

1. Nature Alive

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Previously known as the 'Overflows' Nature Alive is now a designated local nature reserve, a far cry from its original use as a coal stocking yard and settling pools for Snibston Colliery. The site is rich in flora and fauna, boasting such habitants as water voles and great crested newts.



The site is managed by North West Leicestershire District Council as a nature reserve to retain a natural and informal appearance.

Nature Alive holds a variety of habitats including mature specimen trees and shrubs, ponds and open water, ditches, wildflower meadow, rough grass and hedgerows.

To visit Nature Alive you can park in Thornborough Road Retail Park and enter the site via the footpath located next to Aldi.



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2. Snibston Country Park



Snibston Country Park is situated adjacent to the museum within the former colliery site. The park is a special area of ecological interest. There are mature woodlands, developing plantation woodland, wildflower meadows, rough grassland, wildlife ponds and marshland.

The country park covers 64 acres which offer a wealth of mixed habitats. There are a variety of walks, cycle tracks, picnic areas, ponds and fishing lakes to enjoy.

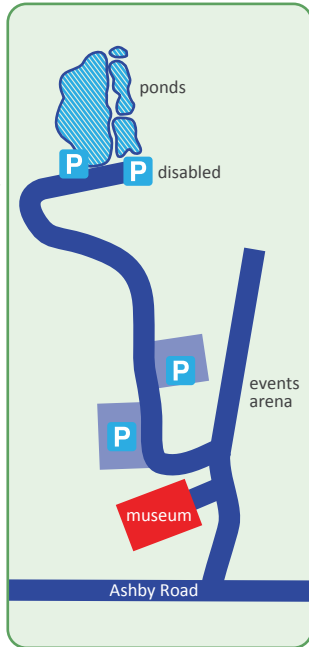
You can follow two separate trails around the whole site:

- A sculpture trail with pieces made from natural materials; and
- A nature trail with woodland, meadow, marshland and hedgerows.

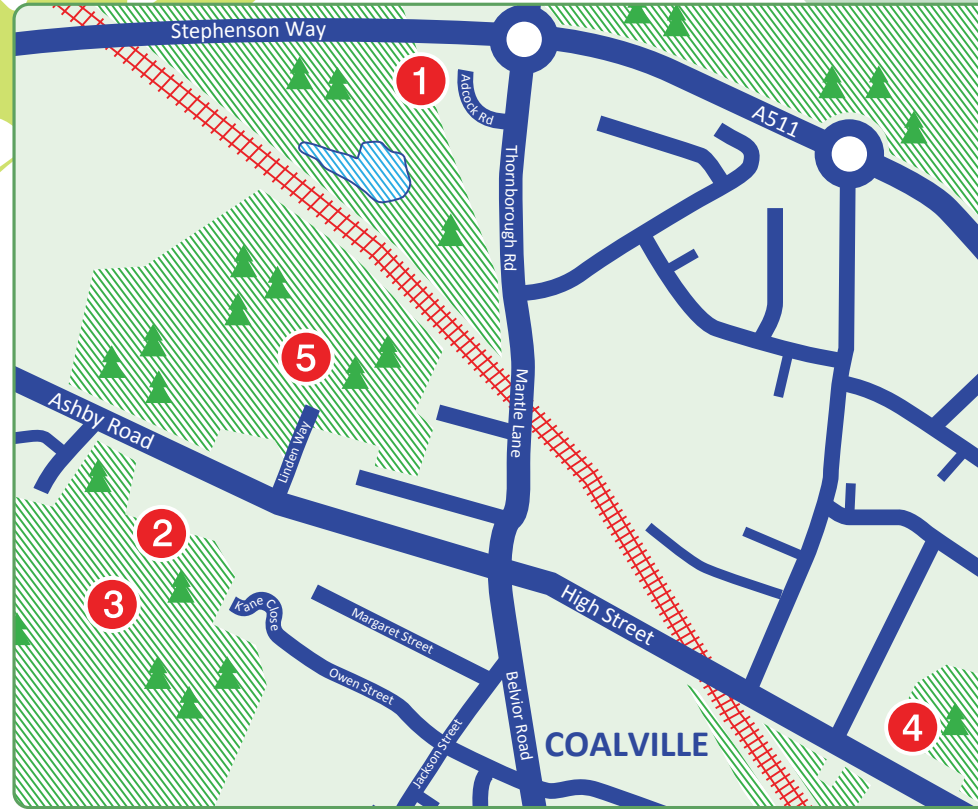
For more information call 0116 3055000

Country Park Opening Times (daily)

Jan	08:30 - 16:00
Feb	07:30 - 17:00
Mar to Oct	07:30 - 18:00
Nov to Dec	08:00 - 16:00



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3. Grange Nature Reserve

Snibston is also home to the Grange Nature Reserve, which was declared Leicestershire County Council's first Local Nature Reserve in May 1993.

It is situated at the heart of the Country Park and has a late Victorian arboretum with a diverse range of mature native and foreign species of tree, a wetland area with boardwalk, an established wildflower meadow and two well-stocked fishing lakes. Once the gardens of the Colliery Manager, the Nature Reserve is now an important ecological site for wildlife within the Country Park.



Walking and Cycling Information

Contact the Tourist Information centre for further information about walking and cycling routes in and around Coalville, including the National Cycle Route 52, the Coalville Art Trail and the Mining Heritage Trail.

4. Coalville Park

Coalville Park is situated on London Road near the centre of Coalville. The park was created in 1911 and was donated by the Coalville Athletic Club.

The park offers large pleasure gardens, open air tennis and basketball courts, a well equipped large fenced play area, skatepark and a separate recreation ground.

It is open to the public daily from 8am until dusk.



5. Urban Forest Park



The Urban Forest Park is situated to the north west of Coalville on Linden Way. Formerly a landfill site, the area has been transformed into an important habitat for wildlife.

Over 8,400 trees have been planted in the last decade, many of which are now starting to develop, giving a feel of the forest to come. The Urban Forest also features a natural play area and trail. There is a linking footpath between Nature Alive and Urban Forest Park via the railway bridge.

