

# 1. GOLDEN WOODLAND AROUND THE RIVER WYE

## AT A GLANCE

**WHERE:** Symonds Yat Rock, Herefordshire

**DISTANCE:** 4 miles

**DIFFICULTY:** Moderate

**START:** Large pay and display car park across the road from Yat Rock

**GRID REF:** SO564156

**POST CODE:** GL16 7NZ

**MAP:** OS Explorer OL14  
Wye Valley & Forest of Dean



**1.** It's worth crossing the road bridge from the car park to take a quick look at the viewpoint at Yat Rock, just in case it's clouded over later when you come back. From the car park, exit to the south on a small track that runs alongside the B4432 for 100 metres. After a few minutes this crosses the car park exit road before taking you deep into the forest.

**2.** After a while the track swings close to the road and a telephone box. Take a right here along the forestry vehicle track, passing another car park. When the stream is crossed, take the left-hand fork and join the main track heading due west. You are now on the Wysis Way.

**3.** Within 10 minutes of joining the trail, the route >

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turns left at an unmarked junction. This is a small, narrow track, but can be determined by its consistent westerly bearing.

**4.** Keep heading west, resisting the temptation to be seduced down wider paths. Ignore all the crossing forestry roads until you reach the one where The Biblins campsite is signposted. Descend this broad path until you reach the River Wye and then head right along its banks to Symonds Yat East village.

**5.** The listed Saracen's Head pub makes a very pleasant meal break overlooking the River Wye and the ferry. Leave the pub to the right heading up the lane to the small hotel, take the left path by the fence and head uphill out of the gorge.

**6.** Once climbed, cross the tiny road bridge from the

car park and turn left to the obvious viewpoint where on a fine day you'll be rewarded with views of the River Wye and Welsh Borders. Exit the viewpoint to the south, cross the bridge, head past the gift shop and continue back into the car park you started from.

*This walk is courtesy of [www.walkingbritain.co.uk](http://www.walkingbritain.co.uk)*

**POINTS OF INTEREST**

- *As well as offering great views over the River Wye, Yat Rock is one of the best places in the country to spot peregrine falcons. Goshawks, sparrowhawks and even ospreys might also be seen.*
- *The two halves of Symonds Yat are connected by two cable ferries taking foot passengers across the River Wye. The ferryman pulls the boat across using an overhead tensioned cable. 🦉*