



Since 2005 the long-term concept of development by maintenance goes hand in hand with the gradual realization of the elements of Zollverein Park. Over a relatively long period, the forbidden zone step by step develops to a park which is ready to get explored.

Zollverein Park keeps its unique selling point by the high-contrast interacting between the clear, simple forms and structures of industrial architecture and the variety of spontaneous vegetation. The shape and outer appearance of Zollverein Park are being developed by a systematic and continuous „design by maintenance“.

With its status as UNESCO World Heritage site, Zollverein has a very high radiance and attraction for the city of Essen and the Ruhr region. In the foreground is the impressive industrial architecture of the mine plant. The open spaces have an unobtrusive look which creates a surface to take an appropriate effect on the architecture; they complement the ensemble to a formal framework that makes the dimensions of the site tangible and attract tourists and local residents equally. The visitor is invited to discover the park.

