



# Snibston

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**CT CENTURY THEATRE**

Designed and built between 1948 and 1952, Century Theatre is Britain's oldest surviving travelling theatre. It was later renovated and reassembled on a purpose-built site, adjoining the historic mine buildings of the former Snibston Colliery in Coalville, Leicestershire.

Since re-opening in 1997, the theatre continues to play an ever-increasing role in the local community and surrounding area, hosting a vast range of quality shows and arts activities, including classic drama, live music, comedy, dance and films.

**Colliery CAFE**

Visitors to the Colliery Café can enjoy a selection of hot drinks and refreshments as part of a great day out at Snibston Colliery Park.

With outdoor seating that faces the play area, the café and the surrounding landscape act as the perfect resting spot for visitors.

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Toilet and shower facilities, and a Changing Places are available at the café.



### Snibston Heritage Trail

This former colliery site is rich in history and offers visitors the opportunity to step back in time meandering around historic buildings and machinery to get a sense of how the mine worked in days gone by.

Follow the trail to learn more of the history of mining in Coalville and northwest Leicestershire.

Sturdy footwear is strongly recommended in this area.

### Playground

The outdoor playground offers a great space to keep little (and big!) explorers entertained. With lots of play equipment to choose from, there is something suitable for all ages.

### Pump track

Perfect for younger riders, the pump track, next to the play area, has been specially designed to be suitable for balance bikes, scooters and pedal bikes. The circuit of rollers and banked turns gives riders the opportunity to practise gaining momentum and learning new skills.

### Skills area

Build confidence at the Snibston Colliery Park skills area where you can practice skills if you're not quite ready to tackle the trail. The skills area is designed with jumps, uneven terrain and boardwalks giving novice cyclists the opportunity to build confidence and master the basics. More confident cyclists can use it as an area to hone their skills and improve their fitness.

### Sculptures

Dotted around the site are various sculptures, commissioned to reflect the mining and locomotive history of this former colliery site. Amongst these are the Irish Elk sculptures created by local artist Sally Matthews. The sculptures were created using recycled and reformed metal and were chosen to represent the elks which roamed the area before the Ice Age.

### Mountain Bike Trail

Snibston Colliery Park's mountain bike trail is 4km of jumps, bumps and berms that takes you twisting and turning through physically and technically demanding tracks on and around the original colliery spoil heap. With mining heritage on the horizon as you move through the woodlands and natural foliage, this mountain bike trail offers an experience like no other.

The mountain bike trail is a blue grade route suitable for intermediate cyclists or mountain bikers with basic off-road riding skills.

Key		Distance	Walking Time	Surface
	All-weather route	1.2 km	20 mins	Mainly tarmac, with one gravel section, maximum gradient 1 in 4
	Perimeter route	2.25 km	35 mins	Gravel paths and grass tracks
	Viewpoints route	2.5 km	45 mins	Gravel paths and grass tracks
	Mountain bike trail	4 km	-	Blue Grade trail

### Fishing

Within the Grange Nature Reserve are two fishing lakes. They are well stocked with a variety of fish including carp weighing over 20lbs, roach, tench and perch. Purchase your day ticket from on-site staff, or consider a season ticket, which are available from the Country Parks website.

### Grange Nature Reserve

At the southern edge of Snibston Colliery Park is the Grange Nature Reserve with its Victorian arboretum, wetland area, boardwalks, wildflower meadow and two fishing lakes. Once the gardens of the Colliery Manager, it is now a special area of ecological interest and was designated a Local Nature Reserve in 1993.



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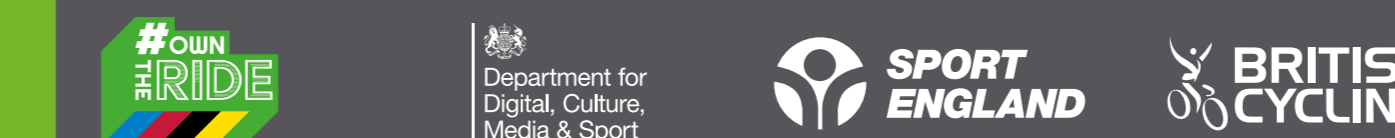
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