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SEE LADY LIBERTY AS SHE'S NEVER BEEN SEEN BEFORE

Start spreading the news, the New York Maze is open today...

The Big Apple's iconic symbol of liberty has been recreated in the form of one of the largest maize mazes in the world. Farmer Tom Percy has turned his 18-acre field in York, England, into a giant image of The Statue of Liberty.

Measuring 400m (1300f) long, over 10 times the size of the real thing, The Statue of Liberty has been painstakingly carved out of over 1 million living maize plants, to create an intricate maze for visitors to explore.

Says Tom Percy, "We have invested over £1 million in York Maze's move to its new location and put in lots of new attractions. As a 'new' York Maze it seemed appropriate to base this year's design on New York, I also wanted to mark the links between York and New York. The Statue of Liberty is an instantly recognisable image and makes a great maze."

"We are so pleased to see that the Statue of Liberty is being celebrated in such a unique way in York," said Stephen A. Briganti, President and CEO of The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc. "Lady Liberty stands as a symbol for all the people in the world, but it is especially gratifying to see her linking Old York with New York!"

The New York Maze is open daily from Saturday 19 July until Sunday 7 September.  
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#### **York Maze**

The new site for York Maze covers 45 acres including a tractor-trailer ride maze, a maze of illusions and crazy golf in a maze. The Statue of Liberty Maze is 18 acres (8 football pitches) in size. York Maze is thought to be one of the biggest mazes in the world.

Over £1 million has been invested in the New York Maze site including; giant new sand and water play area, water wars game, jumping pillow, CornQuest interactive tractor-trailer ride in a maze, new shop and café.

Farmer Tom Pearcy started York Maze five years ago as a means of farm diversification following the foot and mouth crisis.

Previous designs:

- 2002 Viking Longship
- 2003 Spiders Web
- 2004 Flying Scotsman
- 2005 Big Ben
- 2006 Star Trek
- 2007 James Bond

York Maze Elvington Lane (B1228), York, YO19 5LT, just off the A1079 Hull Road. Open daily from Saturday 19 July to Sunday 7 September from 10am to 6.30pm (last admission 4.30pm). 2008 admission prices: Adult £7.95, Senior £7.45, Children (3-15) £6.95, Under 3s Free, Family (2 adults and 2 children) £28.00. Free parking.

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#### **The Statue of Liberty**

The Statue of Liberty official dedication ceremony was held on 28 October 1886. The height of the Statue from her heel to the top of her head is 111 feet 6 inches (34 metres). The statue weighs 225 tons.

The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1982 to raise funds for and oversee the historic restorations of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, working in partnership with the National Park Service/U.S. Department of the Interior. Its endowment has funded over 200 projects at the islands.

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