

Maze Park Nature Reserve

Reserve Area: 42 Acres

OS Map: Explorer Sheet 306 Middlesbrough and Hartlepool (1:25,000)

Grid Reference: NZ 467191

Description:

Maze Park is a highly visible post industrial grassland on the southern bank of the River Tees, in the heart of the Tees Corridor.

Access:

Entrance footpaths/cycleways onto the site from the Tees Barrage and Newport Bridge.

Grayling Butterfly

Maze Park supports a growing population of the regionally important Grayling Butterfly. Discovered in 2000, Maze Park is one of only three colonies identified in the North East of England.

Preferring open bare ground to bask in the sun, and clumps of short grass in which to lay its eggs and feed, work is being carried out on Maze Park to create the ideal conditions for the butterfly to thrive. The best time to look for them is in early July.

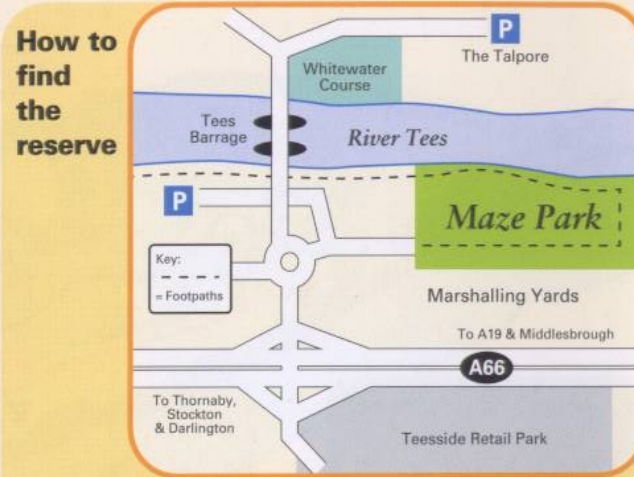


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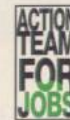
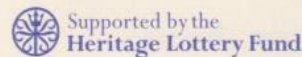
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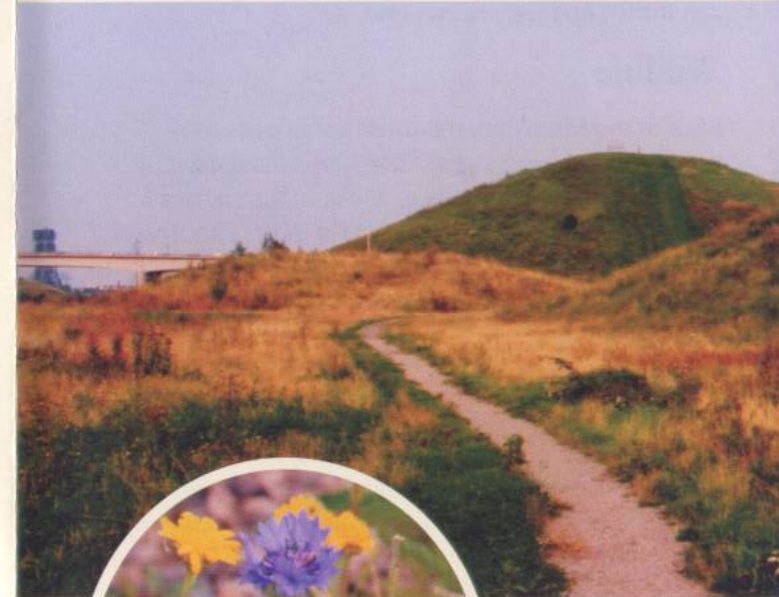
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To get to Maze Park follow the road signs for the Tees Barrage. Parking available at the Tees Barrage and The Talpore



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Nature
reclaiming
industrial land

Maze Park - nature reclaiming its past

A nature reserve where people can walk, explore and experience nature first hand. All this in the heart of the Tees Valley, between Stockton and Middlesbrough.

Maze Park was created during the construction of the Teesdale development in early 1990's. The earth moved during the development was deposited on an area of the old marshalling yards, to create the 3 large mounds that you can see today.

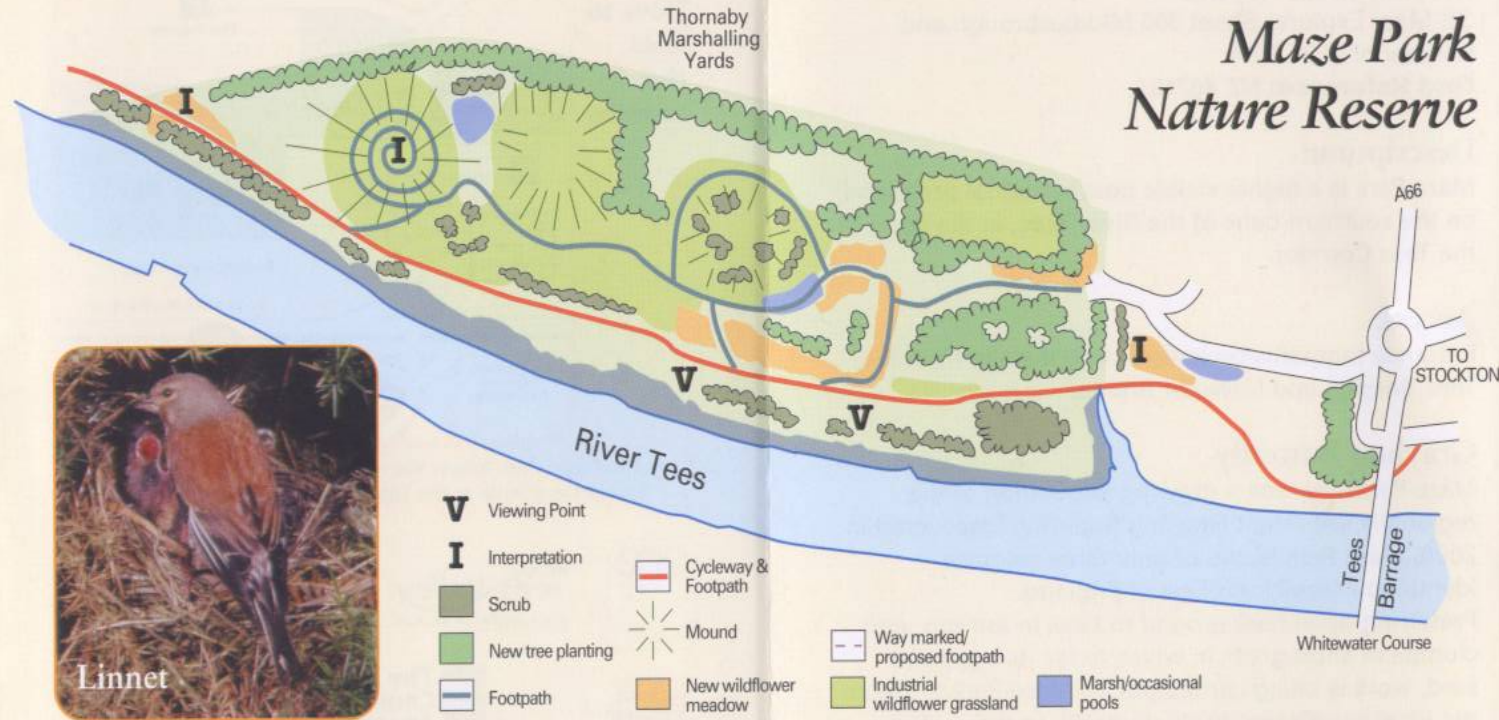
Since 1998, the Tees Valley Wildlife Trust has managed the site as a nature reserve, as a place where wildlife can thrive, and people can visit.

Wildlife

Each of the Maze Park mounds has its own soil characteristics, and so has developed distinctly different plant communities, which in turn attract a wide variety of insects and animals to the site. The site also provides opportunities to see the wildlife that lives on the River Tees.

Maze Park View Point

Follow the spiral footpath around the largest of the three mounds, you will find an artwork feature at the top of the mound. In the shape of a railway wheel, the artwork directs you to some great views across the Tees Valley.



Information on the site

Maze Park is on the southern bank of the River Tees, just outside Middlesbrough and backs onto the railway marshalling yards. Access is from the A66.

Maze Park has a network of footpaths to encourage visitors to walk around and explore the entire site. The National Cycle Network Route 1 runs along the riverbank providing a safe cycling link between Middlesbrough and Stockton, and a link into the Teesdale Way. Riverside viewing areas offer great opportunities for seeing the wildlife that lives in or on the River Tees, including Common Seals, Salmon and Sand Martin.

How does the Trust manage the reserve?

Work has been undertaken by the Tees Valley Wildlife Trust to manage the different habitats to benefit the wildlife that lives there. This includes scrub and tree planting (as part of the Tees Forest), creating areas of bare open ground, and grassland management work to promote a wider range of plant species. Interpretation boards are also located on the site to give further information to visitors.

