

# The Viewpoints Walk

The first in a series of circular walks starting at

**SYMONDS YAT  
ROCK LODGE**

Self-catering Accommodation



**The Viewpoints Walk is on forest paths and takes in some of the best view over the river. It also passes the log cabin at Symonds Yat Rock where refreshments are available. The view from Symonds Yat Rock is consistently voted one of Britain's best and is a favourite haunt of bird watchers and climbers. Alternatively, you could take a picnic and chose your view to stop at (you can order a picnic from Forest Deli).**

4 Miles / 1 ½ Hours  
Some challenging terrain

The Walk:

Take the Forestry Commission track opposite and to the left of *Symonds Yat Rock Lodge*. Walk along to the house in the woods (*Mailscoot Lodge*) and turn left.

Take the first right downhill and ignore all side paths. Immediately after a clearing the track bends right into conifers.

Continue on this track for about another 350 meters and as soon as you see the start of a chicken-wire fence on the right take the path opposite to the left heading into conifers.

The path splits by a small, abandoned, fenced off quarry – take either path down to a larger track and turn right.

Follow this track for about ½ mile and about 50m after the end of the deer fencing on the left turn left following a pink arrow for the *Mailscoot* wood trail.

Follow a further 4 pink arrows and at the 5<sup>th</sup> ignore the direction of the arrow and turn left at the junction by a fenced off mineshaft then turn left at the next junction to visit the first viewpoint with a bench from where you can see down to *Symonds Yat East*, *Symonds Yat West* and the *River Wye*.

Retrace your route from the viewpoint and turn left keeping the fence on your left and passing more opportunities to enjoy the stunning views until you emerge onto a tarmac path.

**You can start here, parking in the Forestry Commission car park – HR9 6BY**

Turn left up the path to the log cabin (where refreshments are available) and cross the footbridge, turning left for one of Britain's favourite views at *Symonds Yat Rock*.

Retrace your steps but instead of going back over the footbridge continue down the steps and along the road to a viewpoint sign on your left to visit another fabulous view of the Wye, this one made famous as "*Golden Valley*" in the film *Shadowlands*.

Take the path behind the Jones bench to walk back out to the road, cross over and walk around and behind *The Old Post Office*, following the path across a road by a plinth (the entrance road to *Symonds Yat Rock* car park). Keep walking straight to cross another road (the exit to the *Symonds Yat Rock* car park).

Keep walking straight, keeping left of a large oak, up a steep hill and back to *Mailscoot Lodge*.

Turn left along the track to return to *Symonds Yat Rock Lodge*.

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