

061 YHA Wye Valley Symonds Yat Rock

River and woodland walk

Distance: 5 miles (8km) **Ascent:** 52m (171ft)

Time: Allow 2h to 3h 30m



Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (OL14) Wye Valley & Forest of Dean / Dyffryn Gwy a Fforest y Ddena

Start/Finish: OS Locate SO 591 177 **what3words** ///innovate.blinking.monopoly

The route passes through the Wye Valley alongside the River Wye and provides a great view of Symonds Yat Rock. From the rear of the hostel head to the church and turn right onto the riverside footpath. Keep the river on your left, pass under a bridge and follow the footpath signs until you are opposite Symonds Yat Rock. Retrace your steps back to the hostel.

Hazards

Steep bank to be aware of near Symonds Yat. The path passes through pasture which may contain animals. The river is deep. Do not walk this route if the river is flooded.

Accessibility

There is one stile on route and gates wider than one metre. The path is mostly less than one metre wide with rough ground and ruts or stones greater than 10cm.

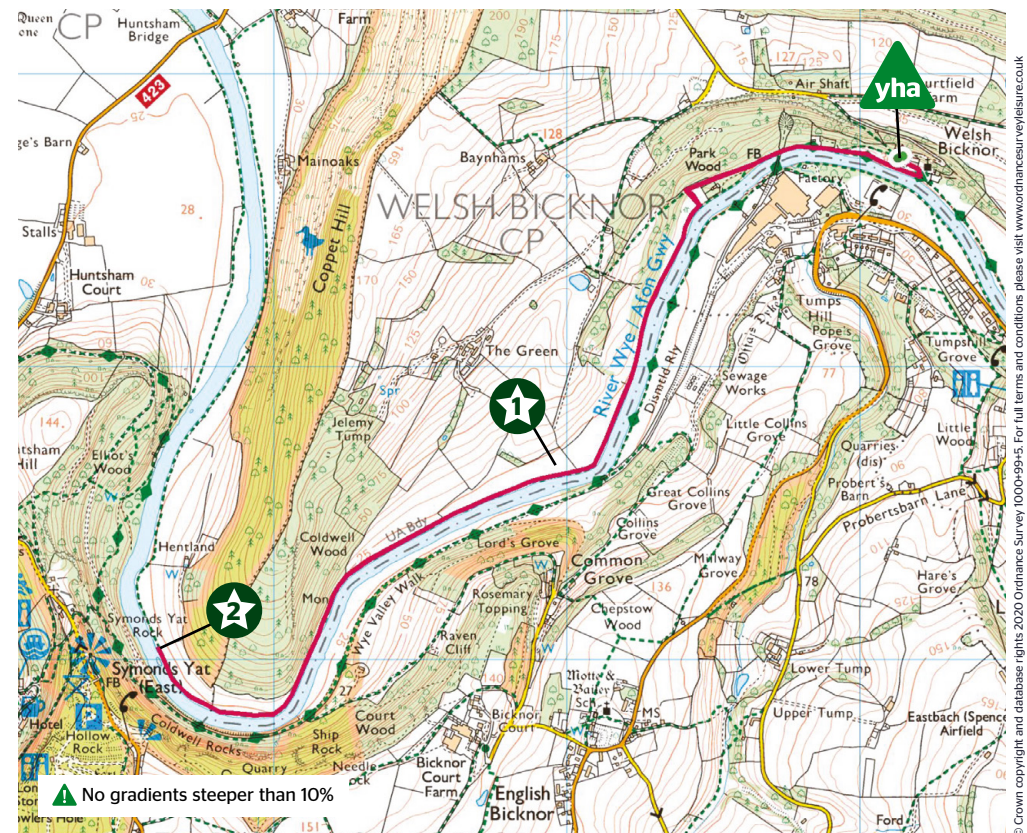
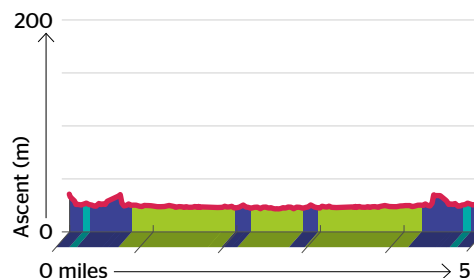
Navigation

Straightforward navigation following footpath signs along the riverside.

Terrain

Good quality footpath, mostly grass, with some muddy patches after wet weather.

- Unpaved (uneven)
- Unpaved (flat)
- Grass



Points of interest (see map)

The area is an important AONB, the route passes **1** a memorial for a WW2 plane crash and **2** provides an excellent view looking up to Symonds Yat Rock.



No facilities on route

Food, drink and toilets available at the YHA.



No seats on route



Not wheelchair accessible



Not a touch free route



Not pushchair accessible



Not stile free (one stile)

This route has been created by YHA to provide inspiration and to aid planning and preparation of your walk. It doesn't replace the need for an OS Map or the OS Maps App to navigate your walk safely. Digital maps are a guide and do not always reflect the conditions on the ground, ensure you are aware of your immediate surroundings.

Scan or click to view this route on the OS Maps App – also a route profile and GPX

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We hope you have a great time.

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Before you go:

- Check the local weather forecast ([metoffice.gov.uk](https://www.metoffice.gov.uk)).
- Check the tide times for coastal routes ([tidetimes.org.uk](https://www.tidetimes.org.uk)).
- Get the right clothing, footwear and kit for the route and weather.
- Ensure you have enough time to complete the route before dark.
- Download the OS Locate and what3words apps to your phone.
- Contact 999 by SMS text (must pre register by texting 'register' to 999) (relayuk.bt.com/emercencysms).
- For further information on how to stay safe visit adventuresmart.uk

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Countryside Code

Respect everyone

- Be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside.
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking.
- Be nice, say hello, share the space.
- Follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available.

Hazards

- Take extra care and stay alert where a right of way crosses a railway line.
- When walking on a road without a pavement keep to the right-hand side, so that you can see oncoming traffic. Keep close to the side of the road, and walk in single file if necessary. It may be safer to cross the road well before a sharp right-hand bend so that oncoming traffic has a better chance of seeing you. Cross back after the bend.
- Give wild animals, livestock and horses plenty of space.

Protect the environment

- Take your litter home – leave no trace of your visit.
- Do not light fires and only have BBQs where signs say you can.
- Always keep dogs under control and in sight.
- Dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do.
- Care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance.

Enjoy the outdoors

- Check your route and local conditions.
- Plan your adventure – know what to expect and what you can do.
- Enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory.

What to wear

- Comfortable clothing suitable for the conditions.
- Use several layers, so you can add and remove clothing to regulate your temperature.
- Extra warm clothes in case it gets colder.
- Hat, gloves and scarf.
- Sun hat, sun cream and sunglasses.
- Waterproof jacket and trousers.
- Cushioning comfy socks.
- Comfortable well fitting trainers, walking shoes or boots.

Kit

- Map and compass.
- Water, lunch and snacks.
- Charged mobile phone and portable charger.
- First aid kit.
- Torch and spare batteries.
- Rucksack, with waterproof cover or a dry bag or plastic bag inside.
- Medicines or toiletries you would usually use.

You might also want to take

- Picnic blanket.
- Waterproof baseball cap, if you wear glasses.
- Walking poles.
- Tissues and hand sanitiser.