

Photo and filming opportunities relating to the cutting of the design into the maize will be available at Raines Hall Farm on Tuesday 28th June, at 10.30 a.m. This novel and relatively rare operation will be the first step in creating a tourist attraction, within Cumbria, which is likely to attract thousands of visitors a year and deliver a tourism experience that relatively few families have enjoyed.

The event will also provide the opportunity to speak to the owners of the Lakeland Maize Maze and will deliver the first insights as to what will be available to the public as from July 16th.

CUMBRIA'S FIRST MAIZE MAZE SET TO PRUNE ITS PUZZLE

'Getting lost is all part of the fun' is the message been cultivated in Cumbria, as Lakeland's very first corn maize maze prepares to prune its mystery puzzle, before opening its gates to the general public on July 16.

The Lakeland Maize Maze is set to become a xxxxxx metre long directional riddle laid out in the shape of a top-secret design that can only be viewed from the air. The maze's unique shape has to be cut into the crop whilst it is relatively short in height and still growing - an operation that will take place at the maze's venue, Raines Hall Farm, in Sedgwick, near Kendal, on the morning of Tuesday, June 28.

Graham and Jane Wadsworth, the owners of Raines Hall Farm, have been growing and selling maize successfully for six years and are launching Lakeland Maize Maze with the assistance of the North West Farm Tourism Initiative. NWFTI is a programme that helps working farms to diversify and become tourist attractions.

Derek Johnson from GPS (Global Satellite Positioning) will have his trimmers at the ready when he joins the Wadsworths to shape the nine-acre field of maize by hand, to a design drawn up by the world's leading maize maze designer, Adrian Fisher Ltd. This company has designed most of the 30 Maize Mazes that are currently open in the UK. This one will be Cumbria's first and be an all Lakeland Experience, with a theme that changes annually, but which always has a regional relevancy.

Both kids and adults alike will indulge in hours of fun, exploring the mind-boggling adventure that will await them once the maze is cut. As well as solving the puzzle of getting out of the maze, they can also tackle a quiz, consisting of ten boards that are split between Quiz A, a test for adults and Quiz B, which promises to test the minds of children.

Four other mazes are to be found in the recreational area, in addition to draught boards, pedal tractors, go karts, tabletop puzzles and much more. And if the excitement proves too much, there is a picnic area to relax and admire the rolling hills under the Cumbrian sunshine.

Graham Wadsworth says, "We are looking forward to cutting the maize crop into something magical, in which children and adults can have hours of fun. The team at Adrian Fisher have done a wonderful job designing a maze that is special and unique to our region.

"It will be all hands on deck when Derek Johnson and myself cut the crop into the shape of the design, but we are excitedly anticipating

the results, once the maize has grown to its capacity of seven feet or more."

From July 16 to September 4, the Lakeland Maize Maze will be open every day from 10.00am - 6.00 pm. After September 4, the maze will only be open at weekends until the close of season on September 30. Group bookings are available by prior arrangement from July 16 to 30 September.

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