

Warren Moor Ironstone Mine

Located at NZ 625088

Shafts (2 No.) 229 feet deep into the Main Seam and Dogger Seam

1865-1868: Warren Moor Iron Company

1872-1876: Leven Vale Iron Company

John Watson and his partners took a lease on the ironstone for 42 years from 1st January 1866 at a price of 5d. per ton. Progress seems to have been made, but by February 1867 the company was in financial trouble. In June 1868 the estate re-acquired possession of the mine and plant. In 1872 another company, the Leven Vale Company obtained a lease from the Turton estate, on the same terms as the previous company. This company seems to have worked the Dogger Seam from drifts under Warren Farm, driven into the outcrop along the line of the branch railway. They also built miners cottages near to the mine. They went into liquidation in August 1874.

Stone does not appear to have been worked from the shafts. The Dogger seam outcropping on the nearby hillside and the stone appears to have been calcined in clamps before being sent along the branch line which connected with the North Yorkshire and Cleveland railway.

May 2007-The North Yorkshire Moors National Park have done some preservation work at Warren Moor Mine (see comments on the site warning sign). There is the distinctive boiler house chimney, which has been stabilised and is now the only one that still remains standing of all the Cleveland Ironstone Mines. Nearby are the remains of the engine house and underground pumping engine house. Water is seeping from the Dogger seam drifts, which are easily traced along the hillside.