




THE NATIONAL
FOREST

Lount Nature Reserve

Nature reserve on the site of New Lount Colliery, the shortest-lived colliery in the area, which operated from 1924-1968. In 1997, Leicestershire County Council completed restoration with financial aid from the Government and through European Funding

Facilities



 Paul Winson 156 or Arriva Midlands 177—both infreq.

Nearby sites to visit

- Lountwood
- Coleorton Wood

What to look for

Three wetland pools near the top of the tip were created in 1986 to safeguard plants threatened by nearby opencasting. Marshland, grassland and waterside plants from that time have now established themselves.

Unimproved grassland which naturally colonised the site when mining ceased is left as open ground and is a haven for grass snakes and bee orchids. Bats hunt over both the water areas and the open grassland.

The old tarmac areas of the sidings remain intact as a reminder of the site's past—the last deep mine in Coleorton parish which, when colonised, ended 500 years of deep mining in the parish.

