

100 metres

Please visit with respect

Nose's Point is an important wildlife conservation area. The cliff top grasslands are unique in the British Isles. In addition, ground-nesting birds, such as Skylarks, which are under threat in the U.K. are found here. Please keep to the paths and keep dogs on a lead during the nesting season from March to September.



Dawdon Colliery



Dingy Skipper

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Common Octopus

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The lifeblood of Dawdon

The pit was the mainstay of Dawdon's economy; at its height it employed 3300 men and in its lifetime broke both national and European production records. It was one of the last pits in the North East to close [1907 – 1991].

Unique grassland

The Durham coast is the only place in Britain where magnesian limestone meets the sea. This creates an unusual natural environment with a combination of grassland plants and animals that can be found nowhere else.

Abundant sealife has returned

The colliery waste dumped into the sea covered the sea bed in a thick blanket of sludge smothering sea life. The change has been dramatic; a century of mining waste has gone and sea life is thriving beneath the waves once more.

Atmospheric wooded dene

The coastal denes are a distinctive feature of the Durham Heritage Coast. They were cut out by melt water during successive ice ages. Hawthorn Dene, a semi natural ancient woodland nature reserve is just a short walk from Nose's Point.