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For centuries the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley have accumulated tall stories like New York collects skyscrapers. So pack your compass, GPS, binoculars and imagination because 2017 is our year of Myths and Legends when we take visitors on a journey of discovery.

As the UK’s greatest natural haven for adventure, culture, history, and delicious food and drink, there is every reason to immerse yourself in an ancient land that boasts many contemporary twists.

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Maureen McAllister
Wye Valley and Forest of Dean Tourism

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The Forest of Dean and Wye Valley was a source of creative enlightenment for JK Rowling’s Harry Potter series. The white deer that live in the Forest are thought to be the inspiration for Harry’s Stag Patronus.
There are many superstitions, fables and tall stories alive in the Wye Valley and Forest of Dean. Every castle, hamlet, village and town has its own special story.

Our ancient mythologies are tales to be cherished and shared, as are the many modern legends created daily by award-winning accommodation, food and drink providers, creative industries, and unique attractions.

We are one of the only surviving ancient woodlands in the UK, stretching from Monmouthshire and South Herefordshire to West Gloucestershire.

Before 1066 a large section was reserved for royal hunting. So there is no better place in the world to stir the imagination and awaken your senses to culture, heritage, history, adventure or taste.

**History and Heritage**

Hop between the Welsh and English border to immerse yourself in a history that dates from Roman and Medieval, Anglo Saxon to Tudor and the epoch-making industrial revolution. Castles and keeps, iron ore, charcoal and freemines, each has shaped or influenced the UK’s prominence in the world.

**Art and Culture**

Artists, filmmakers, singers, painters, poets, writers and photographers recognise the natural stage our inspirational landscapes offer. Film and TV fans can walk in the footsteps of heroes from Dr Who and Harry Potter to Atlantis and Star Wars when they follow the silver and small screen trail. Art enthusiasts will be wowed by a visit to the world famous Sculpture Trail and its incredible outdoor installations.

**Food and Drink**

Modern legends are created daily in our artisan bars and restaurants where diners can even find Michelin stars. We are home to some of the best food and drink producers in the UK who encourage you to sip award-winning cider or wine, savour mouthwatering chutneys and cheeses or experience an annual showcase that’s dedicated to quality and flavour.

**Adventure**

From tree-tops to cliff tops the Wye Dean is a destination for thrills and spills on land, water, wheels and sky. Ride the Severn Bore on a surfboard, climb Wintours Leap where Sir Chris Bonington prepared for Everest, canoe on the Wye, gallop through the glades, run, walk or cycle on family trails or roads that welcomed Sir Bradley Wiggins and Mark Cavendish on the Tour of Britain.
The Severn Estuary has the second highest tidal range in the world, giving rise to the famous Severn Bore tidal wave around the spring and autumn equinox; Minsterworth is a top viewing point.
A NEW EXPERIENCE

The Forest of Dean and Wye Valley offer a vast choice of places to visit and new things to try. There’s a range of adventure and activities suitable for those searching for peace and relaxation or an adrenaline rush.

Here are our top 20 suggestions to get you started....

1. Underground Discoveries
Did you know the limestone rock in which Clearwell Caves formed are made from the teeth bones and shells of millions of dead sea animals? On the way through the Caves you can see a fantastic new display that gives you a unique opportunity to meet many of the sea creatures that formed the rock 345,000,000 years ago.

2. Escape on the River
Spend a few days immersed in idyllic scenery, canoe during the day and camp next to the Wye overnight. Cook your dinner over a campfire under the stars. Canoe the Wye offers multi-day trips, perfect for leaving those everyday stresses behind. For something a little less challenging, their half-day option of gentle paddling down river is perfect for families and beginners. If that sounds too energetic, take a relaxing trip with Kingfisher Cruises.

3. Two Wheel Challenge
Two wheels are the perfect way to explore the area and there are a variety of trails to try. To save bringing your own bike, Dean Forest Cycles and Pedalabikeway are on hand with everything you need. Unsure of a route to try, then Cycling Guides are always ready to help. Road riders can look forward to winding country lanes and short hill climbs. Families can use the popular cycle paths in the Cannop Valley safely away from traffic, and for keen mountain bikers the downhill Forest tracks provide wild opportunities with an excellent, dedicated off-road areas.

4. Say Cheese
Visit Old Ley Court and see traditional cheese making. The farm is one of only four traditional single Gloucester producers in the world. See Gloucester cheese made by hand from an age-old recipe passed down over generations using unpasteurised milk from their own cows. Each cow has a name, based on its character and ancestry.

5. Hole in One
There are a variety of golf courses available with superb parkland, panoramic views and excellent greens. Forest Hills features a challenging par-72 course, and is one of the finest golf courses in Gloucestershire, with such excellent drainage that the tees and greens can be used all year round. For something a little different, try out their Footgolf. The nine hole, 843 yards course is fun for everyone. A 12 hole roman ruin fantasy is set in spectacular scenery at Wye Valley Miniature Golf. The course has wheelchair access and short putters so even toddlers can play.

6. Brave the Caves
Clearwell Caves offers caving experiences that allow you to join a group that explores beyond the public pathways to visit labyrinthine workings created by mining. But be warned, these trips do involve tight bits, scrambling and getting dirty. They are an exhilarating experience, to spice up family holidays.
In medieval times wild boar roamed the Forest and now, after a long absence, they are back in abundance. They live in family groups known as ‘sounders’.
7. On a High
With tree top trails, climbing towers and zip wires, the area is growing in reputation as an up-high adventure destination.
Overcome fears or fuel an appetite for adrenaline across walkways, crate stacks and zip wires. Go it alone, thrill the whole family or explore the canopies with an experienced instructor.
With more than 20 million trees in the Forest of Dean it’s the perfect place to explore new heights.

9. Off-Roading
Experience the thrill of off-roading at Whitecliff Off Road Driving Centre’s 40-acre quarry site. With its variety of surfaces, it is deemed one of the best in the UK, offering circuits with a range of difficulty, obstacles and terrain. There are courses for beginners, or black runs for the more ambitious and special courses for Juniors too.

10. Take Aim
Improve your shooting skills or give it a go for the first time.
DBS offers a range of shooting experiences such as clay, air rifle and archery. You can also try your hand at archery at Adventure Activities.

11. Get on Track
For a fun family day out visit Dean Forest Railway, which stops at five points so passengers can jump off, enjoy a woodland walk before a delicious picnic or hearty pub meal.
Take life at a slower pace all aboard a a GWR steam train.
For something a little different visit Perrygrove Railway. Their steam trains wind along a three quarter mile track through farmland and woods. There are four stations, each with paths to walk through the ancient Perrygrove Wood.

8. At a Canter
Explore the freedom of the forest on horseback. Enjoy bridle-ways, roads and riding trails, a paradise for any horse rider. Greenacres Stables and Riding Centre’s friendly horses and ponies will help you enjoy the spectacular forest views.

A Dog’s Dream
With miles of countryside in the forest for you and your pooch to explore The Forest of Dean and Wye Valley is every dog’s dream destination. Pick one of many traffic-free walking routes from gentle strolls to all-day hikes guaranteed enjoyment for any energetic pet.

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EXPERIENCE DAYS
A day full of shared adventure, as nature’s backdrop sets a stunning scene for brewery tours, long walks (or short), fun activities, team building and experience days, traditional pub lunch, brewing your own beer, stag or hen dos, or just watching the sun go down with an ale and your boots off.

Monthly events running – check our website for details

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12. Release the Inner Artist
Get in touch with your creative side and be inspired by the natural beauty of the area. Why not create a piece of ceramic to take home. Eastnor Pottery offers introductions to basic hand-building and wheel-throwing techniques while Taurus Crafts regularly hosts courses on pottery, painting, jewellery making and sculpture.

13. Take Cover
The closest you can get to being in a battle situation without going into battle for real. Geared to all abilities Battlesports Glos and Wye Valley Warfare Laser Ops offer a range of exciting missions for juniors and adults.

14. Get Lost
Try not to get lost as you attempt to navigate your way through Elton’s Giant Maze. The fantastic Maize Mazes are planted each year in April and reach full height in mid July. Or visit the aMazing Hedge Puzzle at Symonds Yat. The Jubilee Maze is one of Britain’s most famous traditional hedge mazes, with a romantic temple at the centre and over a kilometre of hedges.

15.Visit the Magical Woods
Enjoy wandering through the ancient paths, twisted roots and mossy rocks at the magical Puzzlewood. The site has risen to fame in many films such as The Huntsmen and Star Wars: The Force Awakens. The Secret Forest lives up to its name, in its beatiful, secluded, woodland walk through sepctacular surface iron workings.

16. Take a Hike
From easy accessible walks to challenging hikes, the Forest of Dean and Wye valley has it all. Walking is one of the most popular outdoor activities in the area. There are a huge variety of trails available free to download from www.wyedeantourism.co.uk.

17. Wing It
You are in for a wonderful treat at The International Centre for Birds of Prey in Newent. With aviaries full of exotic birds of prey and owls, stunning gardens and a welcoming, family atmosphere, See amazing flying demonstrations at the oldest dedicated birds of prey centre in the world.

18. Segway Fun
Explore the beautiful forest on the latest in green technology - a self-balancing electric Segway. Get off the beaten track for an hour of fun with Go Ape’s Forest Segway Experience.

19. Try a Tipple
Hillside Brewery offers the chance to experience the brewing process up close, before sitting back to taste a well-earned glass overlooking stunning landscapes.
If wine is more your liking try a tour or tasting session at Ancre Hill Vineyard.
For cider lovers Apple County Cider and Ty Gwyn both offer the opportunity to relax and unwind in the great outdoors as you sample their award winning ciders.

20. Farming Fun
Learn some rural skills on a working farm, including everything you need to know about keeping lambs, pigs, chickens and bees.
Try a course on hedge-laying or dry stone walling.
There are bushcraft courses for juniors, where they can learn to build a den, or make a fire... we can’t guarantee they’ll stay clean and dry, so pack some wellies just in case.
ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS

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**Four Seasons, Four Reasons**

There’s an astounding array of wildlife from occasional grey seals that appear in the River Wye near Chepstow, to the elusive seasonal nightjar, which return each year to the heathlands of the Forest of Dean.

**Bluebells**
As winter fades and spring emerges, carpets of bluebells smother the woodland floor before the tree canopy fills out and closes over. Among the bluebells, wood anemone, wood sorrel and yellow archangel compete for space and light.

**Newts and Woodpeckers**
In the many ponds and waterways amphibians return to breed. In these special areas all three newt species and both toad and frog may be seen or heard. Above in the canopy the birds begin to pair up and find nesting sites. A little patience may reward with sightings of pied flycatcher, wood warbler and lesser spotted woodpecker.

**Butterflies**
As spring turns to summer in warm sheltered glades, butterflies take to the wing. The more frequently seen species include the flighty wood white, while late summer months should signal the flight of silver washed fritillaries and white admiral among the trees.

**Lizards and Dragonflies**
On the forest floor reptiles warm up in the early morning sunshine. Common lizard, slow worm, grass snake and adder may be seen by a quiet and cautious visitor, but make too much noise and they will disappear before you spot them. Our lakes and ponds are home to an amazing range of jewel-coloured dragon and damselflies, patrolling above the water on still days.

**Bats and Boar**
Long summer evenings are the best to spot our larger inhabitants. Fallow deer, feral boar, fox and badger roam freely and a quiet stroll is likely to be rewarding. For people prepared to stay out after dark, nocturnal species include important populations of bats, that strangest of heathland birds the nightjar, and the secretive otter.

**Winter Birds**
As the days get shorter the woodlands are cloaked in vibrant autumnal colours and summer migrant birds are replaced by winter visitors, including lesser redpoll and brambling. The fallow deer rut begins and they can be heard throughout the forest during October.

**Crossbill and Hawfinch**
As the trees lose their leaves some of the more unusual resident birds may be easier to spot, with crossbill feeding on conifer cones and hawfinch numbers increase as winter migrants join the locals.

A winter walk should include at least one of the forest giants – huge ancient trees which have witnessed centuries of change in this wildlife-rich and inspiring part of the country.

**Forest Veterans**
Three amazingly-named trees: Shaden Tuft, Charles II Oak and Forest Giant are all within walking distance of each other. These trees date from the mid seventeenth century and remain as a result of legislation passed during the reign of Charles II, which limited the use of the Dean’s oaks for charcoal so they could be used for ship building instead.

Find them at OS grid references: SO625088, SO626085 and SO630092.

**Birdwatch Paradise**
New Fancy View and Symonds Yat Rock provide great locations for seeing birds of prey, with peregrine falcon nesting on the cliffs at the latter, and great views of goshawk likely at the former.

Images: Wye Valley, Snow Forest, Bluebell, Wild Boar, Butterfly, Large Forest Tree, Falcon
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Open: Wed to Sat 1000-1800, Sun 1100-1700. Open bank holiday Mondays
SEE, SMELL, SAVOUR

Award-winning artisan producers, brewers, growers, tearooms, and restaurants with the odd Michelin Star can be found here. Our salmon rivers, ancient orchards and landscapes teem with deer, boar, wild herbs, fruits, garlic and mushrooms. It’s a haven for foodies.

The Wye Valley and Forest of Dean is home to amazing food and drink producers, with many products only found in the Wye Valley and Forest of Dean.

Our producers work closely with local eateries to ensure visitors taste the Wye Dean. There is something for everyone with tearooms, cafes, chippies, takeaways, supper clubs, gastro pubs and destination restaurants.

The pop-up supper club scene has taken off and sees chefs use local produce to cook mouth-watering masterpieces. Visitors are invited to create a hamper from local charcuterie, chutneys, cheeses, freshly baked breads and go al fresco at one of 100s of picnic sites in wooded glades, alongside rivers, streams or ponds.

Food festivals showcase the finest Dean Wye offerings. The highlight each autumn is the Forest Showcase, which brings together more than 100 producers for a culinary experience fueled by music, art and local brews.

To finesse kitchen skills book a course at the award-winning Harts Barn Cookery School, where students learn everything from bakecraft to the secrets of saucy success. Check out Severn & Wye Smokery’s superb new foodie haven, opening in the spring. Explore the farm to fork concept at Humble by Nature, or brew your own beer at Hillside Brewery.

Visit Apple County Cider for a tour of its orchards and a cheeky sample, made by the only company to win the Great Taste Golden Fork for Wales two years in a row. There are many other names to seek out such as Severn Cider and Ty Gwyn.

Recent years have seen a resurgence of British wines and at the forefront of many local vintages are Parva Farm and Ancre Hill Vineyards, both are winners of national and international awards.
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ARTS & CRAFTS

The Sculpture Trail begins at Beechenhurst where visitors will find a café and picnic area, children’s adventure park with a climbing tower and zip wire, maps and toilets. Parking costs a daily flat rate of £3 in the winter and £3.50 in summer.

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FREE RANGE ART

For centuries the Forest of Dean’s magic and mystery has fueled myths and legends. These have fired the imaginations of artists and writers from around the world whose work adds to the area’s timeless appeal, beauty and grandeur.

A centre for contemporary art for more than 30 years, the Sculpture Trail has delighted all ages with works from modern artists who marry their vision with the joys of the countryside.

Hidden histories
In a unique landscape amid an abundance of flora and fauna, the work of world-class artists helps reveal secrets and hidden histories – the natural, geological, industrial and sociological.

Woodland sculptures
Dating back to 1986 are 17 permanent pieces that sit alongside temporary works. A 4.5-mile footpath clearly signposts each installation, but visitors should keep their eyes peeled as many sculptures are deliberately discrete in the woodland.

Seven Surprises:
1. Arresting and beautiful the 10ft by 15ft stained glass ‘Cathedral’ by Kevin Atherton hangs as a mesmerising, light-shifting 360-degree window through through the trees.

2. Henry Castle’s, ‘Coal Measure Giants’ is the fossilized remains of 300 million year-old trees which form mine shaft sets that provided livelihoods for generations of freeminers.

3. Like a rare bird or forest creature, the enigmatic creation of Miles Davies can be totally obscured by the dense foliage that surrounds it.

4. Discover Pomona Zipser’s striking white sculpture, sit or walk within the structure to contemplate and observe the ever-changing nature of the forest.

5. Known colloquially as Iron Road, find the work by Keir Smith and discover 20 evenly spaced railway sleepers that bring the spirit of the Forest’s industrial past to life.

6. Catch a glimpse of Annie Cattrell’s astonishing installation from the right angle to be captivated by a mystifying optical illusion.

7. In a secret hollow through which a stream flows down a man-made canal, discover David Nash’s flotilla of small charred boats as they set out across the green marsh.

Images: ‘Cathedral’ Sculpture Trail, Monument at New Fancy, Mermaid at Mallard’s Pike, Ross-on-Wye swan sculpture

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Forestry Commission Sites

- Beechenhurst GL16 7EG D3
- Mallards Pike GL15 4HD D4
- Symonds Yat Rock GL16 7NY C3
- Wenchford GL15 4DG D4
- Cannop Ponds GL16 7EG D3
- Soudley Ponds GL14 2UB D3

Nature Reserves

- RSPB Nagshead OS606087 D4
- Clarke's Pool Meadows OS668061 D4
- Lancaut and Ban-y-Gor Wood OS539966/OS536967 C5
- Betty Dawes Woods OS696284 D2
- Gwen and Vera's Fields OS696277 E2
- Vell Mill Meadow OS710314 E1

Visitor Information

Forest of Dean District Council’s Reception has an Information Zone with access to wydeantourism.co.uk, plus a wide range of leaflets on local attractions, activities and events in the area, which is open during office hours.

Tourist Information:

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The Forest of Dean and Wye Valley is a gateway to the far-away worlds of intergalactic heroes and villains, eccentric Time Lords, magicians and warriors. Now you can be part of the cast and crew, just like the writers, directors, actors and actresses who have been inspired or performed on our outdoor stage.

Editorial by James Clarke

To celebrate decades of small and big screen drama, we have created a number of TV & Movie Trails so fans can explore their favourite locations for themselves.

Atlantis, Star Wars, Doctor Who, Merlin, The Huntsman, Wizards vs Aliens, King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, Harry Potter, and Robin of Sherwood are a handful of titles that you can connect with. For further information visit www.visitdeanwyefilm.co.uk.

**1 Puzzlewood**


Puzzlewood has featured in countless productions but most recently appears in episode seven of the intergalactic space odyssey. Set 30 years after Star Wars: Return of the Jedi, The Force Awakens sees new heroes allied with familiar faces that include Han Solo, Chewbacca and Princess Leia. Sharp-eyed viewers will see the heroes travel to a forest world, where Daisy Ridley’s character, Rey, battles it out with the bad guys among Puzzlewood’s iconic rocks and trees.

**2 Goodrich Castle**

*Merlin*

In all its battle-hardened glory Goodrich Castle features in Merlin episode Sins of the Father. Situated on high ground from where it looms over the River Wye, the castle sets the tone for the appearance of a great enemy of Merlin and his allies: the warrior and sorceress, Morgause.
**Clearwell Caves**

*Doctor Who, Merlin, Atlantis*

Clearwell Caves is the location for many time-travelling adventures including episodes: The Christmas Invasion, The Satan Pit, The Fires of Pompeii, The Time of Angels and Flesh and Stone. In The Christmas Invasion the eccentric Time Lord has to embark on a race against time to save the human race from enslavement by the Sycorax. Clearwell Caves serves as the interior of the Sycorax spaceship.

**Speech House Lake**

*Merlin*

In the episode The Gates of Avalon, Speech House Lake becomes the mythical Lake of Avalon where Merlin witnesses a magical encounter. The lake features again in the episode Excalibur, in which Merlin hides a sword underwater. In The Lady of the Lake episode, Merlin says goodbye to the druid girl Freya whom he has bravely tried to keep safe from a bounty hunter. Some shots show Castle Camelot towering over the placid water. The woods around the Lake often featured in episodes of Merlin for scenes of characters trekking through their enchanted world of Albion.

**Cannop Ponds**

*Merlin*

Merlin, series five filmed the scenes of Another Sorrow at Cannop Ponds, the picturesque Forestry Commission nature reserve. In this episode, Merlin finds Mithian’s message about Morgana by the stream.

**Beechenhurst**

*New Worlds, Doctor Who*

A drama series about settlers to America in the 17th century, New Worlds’ producers constructed a fort on the open picnic ground, and populated the set with actors bearing muskets and sporting Mohicans as part of their portrayal of native Americans.

**Symond’s Yat and Coppett Hill**

*Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 1*

The Harry Potter novels have a strong connection with the Forest of Dean. During her childhood, author J.K. Rowling lived at Tutshill on the edge of Chepstow. In The Deathly Hallows, Part 1 Coppett Hill features in a snowy scene in which Harry asks where they are. Hermione explains that they are in the Forest of Dean and that she and her family used to holiday there. Additionally, in the film trailer there is an aerial view of Harry, Ron and Hermione walking along the bank of the River Wye near Horsehoe Bend at Symond’s Yat.

**The Doward and Biblins**

*King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.*

Between Biblins, near Ross-on-Wye, and Monmouth, on the pathway along the riverside, is undulating ground within the trees, behind which looms a massive wall of carboniferous limestone rock. This setting is used in King Arthur as a council location. Hart’s-tongue fern prettifies the slightly stark scene. King Arthur’s cave was filmed at the prehistoric cave standing in the shadow of Great Doward, where protected sorbus trees hang over the entrance. The cave is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and rises about 25-feet, so large enough for a man on horseback to ride in and out.

**Raglan Castle**

*Merlin*

Raglan Castle features as the Isle of the Blessed, a location where the witches of the Old Religion are found. In the episode Le Morte d’Arthur, Merlin is charged by the Great Dragon to travel to the Isle of the Blessed to seek a cure for Arthur who has not fared well in an encounter with the Questing Beast. The Isle of the Blessed also features in the two-part story The Darkest Hour, where Merlin, Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table venture to vanquish the sinister presence of The Shadow People.
**Chepstow**

Robin of Sherwood

ITV’s 1980s popular Saturday evening TV series saw Chepstow Castle feature in a number of episodes, including the very first, Robin Hood and the Sorcerer, followed by The Enchantment and The Inheritance. Throughout the series the castle was a setting known as Castle Belleme, named for the character Baron Simon de Belleme, a nobleman and sorcerer.

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**Lydney Park Gardens**

Just Visiting

In 2001, Hollywood remade a hugely popular French comedy blockbuster entitled Les Visiteurs, renamed by the Americans as Just Visiting. The story centers on a medieval knight who accidentally time travels to the 21st Century thanks to the efforts of an incompetent wizard. The knight finds himself contending with modern life, however, before this turn of events we see him in splendid surroundings of forests and castles, with the film’s opening woodland scenes filmed at Lydney Park Gardens.

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**Ninewells**

Atlantis

Who would have thought that the Mediterranean could so readily be imagined in the Forest of Dean? For the BBC series Atlantis, Ninewells, near Coleford, featured as the Athenian Wood.
From the historic folk tale of the Ruardean Bear to the iconic legend of the Devil’s Pulpit, there are countless myths and legends to explore and discover.

**Bearly a legend**

In 1889 two Russian bears were brought to the Forest of Dean by four Frenchmen. Legend has it that foreign bear keepers fed their animals childrens’ flesh, so when a rumour spread that the animals had killed a child and mauled a woman an angry mob gave chase.

Some horrified Ruardean residents rescued and sheltered the keepers after witnessing their brutal beating and bears’ slaughter. During the trial many locals were mistakenly accused of the attacks and today the mocking refrain "Who killed the bears" taunts the good people of Ruardean.

**Devilish myth**

The Devil’s Pulpit is a rocky viewpoint that overlooks the thirteenth century Tintern Abbey. Local mythology says that the Devil created the Pulpit to preach to the Monks so he could tempt them from their religious ways. Other stories suggest that the Devil decreed the Monks perform a vulgar sermon from the Abbey roof. The Monks agreed, but cleverly tricked him with a shower of Holy Water that forced him to flee.
Who would believe it
One of the most haunted houses in England is Littledean Hall, thought to be the oldest occupied manor house in the UK.

Shrouded in local superstition is King Arthur’s Cave on The Doward, near Symonds Yat. One of many tales involves a giant human skeleton discovered there in 1695, which was lost at sea when a local surgeon transported it to Jamaica but his ship sank.

Pwcas are mythical Monmouth creatures that offer help to farmers in exchange for milk. If unrewarded they cause mayhem and mischief.

Wintour’s Leap is named after the Royalist Sir John Wintour who, when hotly pursued on horseback by Parliamentary forces, jumped off the cliff, landed in the Wye below and swam safely to nearby Chepstow Castle.

According to Welsh folklore, Corgis, the Queen’s favourite canine, are the preferred mode of transport for fairies.

The Staunton Longstone is a seven foot tall Bronze Age standing stone that is believed to bleed if it’s pricked with a pin at midnight.

Ellen Hayward, a Cinderford wise woman, was the last person charged with witchcraft in the UK. She was tried at Littledean Jail in 1906.
Getting to the Forest of Dean
Located in the Western part of Gloucestershire and within easy access of the M4 (M48), M5 and M50 motorways.

National Express operates nationwide coach services to and from Newent, Chepstow, Gloucester, Ross-on-Wye and Monmouth.

For in-depth information go to wyedeantourism.co.uk.

Visitors with disabilities
For information on places to stay, visit or eat there is accessibility information at wyedeantourism.co.uk.

Distances to the Forest of Dean

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Getting around by car is easy and there are many car-parks within the main towns and all around the Forest at Forestry Commission sites (some charges apply). For further information go to wyedeantourism.co.uk.

Detailed times for local bus services, contact Traveline 0871 200 22 33.

Heritage steam and diesel trains runs through the forest between Lydney, Whitecroft and Parkend. For details visit www.wyedeantourism.co.uk.

Reduce your carbon footprint….
The Forest of Dean and Wye Valley has a vast network of cycle trails, centred at Cannop Ponds. Cycle racks are available in all of the main towns. Bring your own bike or hire from the many cycle shops in the area.

Plan Ahead
Buy the OS Leisure Map OL14 - Wye Valley & Forest of Dean 1:25,000.

For leaflets, books and route maps: The Forestry Commission 03000 674800

Guided tours are available from the Forest of Dean & Wye Valley registered tour guides who can accompany groups to a variety of places of interest.
T: 01594 888197 www.wyedeantourguides.org.uk
WALK THIS WAY

One of the most popular outdoor activities in the area is walking. The 12 Easy Walks leaflet includes short walks suitable for most abilities and all ages. Download it for free from wyedeantourism.co.uk.
Here are four to wet your appetite...

**Clearwell Village**
This walk starts at Clearwell Cross in the centre of the village. Pass St. Peter’s and stop at the entrance to Clearwell Castle. Opposite the castle is the ‘Dog Well’. Inside was a hand-cranked pump to feed water into a tank at the castle. Notice the troughs on the outer wall at horse and dog level. Explore St Peter’s churchyard, then walk back to the Cross passing the Victorian village school. Continue around the village and its many points of interest. Further up the road, within easy walking distance is Clearwell Caves.

**Lydney Docks**
This very short walk takes in the sights of Lydney Harbour, a place steeped in history and heritage. From Roman times through the industrial revolution and well into the 20th century Lydney Harbour has been a cornerstone of the River Severn’s heritage. The Severn Estuary is one of the UK’s national heritage jewels, known the world over for its massive tidal range and internationally important habitat, but even more so for its history of exporting and as one of the UK’s principle sea links to the rest of the world. Lydney Harbour has played a full part in making the Severn Estuary the gateway from the South West to the rest of the world.

**Dark Hill**
An easy walk around the remains of the Dark Hill Ironworks. The first section of path was formerly part of the Severn and Wye Railway that ran from Parkend up the valley to a terminus at Coleford. Along the path, you will see a monument to David Mushet and his son Robert, pioneers in metallurgy. When you reach the remains of Dark Hill Ironworks, you may be able to see a ‘bear’ from the ironworks, a large solidified mass of iron slag. Continue along the walk until you get to the bottom of the hill and cross the shallow ford using the stepping stones. You will come across a cleared area which is a haven for wildlife, particularly butterflies.

**Cannop Ponds**
A short walk through magical, oak and fir woodland. The route visits Cannop Ponds, where you may see swans, geese and ducks including brightly coloured mandarin ducks. The pond was built to power a huge waterwheel at Parkend. Continue along the track to find a Forest Freemine and an unusual monument.

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**Easy Access**
For visitors who would like a gentle introduction to the Forest or have a wheelchair or pushchair there are routes at Mallards Pike Lake and the Cyril Hart Arboretum.

**Circular and Linear Short Walks**
If you prefer a bit more of a challenge or have a special interest there are plenty of opportunities to indulge yourself including the Sculpture Trail, Penallt pubs Circular, Darkhill Iron Works Walk, Daffodil Way and the Poets Path.

**Long Distance**
For more of a challenge there are several long distance trails such as Offa’s Dyke National Trail, Wysis Way, Gloucestershire Way and the Wye Valley Walk all with stunning scenery and amazing viewpoints such as Devil’s Pulpit, Eagles Nest, Wintours Leap and Lovers Leap.

Images: Walkers, Clearwell Caves entrance, Lydney Docks
WHERE TO STAY

There are a variety of accommodation options in the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley. Accommodation featured in this guide may be graded (by either VisitBritain, VisitWales or the AA) those graded will clearly display the star rating. Properties awaiting grading will be marked ‘Awaiting’. Ungraded properties will have no stars. Please refer to the individual grading body for their specific criteria.

Prices quoted in the accommodation section are based upon bed and breakfast, per person, per night (unless otherwise stated). Prices for self-catering are per unit, per week (unless otherwise stated). Please confirm prices at time of booking.

**Wye Valley & Forest of Dean Tourism Association**

Members of the association are committed to providing the highest quality facilities and service.

**AA Rosettes**

Awarded to hotels who serve exceptionally high quality food.

**Walkers, Cyclists, Families & Pets Welcome**

Accommodation that provides facilities specifically for walkers, cyclists, families and pets.

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The Chase Hotel
Gloucester Road
Ross-on-Wye
Herefordshire
HR9 5LH

38 Bedroom Country House Hotel, Harry's Rossette Awarded Restaurant.
Rooms: 1 single, 26 double, 9 twin, 2 family (all en-suite) Rates: B&B from £39.50 - £105.00 pppn
T: 01989 763161 | E: res@chasehotel.co.uk | www.chasehotel.co.uk | www.facebook.com/thechasehotelrossonwye | www.twitter.com/TheChaseHotel

THREE CHOIRS VINEYARDS ESTATE
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Everything a wine-lover could want in a hotel. Relax and enjoy the tranquility and beauty of this 100 acre vineyard estate, all our rooms are south facing with views over the vine clad valley. The restaurant specialises in using fresh local produce and combining them with flavours from around the world.

Rooms: 9 double, 2 twin (all en-suite) Rates: B&B £70.00 - £100.00 pppn

@deanwye /WyeValleyForestofDean
### THE WYE VALLEY HOTEL

- **Address:** Tintern, Nr. Chepstow, Mon. NP16 6SQ
  - **Website:** www.thewyevalleyhotel.co.uk
  - **Email:** barry_cooke@btconnect.com

- **Description:** A small family run Hotel, offering excellent home cooked food, local real ales, fine wines and a good selection of lagers in a relaxed friendly atmosphere.
- **Rooms:** All the bedrooms are en suite with TV and coffee/tea making facilities.
  - **Free Wi-Fi:** Available throughout the premises.

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### THE KING'S HEAD HOTEL

- **Address:** 8 High Street, Ross on Wye, HR9 5HL
  - **Website:** www.kingshead.co.uk
  - **Email:** enquiries@kingshead.co.uk

- **Description:** A newly restored, family owned destination pub with award winning local food and a welcoming atmosphere.
- **Activities:** Real ales, fine food, riverside terraces and walks. Ten en-suite rooms, most overlooking the river. Ideal base for exploring the Royal Forest of Dean and surrounding areas.

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### FOREST HOUSE HOTEL

- **Address:** Cinder Hill, Coleford GL16 8HQ
  - **Website:** www.forest-house.co.uk
  - **Email:** info@forest-house.co.uk

- **Description:** A freshly cooked or continental breakfast is available daily.
- **Activities:** Activities close by include cycling, exploring the area by foot, cycle or car. 

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### THE GEORGE INN

- **Address:** High Street, Aylburton GL15 6DE
  - **Website:** www.millingbrooklodge.com
  - **Email:** info@millingbrooklodge.com

- **Description:** A family owned destination inn, offering home cooked food, local real ales and sourced drinks - we strive to source our ingredients within a 30 mile radius. Menus changed monthly to ensure seasonal freshness, separate menu for vegetarians.

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### THE KILCOT INN

- **Address:** Ross Road, Newent, Gloucs, GL18 1NA
  - **Website:** www.kilcotinn.com
  - **Email:** info@kilcotinn.com

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### THE SARACENS HEAD INN

- **Address:** Symonds Yat East, Ross-on-Wye HR9 6JL
  - **Website:** www.saracensheadinn.co.uk
  - **Email:** contact@saracensheadinn.co.uk

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GUEST ACCOMMODATION

DEANFIELD

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E: deanfieldbb@aol.com

First class, Trip Advisor 2016 winning accommodation, set in the heart of the Royal Forest of Dean. Backing onto RSPB’s Nagshead Nature Reserve and surrounded by woodland walks & cycle trails, starting right from the gate. Dean Forest Steam Railway runs to this unspoilt village which has pubs with restaurants, cycle hire and cafes. Free WiFi and private enclosed parking.

Also 4 star Gold self-catering Deanfield Coach House available, see page 55

Rooms: 1 single, 3 double, 1 twin, 1 king, 1 super king (all en-suite). 1 single, 1 double, 1 twin (private bathrooms)
Rates: B&B £40.00 - £60.00 ppn

DRYSLADE FARM

Mrs Daphne Gwilliam, English Bicknor, Coleford GL16 7PA
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www.drysladefarm.co.uk

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Rooms: 2 double, 1 twin, all en-suite
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T: 07786 263006
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www.holidaycottagewyevally.co.uk


- **Units:** 1 units sleeps 4
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**WATCHMAKERS COTTAGE**

Mrs Jenny Clark, Daffaf handsome House, Glewstones, Ross on Wye HR9 6BB
T: 01998 770369 / 07836 693416
E: watchmakerscottage@madafish.com
www.watchmakerscottage.com

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- **Units:** 1 unit sleeps 4+ cot/child bed
- **Rates:** Min £360.00 - Max £530.00

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**COWSHED COTTAGE**

Mrs E Wood. High Meadow Farm, Newland, Coleford, GL16 8NR
T: 01594 833259
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www.cowshedcottage.co.uk

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- **Units:** 1 unit sleeps 1-4
- **Rates:** Min £250.00 - Max £499.00

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**CRAIGO BARN**

Craig Farm, Trellech Road, Tintern, Mon. NP16 6NS
T: 01291-88975
E: holidays@craigobarn.com
www.craigobarn.com

Nestled in wooded hills less than a mile from Tintern, Craig Barn provides an excellent retreat for exploring the beautiful Wye Valley & Forest of Dean. Many miles of beautiful walks direct from the door. The cottage sits well away from roads in the grounds of Craig Farm, a Gwent Wildlife Trust Wildlife Site. A safe friendly environment for all the family. Comfortable, quiet, relaxing, open all year, sleeps 5. Free WiFi, central heating, dogs accepted. Visit our website to see our wonderful video tour.

- **Units:** 1 unit sleeps 5
- **Rates:** Min £300.00 - Max £500.00

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**THE PRIORY COTTAGES (AWRE)**

Ian Cowan
The Priory, Awre GL14 1ED
T: 07919 407128
E: enquiries@thepriorycottages.co.uk
www.thepriorycottages.co.uk

With spectacular views, situated on the tidal section of the River Severn on the edge of the Royal Forest of Dean, these cottages have their own gardens, BBQs and parking. They are in a peaceful, tranquil location and operated on sustainable principles. Each bedroom has an en-suite bathroom or wet-room.

- **Units:** Hovel sleeps 2 + cot; Hamlets sleeps 4 + cot.
- **Rates:** Min £268.00 - Max £598.00

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**THE OLD DAIRY HOLIDAY COTTAGE**

Jubilee Road, Mitcheldean, GL17 0EE
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E: admin@olddairycottage.com
www.olddairycottage.com

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- **Units:** 1 unit sleeps 2
- **Rates:** Min £299.00 - Max £399.00

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**OAKWOOD COTTAGE CANNOP**

Helen Evans, 9 Cannop Villas, Cannop, Nr. Coleford GL16 7EH
T: 01594 861119
E: info@evansholidays.com
www.evansholidays.com

100 Year old, four bedroom cottage set in the beautiful oak woodlands of the Cannop Valley Nature Reserve. Open fire in lounge, large gardens with decked patio and BBQ. Cycle trail 40 metres from the cottage. Sculpture Trail and Cannop Ponds a ten minute woodland walk away. Ideal for walking and touring. Open all year.

- **Units:** 1 unit to sleep 7
- **Rates:** Min £190 - Max £650

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**THE COTTAGE, SOUDEXEY**

Helen Evans, The Cottage, Lower Road, Soudley. GL14 2TZ
T: 01594 861119
E: info@evansholidays.com
www.evansholidays.com

Cottage situated in the tranquil village of Soudley, woodland walks and village pub a five minute walk away. The beautiful Soudley Ponds and the Dean Heritage Centre a ten minute walk from the cottage. The cottage offers an ideal base for walking and bird watching. Small secluded garden with patio & BBQ. Open all year.

- **Units:** 1 unit to sleep 2-6
- **Rates:** Min £300 - £435
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