




12 HEREFORDSHIRE/GLOUCS SYMONDS YAT

■ Distance: 5½ miles/8.9km ■ Time: 3 hours ■ Grade: Moderate 

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The view from Yat Rock.

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The Wye Valley is renowned for the spectacular views to be enjoyed from Yat Rock, where you can watch the Peregrine Falcons swooping in among the horseshoe loop of the River Wye. This walk starts in the less well-known side of Symonds Yat - in the West. Enjoy climbing up through the country lanes, going down the forest tracks, crossing the bridge, walking along the riverside footpaths and taking the hand ferry at the Saracen's Head Inn. This picturesque walk will ensure you have a chance to appreciate one of the best spots in the area!

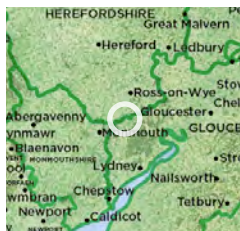
1 Start

From The Paddocks Hotel turn R onto the B4164, then immediately L onto Ashes Lane. Continue to the end, then turn L onto Saw Pitts Lane and walk to the top.

2 1 mile/1.6km

At the Saw Pitts Lane sign, turn sharply L onto the larger unnamed lane. After Green Meadow, you'll see two footpaths on the R, take the L hand path. Follow this and you'll pop out onto the lane again. Follow the lane past Beechnut Cottage, and fork R onto Marling Pits Lane, a small green path. Go straight ahead, with a white horse stable on your L and carry on. Turn R upon reaching the lane, then

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking P&D at The Paddocks Hotel, Symonds Yat West, postcode HR9 6BL, grid ref SO556166

Is it for me? Blend of steep lane and footpath ascents, easy riverside paths and two river crossings (suspension bridge and hand ferry)

Stiles None

PLANNING

Nearest town Monmouth

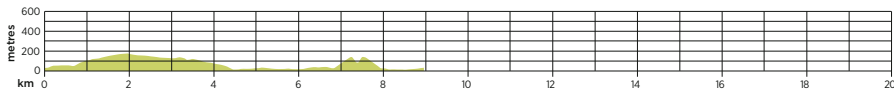
Refreshments Doward Park Campsite (summer, 01600 890438), Symonds Yat Rock Café (01594 834479) and The Saracens Head Inn (01600 890435)

Public toilets Yat Rock Viewpoint, The Saracen's Head Inn car park

Public transport Bus 34 Ross-on-Wye - Monmouth (Nick Maddy Coaches) stops at Whichchurch Roundabout, ¾ mile away

Maps OS Explorer OL14; Landranger 162

GRADIENT PROFILE



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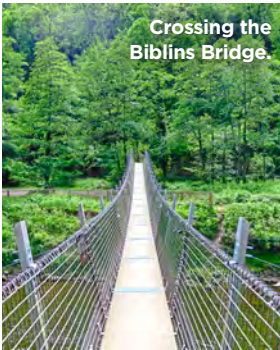
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DON'T MISS...



The red chalet between the Royal Lodge and Yat Rock Viewpoint where Netflix's *Sex Education* was filmed (take a peek over the fence!).

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Crossing the
Biblins Bridge.

go straight ahead onto May Bush Lane and follow this as it bends to the R and walk past Woodview. At the end turn L.

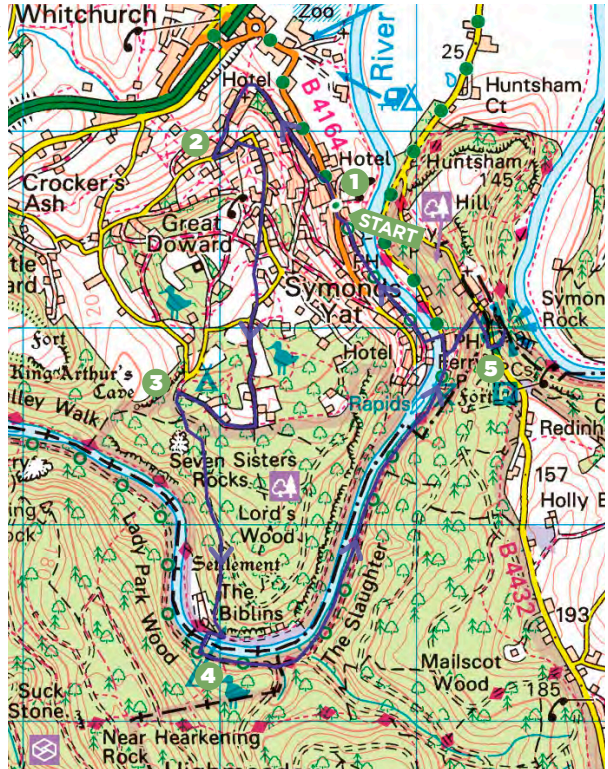
3 2¼ miles/3.6km

Walk down through Lord's Wood car park, going through the big green gate. Follow this main track down for a mile until you reach another big green gate at the warden's cabin. Turn R and cross Biblins Bridge.

4 3¼ miles/5.2km

Turn L onto the Peregrine Path. Follow this along the

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riverside for 1½ miles until you reach the Royal Lodge. Just after here, turn R and walk up into the woods. At the red chalet fork R, walk up two sets of steps straight ahead, until you reach the café at the top.

5 5 miles/8km

From here you can visit Yat Rock viewpoint. Retrace your steps back down to the Royal Lodge. Turn R and walk to The Saracen's Head Inn and take the hand ferry across

(charges apply - phone ahead to check running times, 01600 890435). Turn R onto the riverside lane and follow this back up Ferrie Lane to The Paddocks Hotel. [CW](https://www.cw)

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