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Accessing Walks by Bus from Coleford

All Stage Coach Busses depart from Coleford town centre, outside The Angel Hotel. The Bus route information was correct at time of compilation (February 2021), therefore please check timetable <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/>

The leaflets / books mentioned below are all available from Coleford Tourist Information Centre: <https://colefordtown.net/>, please check their opening times.

The walk level described is subjective and only given as a guide, please check the route fully prior to departure. It is worth noting that due consideration should be given to the weather with appropriate clothing & refreshments be taken, the walks are in a rural area with limited refreshments available along the routes. Importantly, due consideration to the Countryside Code and Forest of England Byelaws should be adhered to, these can be found on our website.

Litter is a big problem in the Forest of Dean and hours are spent litter picking by volunteers; litter is not only unsightly but a danger to the wildlife, so please, take your litter home!

Walks found in individual leaflets:

High Meadow Trail

Length: 11 miles / Strenuous / Bus No. 35

This walk can be accessed at two points, neither of which are the official start of the walk as shown in the leaflet.

1. Alight the bus at Christchurch church. At the crossroads follow Bracelands Drive past Forest Holidays Camp Site reception. Continue down the hill and turn right on a path with a footpath sign and a High Meadow Trail board.
2. Alight the bus at The White Horse Pub at Staunton. Walk along the main road towards Monmouth. At the edge of the village turn left up a tarmac road and almost immediately right onto a footpath.

Staunton Heritage Walk

Length: 1 to 3 miles / Moderate / Bus No. 35

Alight the bus at the White Horse Public House, Staunton to use the leaflet to explore the village.

The Mines Trails Walk No .3 Cannop Ponds

Length: 5 miles / Moderate / Bus No. 25

Alight the bus at the entrance to Beechenhurst Lodge and join the walk at point 9 on the walk leaflet.

NB: Last bus back is 13:30. No buses on Sundays

The Sculpture Trail

Length 4.5 miles / Easy to Moderate (Short cuts are available) / Bus No. 25

Alight the bus either at the entrance to Beechenhurst Lodge or opposite Speech House Hotel.

NB: Last bus back is 13:30. No buses on Sundays

Walks found in 'Exploring Historic Dean' by John Sheraton and Rod Goodman

Beechenhurst, Trafalgar and Speech House

Length 6.5 miles / Easy to Moderate / Bus No. 25

Alight the bus either at the entrance to Beechenhurst Lodge or opposite Speech House Hotel.

NB: Last bus back is 13:30. No buses on Sundays

Cannop, Nagshead and Parkend

Length 6.5 to 7 miles / Moderate / Bus Nos. 22, 25, 35

Alight the bus at Broadwell crossroads, only one mile from the centre of Coleford. Walk along South Road and then turn left along Foxes Lane. At the end there is a cross roads. Take the track straight ahead, go past an electricity sub-station and turn right onto a path that follows the power lines. This joins the walk just beyond point 7 as described in the walk book.

Norchard, Oldcroft and Pillowell

Length 5.5 miles / Moderate / Bus No. 23

Alight the bus at the Dean Forest Railway, Norchard.

Lydbrook, Joy's Green and Ruardean

Length 6.5 miles / Moderate to Strenuous / Bus Nos. 22, 35

Alight the bus at the Holy Jesus Church, Upper Lydbrook. This puts you at point 6 on the walk. If preferred the No. 35 bus can be taken to the Social Club in Central Lydbrook. This puts you just past point 8 on the walk.

Newnham, Bullo Pill and Blaize Bailey

Length 8 miles / Moderate to Strenuous / Bus No. 23

Alight the bus at Newnham-on-Severn.

Redbrook, The Kymin and Staunton Stones

Length 8 miles / Strenuous / Bus No. 35

Alight the bus at the White Horse Pub, Staunton. This is point 12 in the walk description.

Walks in 'Wye Valley – 40 Hill and Riverside Walks' by Ben Giles

Ross-on-Wye and Chase Wood

Length 6 miles / Moderate to Strenuous / Bus No. 35

Alight the bus at Ross-on-Wye

Monmouth and Kings Wood

Length 4 miles / Easy to Moderate / Bus No. 35

Alight the bus at Monmouth

The Lost Treasures of Troy

Length 5 miles / Easy to Moderate / Bus No. 35

Alight the bus at Monmouth

English Bicknor and Offa's Dyke

Length 4 miles / Easy to Moderate / Bus No. 35

Alight the bus at English Bicknor Church

Lydbrook and Sallowvallets

Length 4.5 miles / Moderate / Bus No. 22, 35

Alight the bus at the Holy Jesus Church, Upper Lydbrook.

The Kymin and the Buckstone

Length 5 miles / Moderate to Strenuous / Bus No. 35

Alight the bus at the White Horse Pub, Staunton.

Welshbury Fort and the Dobunni's Last Stand

Length 2 miles / Moderate / Bus No. 22

Alight the bus at The Belfry in Littledean and walk along George Lane to the start of the walk.

Speech House Loop

Length 4 miles / Easy to Moderate / Bus No. 25

Alight bus either at the entrance to Beechenhurst Lodge or opposite Speech House Hotel.

NB: Last bus back is 13:30. No buses on Sundays

Walks in the 'Cicerone Guide – Walking in the Forest of Dean' by Mike Dunn

Ruardean: Around the Northern Ridges

Length 5 miles / Moderate / Bus No. 22

Alight the bus at Ruardean Church

Biblins and Yat Rock

Length 5.5 miles / Strenuous / Bus No. 35

Alight the bus at Christchurch church. At the crossroads follow Bracelands Drive, past Forest Holidays Camp Site reception. Continue down the hill and turn right on a path with a footpath sign and a High Meadow Trail board. This path joins the walk near Mailscot Lodge and in total adds about 2 miles to the walk.

The Stones of Staunton

Length 7 miles / Strenuous / Bus No. 35

Alight the bus at Staunton Church.

Bixslade and Cannop Ponds

Length 5 miles / Moderate to Strenuous / Bus No. 25

Alight bus at the entrance to Beechenhurst Lodge. Please note that this is not the start of the walk as shown in the guide.

NB: Last bus back is 13:30. No buses on Sundays

The Sculpture Trail

Length 4.5 miles / Easy / Bus No. 25

Alight the bus at the entrance to Beechenhurst Lodge.

NB: Last bus back is 13:30. No buses on Sundays

New Fancy and the Speech House

Length 5 miles / Moderate / Bus No. 25

Alight the bus at the Speech House. Walk along the road alongside the Speech House to a forest car park where you join the walk at Spruce Ride.

NB: Last bus back is 13:30. No buses on Sundays

Littledean and Welshbury

Length 6 miles / Moderate to Strenuous / Bus No. 22

Alight the bus at Littledean Church

Newnham-on-Severn and Bullo Pill

Length 5 miles / Moderate / Bus No. 23

Alight the bus at Newnham-on-Severn

Walks in ‘The Ordnance Survey Pathfinder Guide - Wye Valley and Forest of Dean Walks’

Monmouth and The Kymin

Length 7 miles / Moderate to Strenuous / Bus No. 35

Alight the bus at Monmouth

Speech House, Cannop Ponds and Edge End

Length 8.5 miles / Moderate to Strenuous / Bus No. 25

Alight the bus at the Speech House

NB: Last bus back is 13: 30, No buses on Sundays

Walks in ‘Sammy’s Walks – Dog Walks in the Forest of Dean’ by Cheryl Mayo

Cinderford Linear Park

Length 2.5 miles / Easy / Bus No. 25

Alight the bus at Valley Road/ Railway Road on the edge of Cinderford

NB: Last bus back is 13:30. No buses on Sundays

Cannop Ponds and Russell’s Inclosure

Length 3 miles / Easy to Moderate / Bus No. 25

Alight the bus at Cannop ponds after Pygmy Pinetum and walk south on the car park road to Cannop Ponds to reach the start of the walk.

NB: Last bus back is 13:30. No buses on Sundays

Cannop Ponds and Barnhill Plantation

Length 3.5 miles / Easy to Moderate / Bus No. 25

Alight the bus at Cannop ponds after Pygmy Pinetum and walk south on the car park road to Cannop Ponds to reach the start of the walk.

NB: Last bus back is 13:30. No buses on Sundays

Speech House and Yewtreebrake Inclosure

Length 2 or 3 miles / Easy / Bus No. 25

Alight the bus at the Speech House and continue along the road to the Cyril Hart Arboretum car park to start the walk.

NB: Last bus back is 13:30. No buses on Sundays

Speech House and Kensley Lodge Inclosure

Length 3 miles / Easy / Bus No. 25

Alight the bus at the Speech House and continue along the road to the Speech House Woodland car park on the left to start the walk.

NB: Last bus back is 13:30. No buses on Sundays

Speech House and New Beechenhurst Inclosure

Length 3 miles / Easy / Bus No. 25

Alight the bus at the Speech House and continue along the road to the Speech House Woodland car park on the left to start the walk.

NB: Last bus back is 13:30. No buses on Sundays

Beechenhurst and Speculation

Length 2.5 or 4.5 miles / Easy to Moderate / Bus No. 25

Alight bus at the entrance to Beechenhurst Lodge

NB: Last bus back is 13:30. No buses on Sunday

Beechenhurst and Woorgreens

Length 8 miles / Moderate / Bus No. 25

Alight bus at the entrance to Beechenhurst Lodge

NB: Last bus back is 13:30. No buses on Sundays

Walks in the booklet '12 Easy Walks' by the Wye Valley & Forest of Dean Tourist Association

Speech House

Length 2.5 miles / Easy / Bus No. 25

Alight the bus at the Speech House and continue along the road 200 metres to the Cyril Hart Arboretum car park to start the walk.

NB: Last bus back is 13:30. No buses on Sundays

Ross-on-Wye Town Walk

Length 1.75 miles / Easy / Bus No. 35

Alight the bus at Ross-on-Wye