

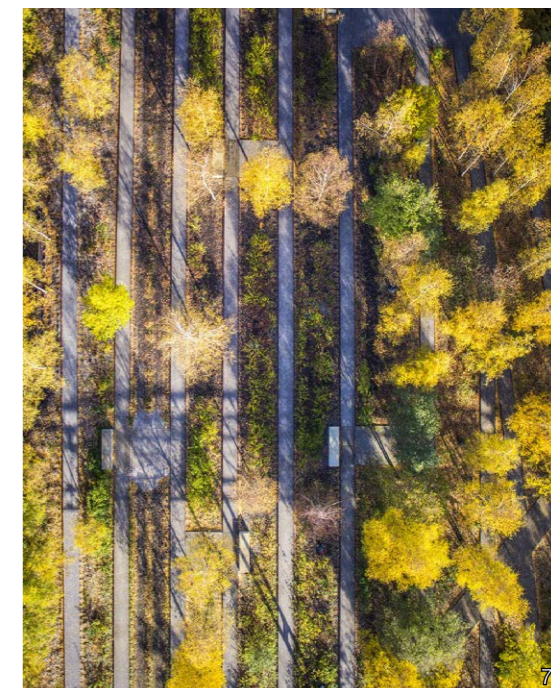
ZOLLVEREIN PARK

OUTDOOR FACILITIES OF THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE OF THE ZOLLVEREIN COAL MINE AND COKING PLANT



The history of Zollverein Park dates back to the 1990's. Before the ending of coal extraction and the termination of coke production, the area around the winding towers and coke batteries was an unappreciated landscape, a forgotten space: a no-man's-land where flora and fauna were rather furtive; humans were to be found rarely, particularly since the former work place got fenced off, immured and secured against intruders: a restricted area in an urban environment.

Under these conditions nature began to grow: birches and shrubs, ferns and moss covered the area with a green-coloured carpet.



- 1: Zollverein after construction of shaft XII was completed, ca. 1933 © Archiv Zeche Zollverein e.V.
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- 4: Zollverein when it became UNESCO World Heritage, ca. 2001 © unknown
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