

Route 4 – From Greenacres Campsite to Coleford town centre

RCO10, RCO9 & RCO29. Distance between 1 & 1.5 miles Approx. / Time Approx. 25 to 35 mins, depending on route taken. Mainly good paths with some street walking a few hilly sections coming back up. Remember to take a torch as there are no street lights in the woods or across the fields!

Starting at Greenacres campsite, if the reception is to your right there is a wall directly opposite you jutting into the grounds of the campsite where the water taps are located.



Directly to the right is a walkway through to the footpath (RCO10) turn right and walk along the perimeter of the campsite going over a low stile to the end of the track. As you go over the stile into the field turn right.

Please be mindful that this field is used for sheep, so dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

You will see another stile at the righthand corner of the path that skirts Greenways campsite and has a hedge on your left.

If you are unable to navigate the stiles there is a private gate from the campsite onto this section of footpath, you will need to obtain the security code from Greenacres campsite reception.

At the end of this section of footpath it opens out and after the football field, which is on your right there are meadows with some beautiful wildflowers growing in them in the spring.

Take some time to enjoy the views of Coleford and the surrounding area. You have now arrived at the Angus Buchanan recreation ground.

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 Greenacre campsite.

As an alternative and to enjoy some lovely views you can exit the

campsite by the main entrance, turn left onto and down Scowles Road, be mindful of the oncoming traffic and walk on the right-hand side of the road facing the traffic, as advised by the Highway Code.

Walk down the hill a little way taking the first turning on your left, sign posted "The Scowles". As you walk up the hill bear right and look out over to your right-hand side for views over towards the Black Mountains.

Carry on up the narrow road, mindful of cars, though you're only likely to see local residents using this dead-end road. When you reach the top bear left and pass through two cottages down a narrow footpath and through a metal gate and into Buchanan Park. You'll see a plaque on the side of the gate post dedicated to Angus Buchanan, you are now at Buchanan Park. Carry on down the track passing the Bowling Green on your right-hand side then continue on following the prior instructions into town.

What can I do in Coleford?

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

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.