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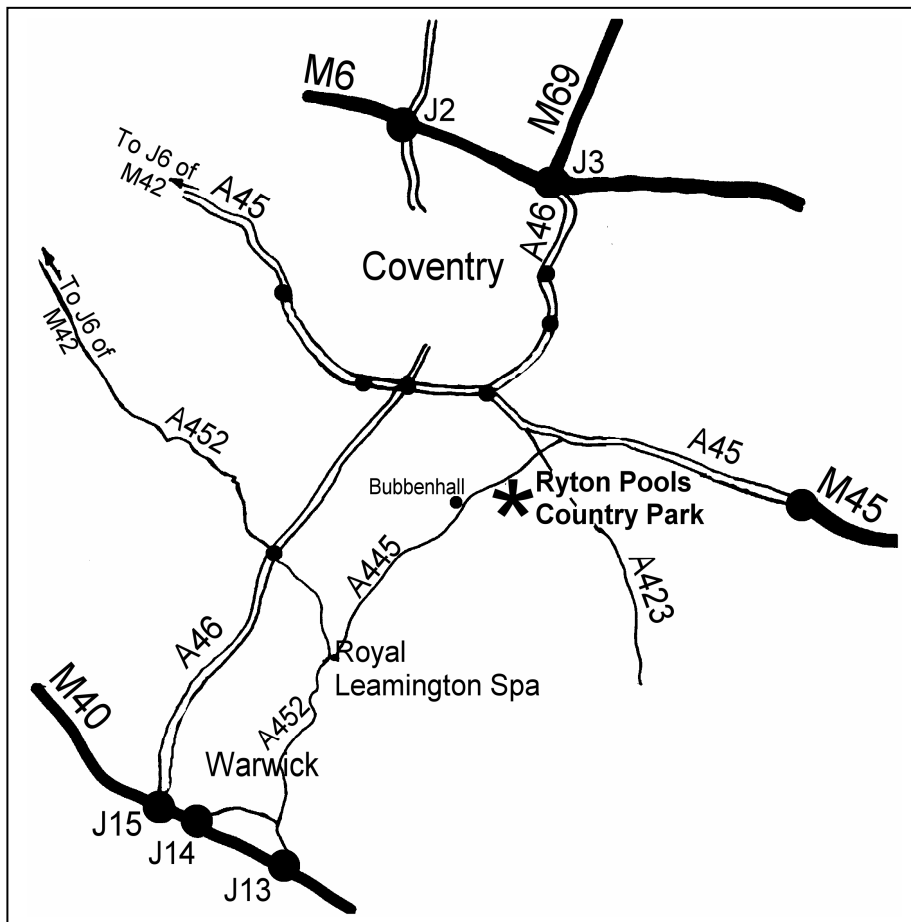


Figure 1. Location map for Ryton Pools Country Park.

SITE NAME: Ryton Pools Country Park

STATUS: Regionally Important Geological and Geomorphological Site (RIGS)

LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY: Warwickshire County Council (Rugby Borough Council)

GRID REFERENCE: SP 373726

OS MAPS: 1:25,000 Landranger Sheet 140 Leicester (Coventry and Rugby)

BGS MAPS: 1:50,000 BGS Sheet 184 Warwick (Solid and Drift)

DIRECTIONS:

FROM THE NORTH AND EAST:

Either proceed along the M6 to junction 2, or from junction 21 of the M1 take the M69 south west to junction 2 of the M6.

From junction 2 of the M6 take the A46 dual carriageway southwest. At the third roundabout turn left onto the A45, dual carriage way. After 0.8 km take the slip road onto the elevated roundabout and take the first exit, A423. After 1.5 km, at the first roundabout, take the third exit on to the A445. After 1.5km the signposted Ryton Pools Country Park entrance is on the left.

FROM THE SOUTH EAST:

Leave the M1 at junction 17 on the M45 and proceed to its end and onto the A45. After 6km turn left onto the A445. Continue straight across the next two roundabouts. Then, after 1km the Ryton Pools Country Park entrance is on the left.

FROM THE SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST:

Proceed along the M42/M40 to junction 13/14 of the M40. Turn north onto the A452 to the east of Warwick. After 7km turn right (northeast) onto the A445. Proceed for 10km and the Ryton Pools Country Park entrance is on the right.

WHEN PLANNING A VISIT:

Access to the prepared faces in the Country Park described here will need to be pre-arranged, as they lie in a protected area, beyond a padlocked gate. There are two prepared faces: one lower down behind dark plastic panes; the other with a viewing platform at the top of a flight of wooden steps (**to be erected in early 2007**). Please check during the planning of this visit that these steps are in place at the time of your visit. If they are **not**, then omit this face and conduct activities at the lower protected face, and the rest of the park which has no such restriction.

At an early stage in the planning group leaders should contact the **Education Ranger at Ryton Pools Country Park, Ryton Road, Bubbenhall, COVENTRY CV8 3BH** for details on access, and to arrange any use of the classroom facilities and the café.

RPCP Contact details: **Tel: 024 76 30 5592** or Email: parks@warwickshire.gov.uk

INFORMATION:

The country park is open from 8:00 am in the mornings and closes, depending on the season, between 4:00 pm in January and 9:00 pm in June and July.

Daily Parking charges are payable at the barrier on entry. There are no receipts given.

Charges as at December 06 are:

* Cars £1:50

* Minibuses with between 10 and 25 people £4:50

* Coaches (and small buses with more than 25 people) £9:00

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS: Wheel chair access within the Country Park is good, although the final approaches to the faces described here is over much more difficult, soft and sloping ground. There will be no suitable wheelchair access to any working sites chosen to extend this visit.

INITIAL RISK ASSESSMENT:

All group leaders should meet with their parties prior to the *On-Site* visit and impress upon participants the educational nature of the event, and the need for extra consideration for the safety of themselves and others.

Each group should have a member of staff proficient in First Aid, and carry a mobile telephone for emergencies.

There is no substitute for group leaders viewing the site before the field visit and making their own risk assessment, according to the requirements of their own Local Authority. The following assessment is only a guide.

RISK	ACTION
Pools of water.	Take care not to approach the slopes near the ponds and pools. Stay on the paths.
Mud.	Make sure the group has proper clothing and footwear.
Slippery steps and decking.	Make sure the pupils behave sensibly and walk carefully along any decking.
Roads.	Beware of traffic on the paved roads within the Country Park.
Slopes.	Do not allow groups to climb slopes in the area, they are on clay and are slippery. Stay on footpaths.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

The site was quarried for sand and gravel up to the 1980s, after which it was used as a disposal site for domestic refuse by Warwick County Council. The area was back filled and re-instated with topsoil and landscaped, later being opened as a Country Park. The face in this park is on the eastern wall of the original quarry, and shows the Quaternary Baginton gravels and sands capped by the Thrussington Till.