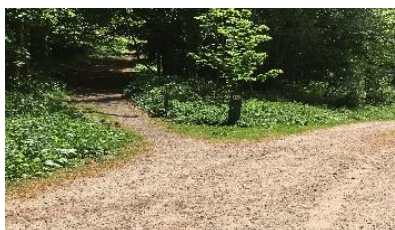


Route 3 – From Forest Holidays (Forest of Dean) to Coleford town centre

RCO4 RCO1 and RCO9 Distance Approx. 2.86 miles / Time Approx. 1hr 15 mins. Mainly good paths with a few hilly sections. Remember to take a torch as there are no street lights in the woods!

Starting at Forest Holidays reception go through the gate on to the site with the cattle grid to your left, and follow the road through the campsite following directions to lodge 97. Between lodges 97 and 98 is a footpath, take this and pass through the wooden gate, ensuring you secure it as you pass through. Continue straight on following the footpath in front of the cottage to the metal gate on the forest track. After the gate take the path on the left.



This footpath is part of the Highmeadow Trail which we will be following for about half a kilometre. The wild garlic is wonderful here in the Spring. Continue along this path to the end. Keep looking to your right because about halfway along is a gap in the trees where there is a view over to Staunton village and church (better in the winter). Turn left at the track to the A4136 and cross this busy road to the footpath on the other side.

Be mindful if you have young children or dogs. Follow this footpath until you reach the Staunton Road, which you need to cross to the next footpath RCO1.

Cross the Scowles Road and in front of you there is a stile to negotiate before you walk diagonally across the field to the stile in the righthand corner. There are often sheep in the

field so your dog will need to be on a lead.

Walk along the path that skirts Greenways campsite and has a hedge on your left. At the end of this section of footpath it opens out and after the football field there are meadows with some beautiful wildflowers growing in them. Take some time to enjoy the views of Coleford and the surrounding area. You have now arrived at the Angus Buchanan recreation ground and will take the diagonal path crossing the field towards the fitness equipment and the children's play area. Near the end of this track there are information panels about the wildflower meadows and about Angus Buchanan.



The factory that you can see across the valley is the Suntory bottling works where Ribena is produced. Leave the recreation ground via the main exit road and walk down Victoria Road until the turning on your right for Bowens Hill taking the first turning left down Box Bush Road. At the bottom of the road, you will pass Raymond's Store on your right.

Turn right into St. Johns Street, (notice the paving slabs have been designed to replicate an old Tram Line that ran along here) where you will find a selection of local businesses. Follow the road down into town.

After visiting the town centre, you can retrace your steps to return to Forest Holidays.

If you prefer, you can make your way back along the main roads signposted to Symonds Yat, as the footpaths are all good. Walk North along St. John's Street, turn left onto Bank Street, and almost immediately right onto Sparrow Hill. Continue up the hill onto the Gorse, cross the A4136 and walk along Grove Road until you reach the left hand turn to Bracelands Drive and continue along the road until you arrive back at Forest Holidays

What can I do in Coleford?

To find out something of the history of Coleford, download the App, [Coleford's Hidden Heritage](#).

You can pick up a copy of the Town trail from the Tourist Information Centre and ask for information about other places to walk whilst there.

Visit the GWR museum (open 2.30-5pm Fridays and Saturdays)

Browse the independent shops and enjoy something to eat or drink in the many lovely cafes, pubs and restaurants.