

The banished are back... and this time
we've brought our sultan lotion

Mass Trespass on Hatfield Moor

11am, Saturday 25th August

Peat moorland is a rapidly vanishing habitat. When asking for proposed sites for 'Special Area of Conservation' status, the EU specifically told our government to include peatland—and yet we allow the biggest peatland in the country to be sealed off to the public, dug up, packed in bags and sold for better hanging baskets, purely for the profit of US company, Scotts.

This is unacceptable!

Join the mass trespass on the moor for:

- ♦ Public access to the moorland
- ♦ An end to peat extraction
- ♦ 'Special Area of Conservation' status for Hatfield Moor



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The Situation

Thorne & Hatfield Conservation Forum, Friends of the Earth, Leeds Earth First! and many individuals locally and nationally have been fighting for decades to stop peat extraction from the moors. Currently there is a move to get a suspension order while other legal manoeuvring goes on. Even if SAC status were granted tomorrow, Scotts would be able to carry on digging for at least two years while they appeal the decision under the Human Rights Act (yes, companies have the same rights as individuals, if not more!), so the suspension order is essential. **It may not be possible to restore the site as a peatland if Scotts manage to cut as much as they want THIS SEASON. At the current rate of cutting, there will be no peat left at all in three years.**

What to bring

Remember that the bare peat concentrates both heat and rain, so wear a combination of wellies and sun bloc and bring lots of water. Mossies are rife in the area - come well prepared. Placards, flags, banners, frisbees, footballs and cake are all highly appropriate—and don't forget a picnic.

This is a family-friendly event

Where to meet

We will be gathering at Tyrham Hall Motel Fishing Lake between 10.30 and 11am. Take the M180 from J5 of the M18 and at the first junction turn south on the A18 to Doncaster. Turn left at the Green Tree pub (A614). The derelict motel is about 2 miles down, just past the second prison. Drive along the track towards the fishing lake until you spot us!