

# HOE GRANGE QUARRY DERBYSHIRE

## OPEN DAY

Sunday 6 July  
2025

11am – 4pm

### First County Butterfly Reserve

The seventh Open Day for Derbyshire's first Butterfly Reserve has been organised for Sunday the 6th of July 2025 from 11am to 4pm.

Members of Butterfly Conservation East Midlands, including Ray Walker (Hon Warden), together with Pat and Ken Orpe (Derbyshire Butterfly Recorder) will be able to show visitors around this restored limestone quarry. The Information Centre will be open on site, containing illustrated charts of species recorded there recently.



Common Blue



Red Admiral

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Wall Brown (Male)

Longcliffe Quarries will be offering refreshments and providing toilet facilities. For further information, check out our web page: [www.hoegrangequarry.co.uk](http://www.hoegrangequarry.co.uk)

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NO DOGS ALLOWED ON SITE

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Car Parking will be at Curzon Lodge (DE4 4HN) which is situated down the hill towards Grangemill from the crossroads in Longcliffe village. Mini buses will then take visitors direct into nearby Hoe Grange Quarry.

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Hoe Grange – the first Butterfly Nature Reserve in Derbyshire – is on the edge of the Peak District at Longcliffe (SK222/560) in a former limestone quarry. The Reserve is 4.75 hectares and is the result of a joint venture between Longcliffe Quarries Ltd (the site owner), Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and Butterfly Conservation East Midlands. Habitat advice on butterfly friendly plants and volunteers are provided by Butterfly Conservation East Midlands.

Since 2015 the charity has also carried out full butterfly transects of the site. This year is the 50th Anniversary of butterfly transects being carried out in the UK.



Painted Lady

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Wood Tiger Moth

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### Butterfly spotting to date

32 Species

Over 18,500 butterflies have been recorded

Over 180 species of macro moths have been recorded at the site and 19 species of dragonfly.

3 Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) species (*Wall Brown, Dingy Skipper and Small Heath*).

Very large colony of Common Blues due to the fact that bird's foot trefoil has colonised the whole quarry floor since the quarry was left to wildlife in the 1970s.

Also sightings of two Peak District speciality species – the Dark Green Fritillary and the Peak District version of the Brown Argus.



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