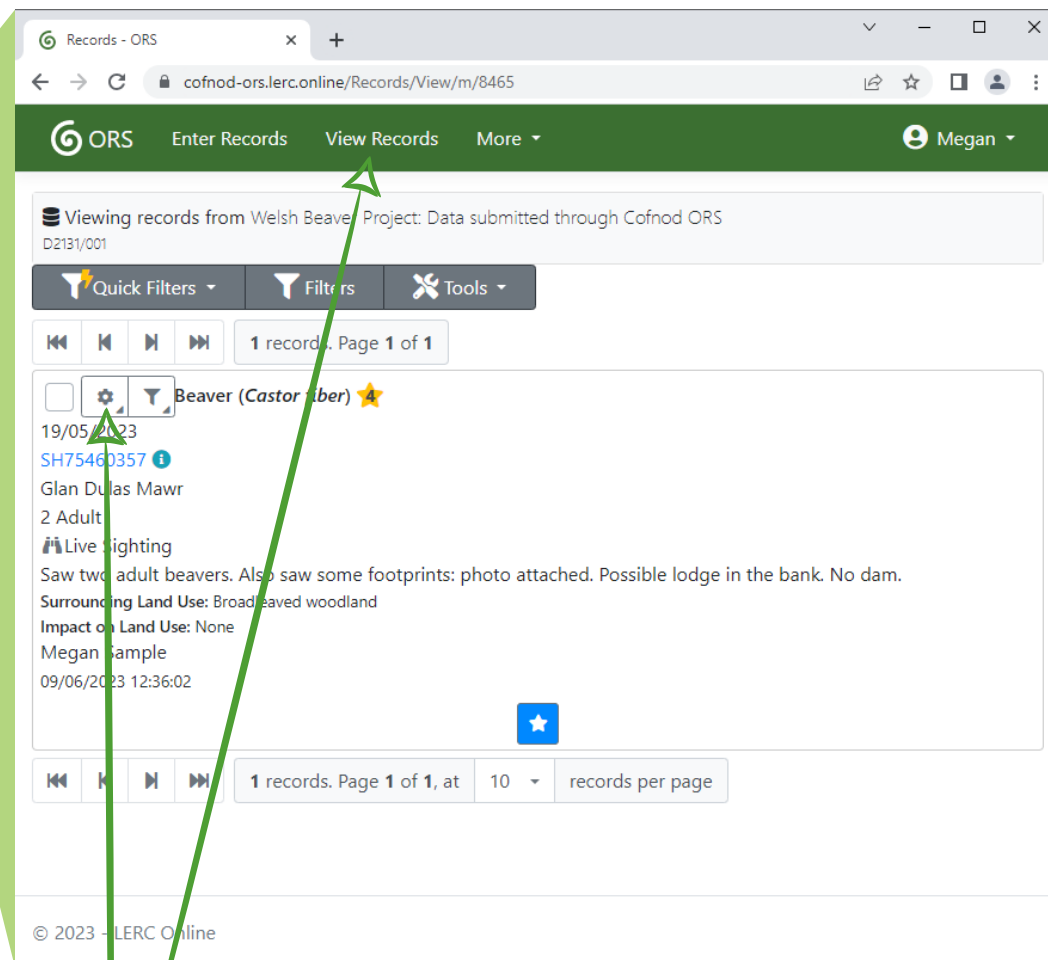
Click the "Submit Record" field when you have entered all the details of your sighting.

Viewing and Amending your Sightings

Click on "View Records" to see the data that you have submitted.

If you need to add or change anything, click on the gear symbol as indicated.

Don't worry if you do not have internet access when you see beavers or beaver field signs. Please make offline notes and take photographs (with embedded location data). You can then simply complete the form and upload your photographs when you have an internet connection. Please complete as much information as possible. Even approximate grid references of the location of your sighting will be helpful.



Click here to view your records.

Click here to change them.

Thank you for supporting the Welsh Beaver Project!



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A beaver swimming



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North Wales Wildlife Trust, together with members, volunteers and supported by a growing network of thousands of people in diverse communities, is committed to bringing wildlife back, empowering people to take action for nature, and to create a society where nature matters.

We're part of a national network of 46 Wildlife Trusts across the UK. We campaign to protect wildlife and habitats both locally and nationally.

North Wales Wildlife Trust is a driving force for nature conservation – and we want you to be part of it!

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