

Brierley Forest Park



This beautiful haven for nature was created in 1992 and comprises former farmland, woodland, a long established recreational area known as Roker Park and part of the old Sutton Colliery site now restored to nature.

The colliery was known locally as Brierley Pit. Many of its first miners came from Brierley Hill in the West Midlands; hence the name Brierley Forest Park.

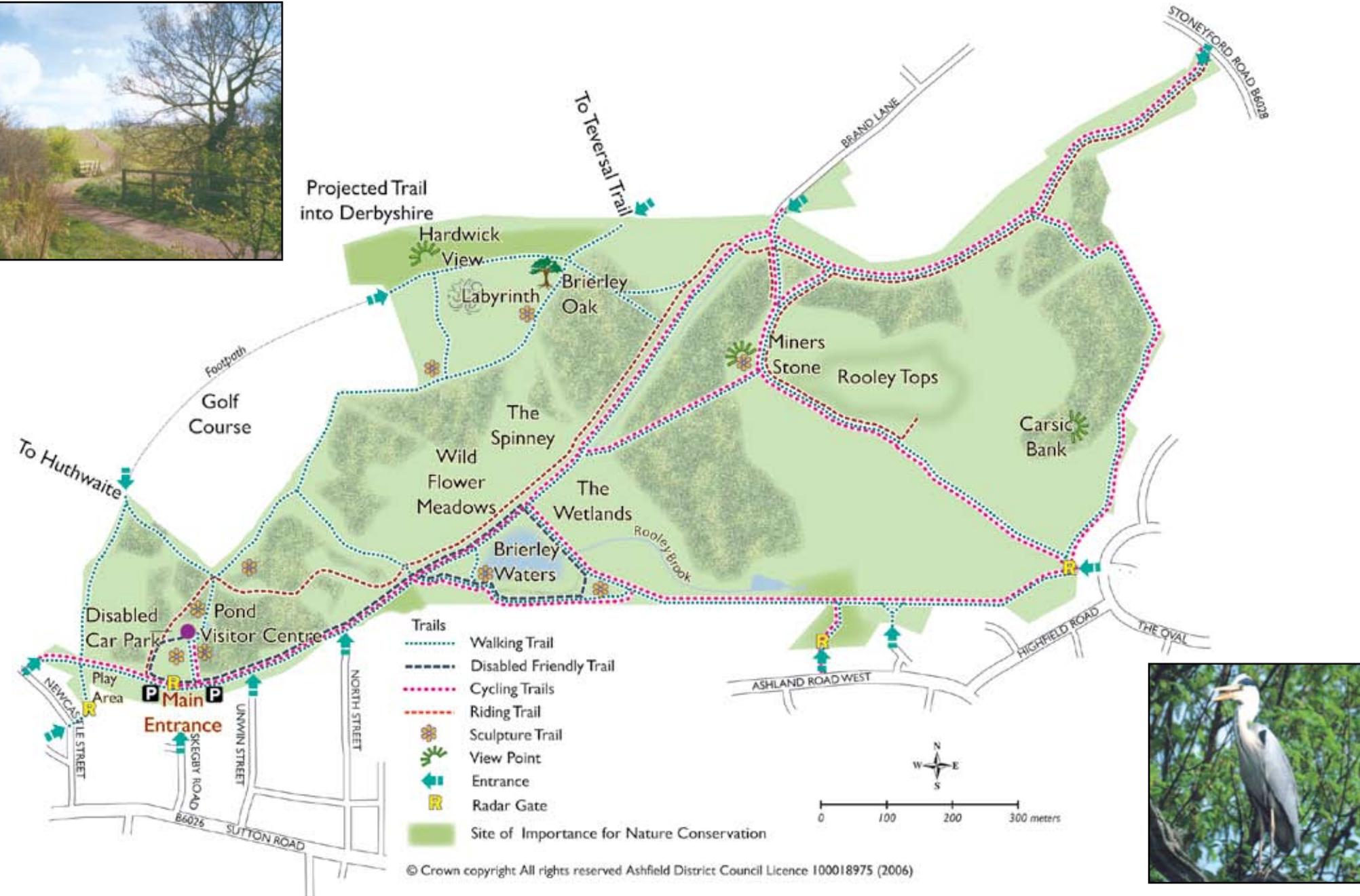
The Visitor Centre opened in 1999 and was built on the site of an old brickworks.



Park Status

Brierley Forest Park is part of the Greenwood Community Forest and comprises an area of 100 hectares (250 acres) making it one of the largest Community Woodlands in the UK, which won its first Green Flag Award in 2003. It is also a Local Nature Reserve.

Map of Brierley Park



Natural History

The underlying magnesium limestone, heavy clay sub-soils and the thin soil cover on the former colliery spoil heap, provide a wide range of habitats and a rich diversity of flora and fauna.

Please help to conserve this natural haven by observing the following advice:

- 🐾 Whilst bird life is abundant in the park, the success of ground-nesting species, such as the skylark, is susceptible to disturbance. Therefore during the nesting season (March – September), visitors are urged to keep their dogs on lead near any long grass. On no account should dogs be allowed in the lake or ponds.
- 🐾 Admire and photograph the wildflowers but do not pick them; leave them for others to enjoy.
- 🐾 No fishing
- 🐾 No motorbikes or quad bikes
- 🐾 Please take your litter home
- 🐾 Keep your dog under control
- 🐾 Have consideration for other park users e.g. on the trails and footpaths
- 🐾 No camping, fires or barbeques
- 🐾 Keep out of the water



Nature Conservation

Recreation & Leisure

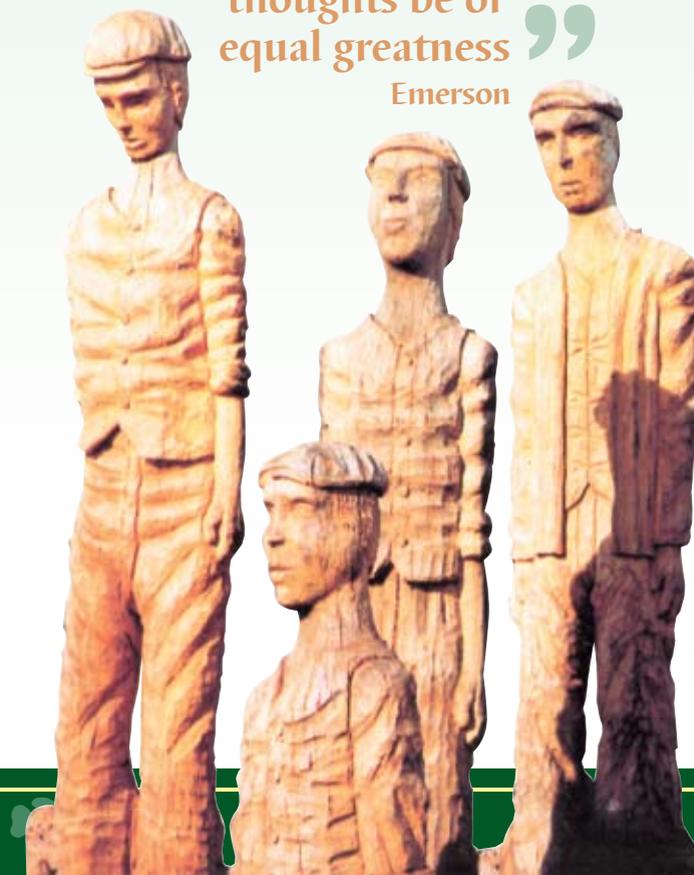
How To Find the Park

Opening Hours

Brierley Forest Park Local Nature Reserve

“ Nature stretches out her arms to embrace man; Only let his thoughts be of equal greatness ”

Emerson



The Park is open during daylight hours all year round.

The Visitors Centre is open
Tuesday to Friday 11.00am - 3.00pm (Winter)
4.00pm (Summer)

Sat to Sun 11.00am - 1.30pm

Bank Holiday Mondays 11.00am - 4.00pm

Closed other Mondays



Facilities in the Visitor Centre

- Café serving light refreshments
- Two meeting/function rooms available for hire
- Displays and local information
- Full access for disabled people including toilet facilities and free wheelchair hire
- Toilets (including nappy changing facilities)



The park is brown sign posted from the A38 with the main car park and visitor centre being accessed via Skegby Road, Huthwaite.

There are regular bus services along Sutton Road, Huthwaite serving the main entrance and along Stoneyford Road, Stanton Hill.

The nearest train station is the Sutton Parkway station on the Robin Hood line, 3.5 miles from the park.

Brierley Forest Park is owned and managed by Ashfield District Council.

For further information contact:

The Visitor Centre: 01623 550172

The Ranger Service: 01623 457465

Ashfield District Council: 01623 450000

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- Football pitch and changing rooms (available by arrangement)
- Running, Orienteering and cycle trails adjacent to 18 hole Golf course
- Children's play area
- Picnic areas

Arts & Crafts

Follow the Park's Sculpture Trail shown on the map or enjoy a guided walk in the park and surrounding countryside with it's reminders of the area's heritage, based on coal mining, railways and agriculture.



The Friends of Brierley Forest Park

The 'Friends' are volunteers with environmental interests who act as a link between the local community and Ashfield District Council.

The Friends work closely with the Council Rangers on nature conservation and encourage community involvement in the park.

Anyone interested in joining the Friends should enquire at the visitor centre.

