

Discovering fossils - Latton Quarry

Gravel extraction provides a unique educational opportunity to see rocks that are rarely exposed inland.

Hills works with the Cotswold Water Park Trust and Discovering Fossils to provide opportunities for people of all ages to visit its quarries to hear about the fascinating geology, fossils and prehistory of the local area and go on guided fossil hunts.

For example, fossils from as far back as the Jurassic period, 165 million years ago, and Ice Age mammoth teeth that are only a mere 49,000 years old have all been found at Latton Quarry, deposited there by the River Thames which was much bigger in the past than it is today.



Mammoth tooth



Ammonite

Other finds include a Woolly Rhinoceros tooth, ammonites, fossil wood and corals, and two ice age hand axes which indicate that early man was once in the area around 120,000 years ago.