

## Ross on Wye Walkers are Welcome

# Walks from the Old Court Hotel Symonds Yat West

*Two stile-free walks along the banks of the Wye taking in numerous historical sites.*

**Start & Parking:** Old Court Hotel

**Map:** OS OL14

**Distance:** 3.25 miles and 5.5 miles.

*Suitable footwear is essential as some of the riverside paths can be muddy.*

Both walks start from the Old Court Hotel built in 1570 and formerly owned by Thomas Gwillim and John Groves Simcoe, both with connections to the early days in Canada. Turn right, cross the road and pass by the Butterfly Zoo. Turn left to follow the signs for the church of St. Dubricius past Whitchurch House to the churchyard.

*The church was built in 1289 and is believed to be situated on the remains on an earlier 9<sup>th</sup> century church. Enter the churchyard and turn left to view the Gwillim Grave Enclosure.*

Exit in the south-east corner and join the riverside footpath. Continue south past a Canoe Hire, Caravan and amusement park to reach a kissing gate. Follow the path to reach the car park of Ye Old Ferrie Inn.

*The Inn is believed to date from 1473 and still operates a hand-hauled ferry across the river.*

Follow the public footpath up the steps in the middle of the building to reach the roadway (steps can be avoided by using the car park exit). Turn left at the top of the steps and follow the road south passing the lime kilns dating from around 1700. Pass the landing point for the ferry from Symonds Yat East. Check the ferry is running before commencing the longer walk! Continuing along the lane turn left as the road bears right at the top of a short slope.

Arrive at the site of Mr. Partridge's Iron Works at New Weir.

*This was a major attraction to those taking the Wye Tour in the days of William Gilpin. There is an excellent information board on the top path above the site with access to the ruins and the riverbank below.*

Retrace your steps from here to the Old Court.

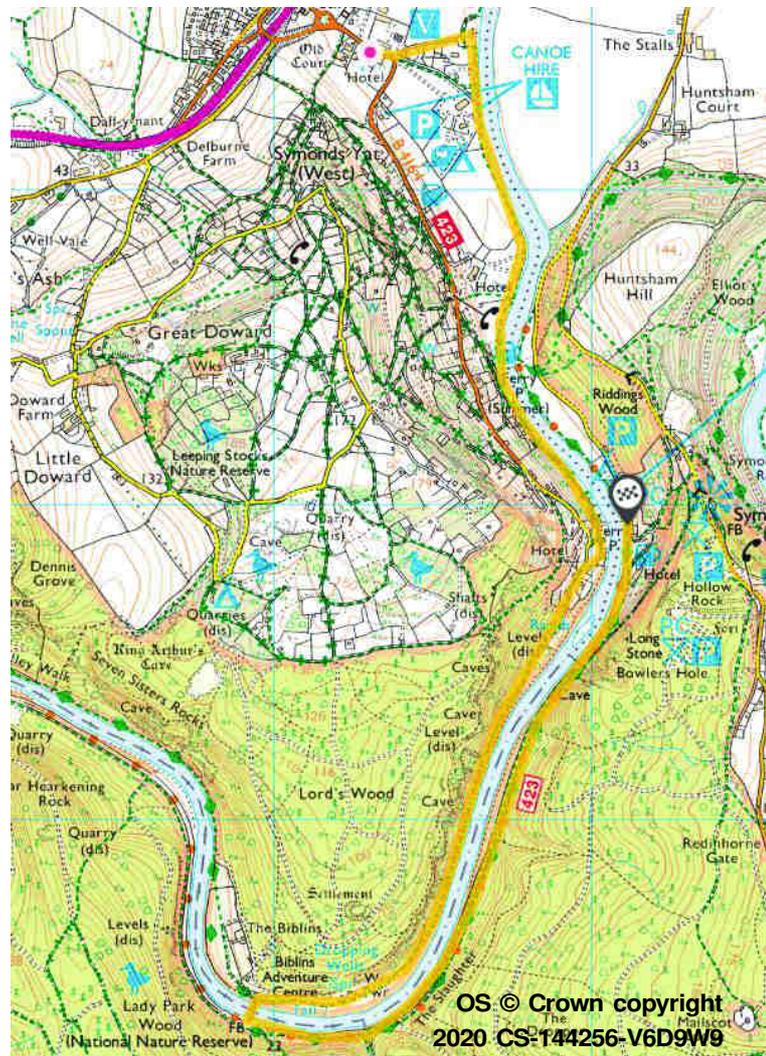
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Parking available at the Old Court for patrons only

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To extend the walk, continue along the riverside track southwards for 1.25 miles to cross the river via the Biblins suspension bridge. Return along the eastern bank of the river via the route of the former railway. Arrive at the Royal Lodge car park, the site of the Symonds Yat station. Continue to the Saracens Head Ferry to re-cross the Wye and return to the Old Court.



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