

The Saracen's Head and River Wye Walk

The second in a series of circular walks starting at:

**SYMONDS YAT
ROCK LODGE**

Self-catering Accommodation



This walk takes you on beautiful forest tracks down to the spectacular River Wye with fabulous pubs at Symonds Yat East before climbing up to one on Britain's favourite views at Symonds Yat Rock (with food and drink at the Log Cabin). Dogs are welcome in the bar and on the terraces at *The Saracen's Head*. There is the option to take the longer route and cross the river by Biblins wire bridge, returning on the ancient hand ferry.

Approx 5 or 7 Miles / 2 ½ or 4 Hours (Excluding pub time)

Some challenging terrain and steep hills

The Walk: Take the Forestry Commission track opposite *Symonds Yat Rock Lodge*.

Walk along to the house in the woods (*Mailscoot Lodge*) and turn left.

Keep straight on at the first and second cross-roads and after half a mile fork right downhill at a stone sign marked "*Buckstone 3 ¼, Symonds Yat 1 ¾*".

As the path emerges into a clearing turn left onto a track.

The track bears right and then goes under power lines and immediately turns left. Leave the track at this point, walking straight on, taking a path heading downhill.

Where the path joins a track turn left and continue downhill with a stream on your right crossing a track at the bottom to reach the river.

Shorter Option: Turn right along the river following the signpost to *Symonds Yat East* where there are hotels, pubs and tea rooms. (Go to *)

Longer Option: Turn left along the river following the signpost to *Biblins Bridge*.

Cross the small footbridge and turn right.

Proceed through the campsite and enter the woods.

Stay on the same path until you emerge from the woods onto a road and walk along to a junction.

Turn right when you reach the junction and head down the road past a cottage called *Wyeside* onto a track.

Just past a cottage called *Melrose* turn right down steps to the ferry.

Wait for the ferry to come over from *The Saracen's Head* and take you across the river to *Symonds Yat East* where there are hotels and pubs.

You could start your walk from here – HR9 6JL

* After refreshments at *Symonds Yat East* head down the river to the *Royal Lodge Hotel*.

Take the footpath in front of the *Royal Lodge Hotel* signposted "*Symonds Yat Rock ½*" up a slope.

Where the track splits head up steps to the right, pass a bench and turn right following the sign to Yat Rock.

Cross a track and walk up more steps to the log cabin (refreshments available) at *Symonds Yat Rock* (across the footbridge is one of Britain's favourite views).

Head down the tarmac path from the log cabin (signposted to the car park and toilets) and turn left up the road (the entrance road to the car park).

At the stone plinth on the left turn right onto a path into the forest.

Cross another road (the exit road from the car park) and continue through the forest, keeping left at a large oak tree and bench and proceed uphill to *Mailscoot Lodge*.

Turn left here to return to *Symonds Yat Rock Lodge*.

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