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Rising Sun Country Park

Not really a lot to say about today's amble: the group assembled at Palmersville Metro station by the appointed time, and off we set. Information boards are placed at various locations throughout the park providing both photographic and textual information regarding the past and present, hence the lack of my usual narration following these ambles!

The whole environment was completely different to our last few ambles that were in mainly in urban or semi-urban districts of the region, but having said that, most of the park area was, from 1906 to 1969, a deep mine, and believed to be the world's largest coal mining complex employing over 1,400 people underground and nearly 300 above ground at its peak in 1965.

Little visible evidence remains of the colliery with the exception of a few metres of rail track, with redundant railbeds and road ways converted into walking trails or consolidated into metalled access roads.

A final few words: whoever looks after the weather on our ambles did it again as the forecast wind, showers and cooler temperatures didn't materialise and some had to remove jackets to keep their cool!

