




THE NATIONAL
FOREST

Morley Quarry LNR

Charnwood Borough Council own and manage this series of disused stone quarries as a local nature reserve.

Facilities



 Midland Fox 125, 126, 127 to Shepshed freq Mo-Sa, hourly Sun.

Nearby sites to visit

- Beacon Hill Country Park

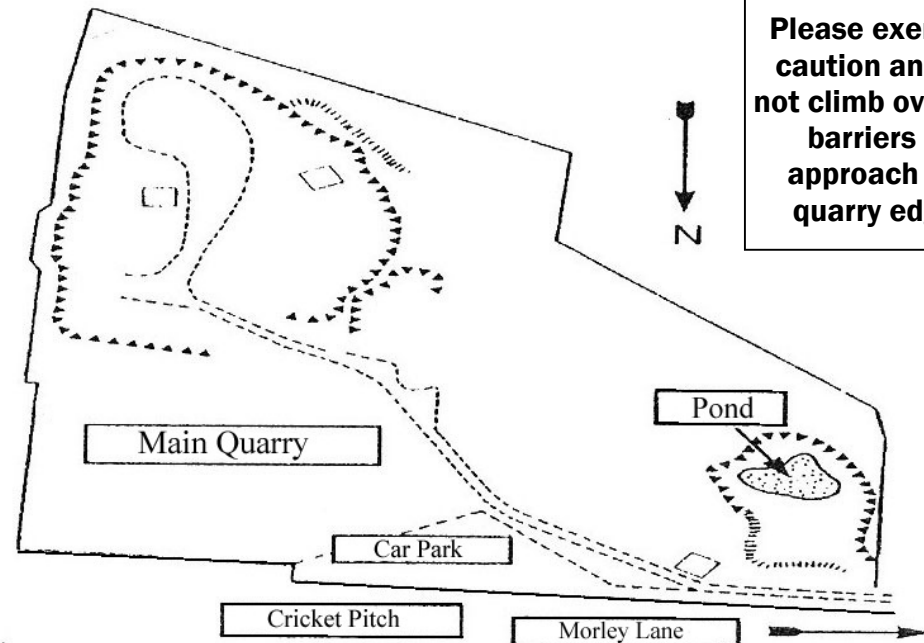
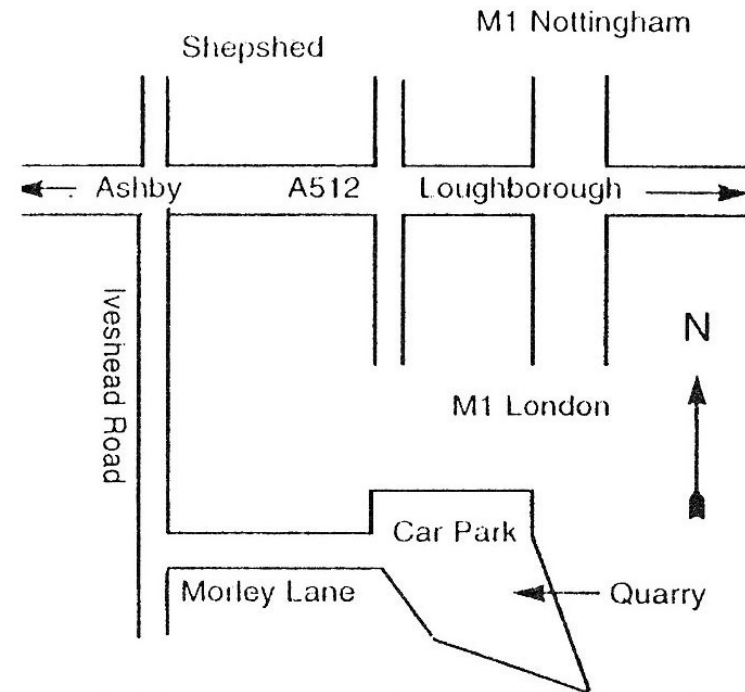
What to look for

A Regionally Important Geological Site, the quarry contains rocks formed 600 million years ago. On the east face of the quarry, you can see white lines of Quartz. Red bands of rock near the top of the face are evidence that the quarry was part of a prehistoric desert.

Area of grass heath include heather, gorse, wavy hair grass and heath bedstraw, while thin soils on the quarry support some uncommon plants such as Bird's Foot.

The ponds support a large breeding population of toads and water plants such as Branched Burr reed and Yellow Water Lily.

On sunny days, look out for many species of butterfly which inhabit the site.



Please exercise caution and do not climb over the barriers or approach the quarry edge.