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**WYE
VALLEY**

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the Wye Valley

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Go See

Historical

Goodrich Castle - Castle Lane, Goodrich, Ross-on-Wye HR9 6HY



Customer review: "It is a great castle in a wonderful location, lots of information boards bring alive the past and it's easy to visualise what life was like and the history of the castle."

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Chepstow Castle - Chepstow Castle 1 Bridge Street, Chepstow NP16 5EY Wales



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<https://cadw.gov.wales/visit/places-to-visit/chepstow-castle>

Customer review: "Great piece of history. Fascinating place, very interesting. Helpful staff."

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Tintern Abbey – Tintern Abbey, Tintern NP16 6SE



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<https://cadw.gov.wales/visit/places-to-visit/tintern-abbey>

Customer review: "Absolutely lovely. Amazing how well it is preserved: no roof, supports and yet all standing. Astonishingly atmospheric and quite eerie."

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Hereford Cathedral – Cathedral Close Cathedral Close, Hereford HR1 2NG



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<https://www.herefordcathedral.org/>

Customer review: "This is a really lovely cathedral and well worth a visit. The stain glass windows around the cathedral are absolutely beautiful."

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Gloucester Cathedral – 12 College Green, Gloucester GL1 2LX, England



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<https://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk/>

Customer review: "Gloucester Cathedral, a wonderful space to worship, sightsee, be at peace, spot Harry Potter areas, just the best place to be. When you're sad, or happy, or anything, solace or joy can be found there. I simply feel at home there."

Nature-Based

Symonds Yat – Coleford Road Ferrie Ln, GL16 7NZ (for car park)



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Customer review: "Absolutely beautiful area. Amazing views and something that should be seen if close by. We'd visit again for sure."

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King Arthur's Cave – Symonds Yat, Ferrie Ln, GL16 7NZ (for car park)



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Customer Review: "This is worthy of a visit, as you can enjoy a stroll to the caves. When we visited, we could hear the birds, and saw a buzzard! We took some lovely pictures of these very old caves, the light was particularly good and gave the forest a special dusting of delight!"

Kymin Hill – The Round House 15 The Kymin, Monmouth NP25 3SF Wales

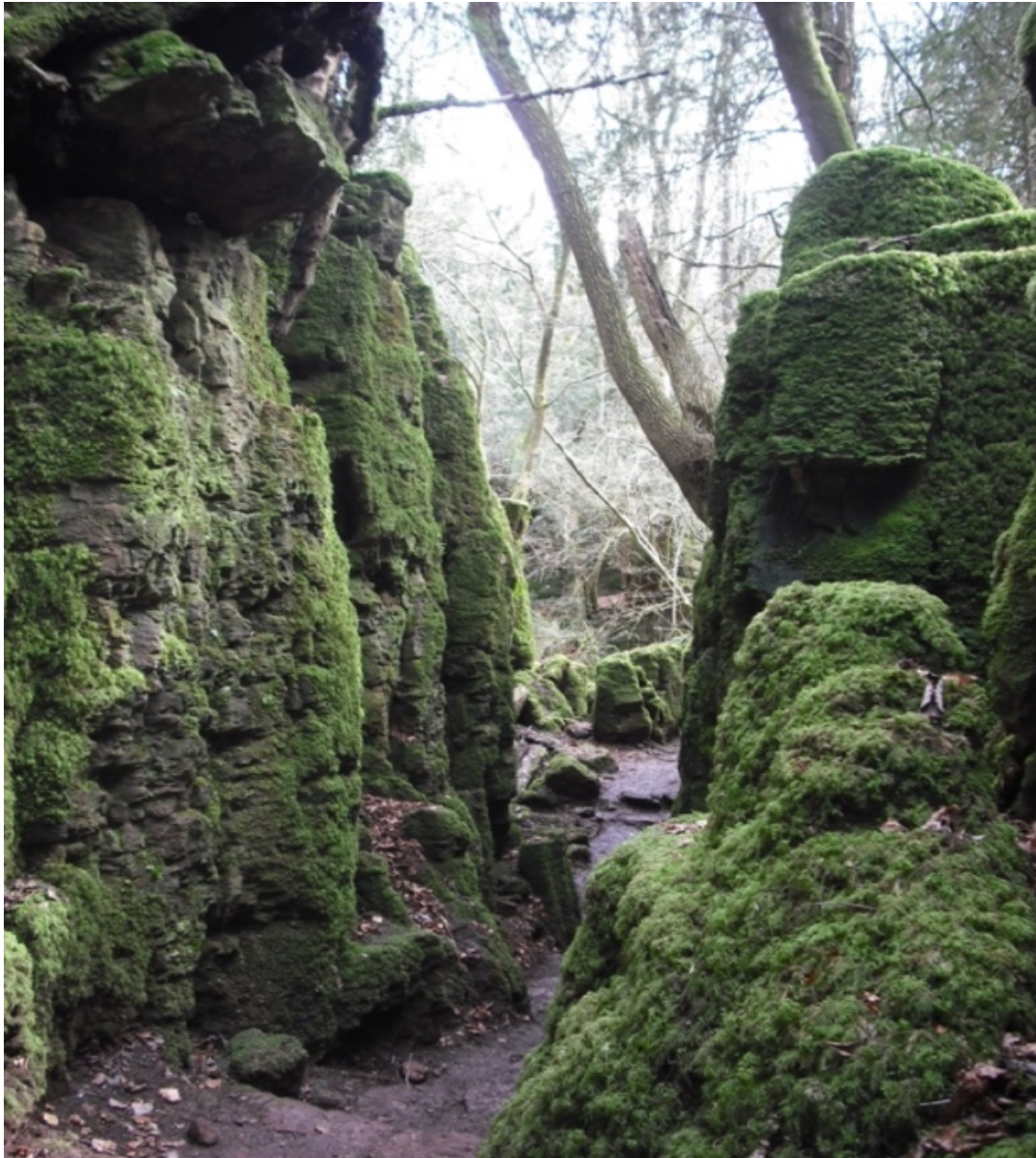


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Customer review: "A picnic in the sun, a look at the two historic buildings and a grand view of Monmouth. The Naval Temple makes our proud!"

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Puzzlewood - Perrygrove Road, Coleford GL16 8QB



By Andy Dingley - Own work, CC BY-SA 3.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=10369584> Clearwell Caves

<https://www.puzzlewood.net/>

Customer review: "How a place like this came to end up looking so markedly different to other UK forests is beyond comprehension. It oozes magic from every surface and is quite unlike anywhere else - almost like a tropical rainforest with an ancient English woodland twist."

Clearwell Caves – The Rocks, Coleford GL16 8JR



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<https://clearwellcaves.com/>

Customer review: "What a fantastic place! First time with my grandson and I don't know who enjoyed it more. The lighting and trees made it so atmospheric, and I particularly loved all the woodland creatures. Quite magical."

Go Do

Water-Based

Canoe Hire



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There are several places to hire kayaks and canoes in the local area. Here are a few below:

- <https://thecanoehire.co.uk/>
- <http://www.canoehire.com/>
- <https://wyecanoes.com/>

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Paddle Boarding

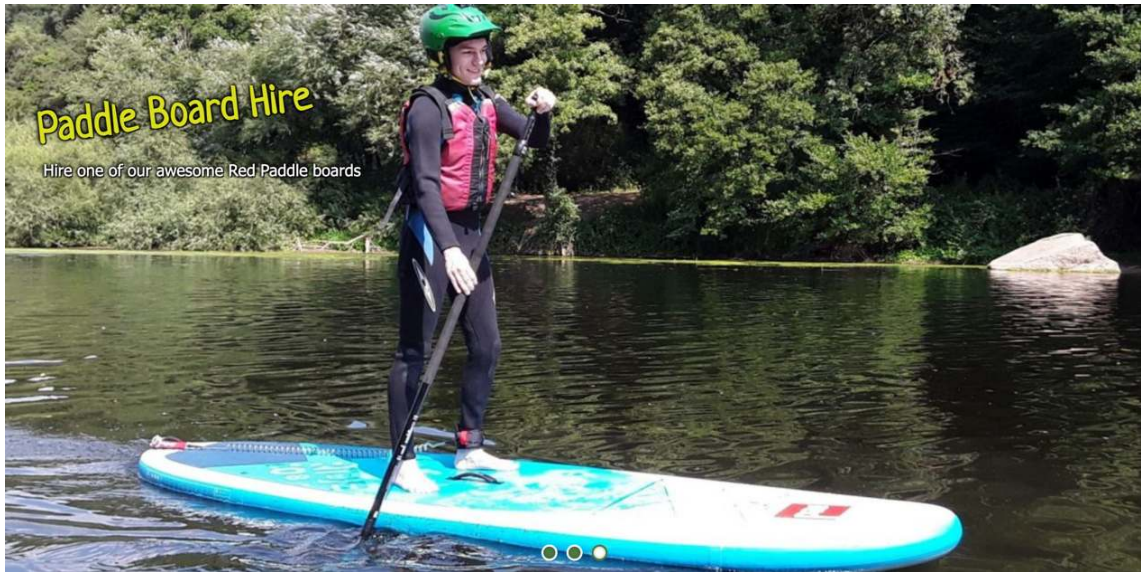


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<https://wyecanoes.com/>

River Cruises - Symonds Yat leisure Park Symonds Yat West HR9 6DA



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Enjoy a leisurely cruise along the river Wye and take in the stunning scenery along the way.

<https://www.wyevalleycruises.co.uk/>

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Scuba Diving - National Diving & Activity Centre, A48, Chepstow NP16 7LQ

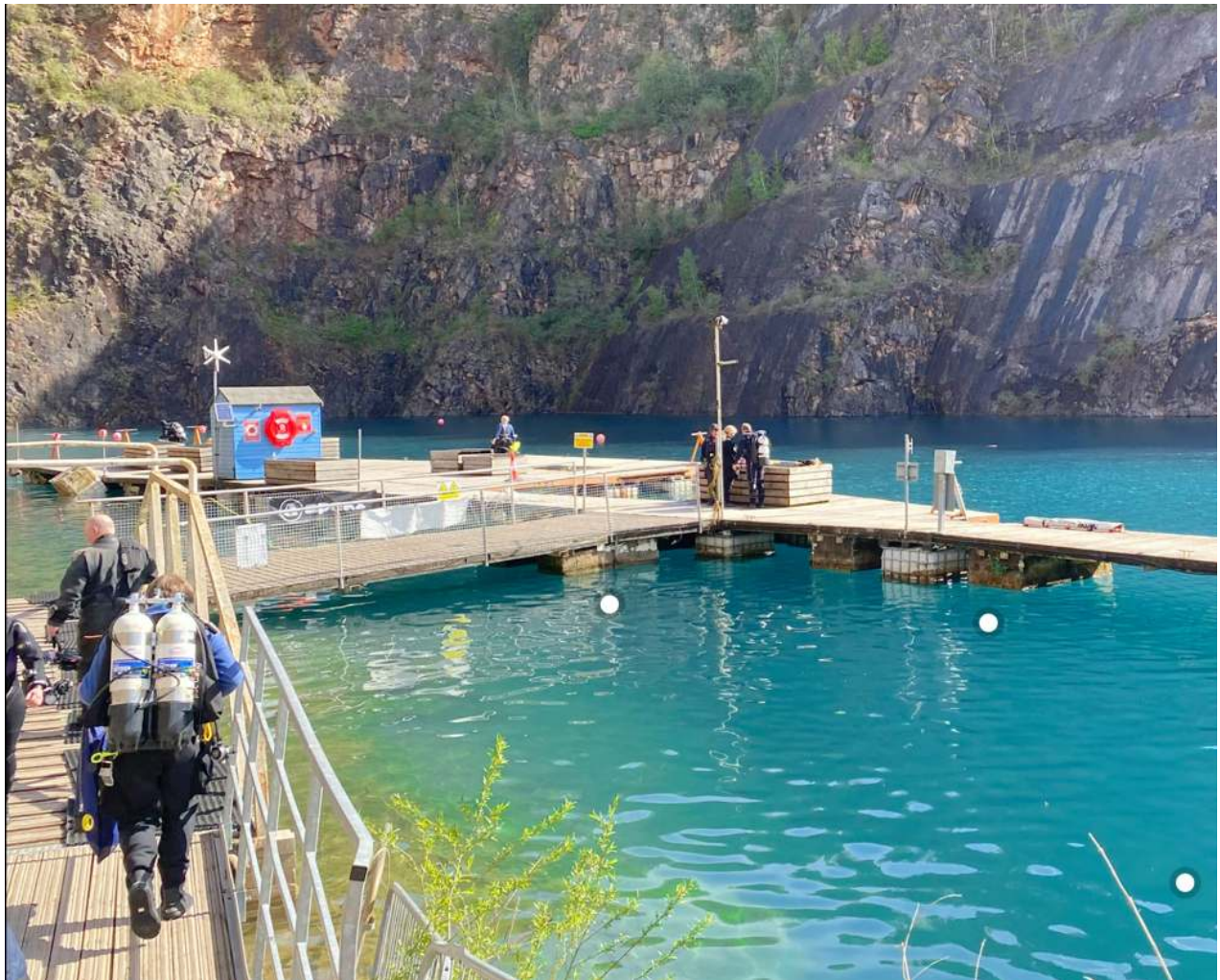


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Fancy a spot of scuba? The National Diving & Activity Centre near Chepstow is a converted quarry for scuba, free diving and a host of other water-based activities. It also has an excellent café to watch the activities below.

<https://www.ndac.co.uk/>

Land-Based

Wye Valley Miniature Golf – Symonds Yat West, Ross-on-Wye HR9 6DA



Image credit – Wye Valley Miniature Golf Facebook Page

<https://wyevalleyminigolf.co.uk/>

Customer review: "Had a brilliant game of crazy golf while visiting the other attractions on this site. Great course and good value for money."

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Wye Valley Butterfly Zoo - Symonds Yat West, Ross-on-Wye HR9 6DA



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<https://butterflyzoo.co.uk/>

Customer review: This must be the best butterfly house in the UK and with the maze, maze museum and crazy golf it filled in most of the day for boys and girls aged 7-10 years.

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Beechenhurst Lodge - Speech House Road, Coleford GL16 7EG



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<https://www.forestryengland.uk/beechnhurst>

Customer review: "Lots of well-marked trails, we took the Sculpture Trail. Lots to see and do along the way to keep the kids and adults interested."

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Climbing - Car Park Entrance, Coleford GL16 7NZ



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www.tripadvisor.co.uk/contour_outdoor

<http://www.summitmountaineering.com/>

Mountain Biking



There are numerous cycle trails throughout the Wye Valley and the Forest of Dean. Trails range from family-friendly to hardcore mountain biker. Bring your own or hire from the centres below:

<https://www.deanforestcycles.co.uk/>

<https://pedalabikeaway.co.uk/bike-hire/>

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Walking – Throughout the area



There are many walks throughout the Wye Valley. Below is a site that showcases the best 20 walks.

<https://www.komoot.com/guide/674172/hiking-around-the-forest-of-dean>

Bird watching – Various



There are a wide range of birds to see from Peregrine Falcons at Symonds Yat to Buzzards over the Forest of Dean.

Below are some guides to bird watching in the area:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

<https://www.visitdeanwye.co.uk>

<https://www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk/>

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Go Ape Activity Centre – See below



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There are 2 Go Ape activity centres in the Forest of Dean area, 1 geared for younger children and 1 more challenging:

Ideal for younger children: Beechenhurst Lodge, B4226, Coleford, Gloucestershire, GL16 7EJ

More challenging: Mallards Pike Lake, Parkend, Gloucestershire, Lydney, GL15 4HD

<https://goape.co.uk/locations/forest-of-dean-beechenhurst>

<https://goape.co.uk/locations/forest-of-dean-mallards-pike>

Customer review: "Absolutely great fun and such a good adrenaline rush."

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Forest Segway - Mallards Pike Lake, Parkend, Gloucestershire, Lydney, GL15 4HD



Image copyright – Go Ape

<https://goape.co.uk/adventures/forest-segway>

Customer review: "Me and my partner visited for a Segway experience on the weekend, we both thoroughly enjoyed it and the instructors made it easy to understand for a beginner using the Segway for the first time like myself. Would highly recommend it to anyone."

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Dean Forest Steam Railway – Norchard Station, Forest Road, Lydney, GL15 4ET



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<https://deanforestrailway.co.uk/>

Customer review: "It's not just a train ride, but the countryside is beautiful and also you get to see the loco run around to the front of the carriages each time it reaches the end of the line."

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Perrygrove Steam Railway - Perrygrove Road, Coleford GL16 8QB



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Great for younger children, Perrygrove has a mini steam train and a treetops adventure site.

<https://www.perrygrove.co.uk/>

Customer review: "We could have happily stayed all evening. My son was absolutely thrilled at the train ride and the play areas."

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Hopewell Colliery - Speech House Road Cannop Hill, Coleford GL16 7EG



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Hopewell Colliery provides fascinating mine tours in the safe hands of an expert freeminer from the Forest of Dean.

<http://www.hopewellcolliery.com/>

Customer review: "Located within the beautiful Forest of Dean. Well marked, roomy FOC car park with sloping path down to the cafe/Reception. The museum area is very small but interesting and spread round the cafe, with mining memorabilia from the area."

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International Centre for Birds of Prey - Bouldson House, Newent GL18 1JJ



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<https://www.icbp.org/>

Customer review: "Fantastic day at the centre, really enjoyed our time there (especially the kids aged 7 and 4). Really knowledgeable staff, flying show was amazing."

Briery Hill Llamas – Briery House, Briery Hill Lane, Kilcot, Newent, GL18 1 NH



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Why not try trekking with 30 beautiful llamas in Newent?

<https://www.brieryhillllamas.co.uk/>

Customer review: "We had a fantastic time, llamas so gentle and so funny, fab family who made us so welcome, beautiful surroundings and we were blessed with gorgeous weather. A truly magical experience would recommend highly."

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Grand Bike Tour of Hereford - High St, Hereford HR4 9AA



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This company are the first to offer bike tours of beautiful Hereford.

<https://jollyexplorer.com/hereford-grand-bike-tour/>

Customer review: "Really great way to see Hereford. Ace was very knowledgeable and approachable. Easy ride with only 2 small, short inclines to cycle up. The rest of the route was flat and mainly on cycle paths, ideal for not so confident cyclists."

Laser Clay Shooting - Elton Farm Leisure, Newnham, GL14 1JU



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Laser Clay Pigeon shooting is **100% Safe**, firing harmless infra-red beams instead of live ammunition meaning **no bruises** from recoil, **no ear-splitting noise** and **more environmentally friendly** and **cheaper** than traditional Clay Pigeon Shooting.

<https://www.deanlaserclay.com/>

Customer review: "I think I'm addicted..."

Go Eat

The Cross Keys - Goodrich, Ross-on-Wye HR9 6JB



Situated in the stunning Wye Valley between Ross-On-Wye and Monmouth, very close to Symonds Yat. The Cross Keys is a beautiful coaching inn managed by a local family. It provides an extensive range of drinks, wonderful steaks, homemade pies & desserts to name but a few.

<https://www.facebook.com/xkeysgoodrich/>

Customer Review: "The service was fantastic, polite, happy and friendly. The food was amazing, so tasty and well presented."

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The Hostelrie – Near Goodrich Castle - Goodrich, Ross-on-Wye HR9 6HX



The Hostelrie at Goodrich is a beautiful country inn. The 18th century gothic style building is situated in the pretty village of Goodrich, in the stunning Wye Valley close to the edge of the beautiful Forest of Dean.

<https://thehostelriatgoodrich.co.uk/>

Customer Review: "Really good food. Enjoyed the settings and very good service from the staff."

Whitchurch Spice Tandoori – The Crown Pub, Old Ross Rd, Ross-on-Wye HR9 6DD



Specialising in Indian and Bangladeshi food along with British favourite sides.

<https://www.facebook.com/Whitchurch-Spice-Tandoori->

Customer Review: "Amazing quality Indian food, would especially recommend the Sagwala - very tasty and just what I was looking for. Friendly staff and great service. Very reasonable prices and lots of choice. Good size portions."

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Potting Shed - Whitchurch, Ross-on-Wye HR9 6DJ



The Potting Shed cooks all meals fresh each day, catering for special diets, Coeliac and gluten-intolerant, dairy-free & vegetarian. Where possible, anything on the menu can be adapted to suit dietary requirements, so please feel free to chat to us about it.

<https://thepottingshedwhitchurch.com/>

Customer review: "Amazing food and first-class service. Ask the owner about the history of the building. Very interesting. Would definitely, and unreservedly recommend going here."

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The Saracens Head - Symonds Yat, Ross-on-Wye HR9 6JL



The Saracens Head Inn has stood for centuries in a spectacular position on the east bank of the River Wye in Herefordshire, on the edge of the Forest of Dean. Situated in the heart of the Wye Valley between Ross on Wye and Monmouth, this family run Inn is popular with walkers, cyclists, canoeists, fishermen and fans of good food and real ales.

<http://www.saracensheadinn.co.uk/>

Customer review: "This WAS THE BEST ROAST DINNER I've ever had at a restaurant the beef melted in my mouth, everything was homemade and delicious."

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Ye Old Ferrie Inn - Ferrie Lane, Symonds Yat, Ross-on-Wye HR9 6BL



This beautiful, family run, riverside pub has been standing on the banks of the River Wye since the 15th century. With charming traditional features, warming log fires and stunning views across the Valley, Ye Old Ferrie Inn is the ideal place to enjoy the breath-taking countryside that surrounds it.

<https://www.yeoldferrieinn.com/>

Customer Review: "Food was delicious, the breakfast was the best breakfast I've had in any hotel!"

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Tudor Farmhouse - High Street, Clearwell, Gloucestershire, GL16 8JS



Our head chef is committed to quality and locally sourced ingredients. Most are sourced from producers within a 20-mile radius of the hotel who share a passion for real, home-cooked seasonal food, served in a memorable and relaxed atmosphere.

<https://tudorfarmhousehotel.co.uk/>

Customer Review: "The food in the restaurant was absolutely superb with a well thought out and balanced menu. Local produce beautifully cooked and presented. The wine list was extensive, and it was nice to see a local wine on the menu."

Butchers Arms - High Street, Clearwell GL16 8JS



One of the oldest pubs in the Forest of Dean, we have been welcoming locals and visitors alike since 1802. Our menu combines signature 'Butchers' dishes with traditional British favourites.

<https://thebutchersarmsclearwell.co.uk/>

Customer Review: "Excellent menu, great locally sourced food and friendly staff. Decent kids' menu and good selection of beers too. Well worth going out of your way to visit."

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Fountain Inn – Fountain Way, Parkend, Nr Lydney, Gloucestershire GL15 4JD



Welcome to our award winning, family run, village inn. We're on a mission to offer the very best pub food in the Forest of Dean and on our menus, you'll find a wide choice of quality home-cooked meals - ranging from steaks to curries and seafood.

<https://www.thefountaininn.info/>

Customer Review: "Had an excellent meal, cosy restaurant with great food. Our steaks were tender and succulent. Fully compliant with Covid 19 Government regulation throughout areas, making us feel safe. Thank you for a lovely evening, will be back again soon."

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The Woodman Inn - Folly Road, Lydney GL15 4JF



A traditional country inn located in Parkend, the heart of the Forest of Dean. Beautifully refurbished, with amazing food to match, this is a must-visit pub on your Forest adventures.

<https://www.thewoodmanparkend.co.uk/>

Customer Review: "The food was fab! We ordered from the both the Sunday lunch and regular menu, it came out in good time and all together which was great given how many we were. There was plenty of veg to go round and the staff were superb."

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The Woolaston Inn, Gurkha Restaurant - Woolaston, Lydney, GL15 6PW



Experience authentic, flavoursome and appetising Gurkha cuisine when you visit our restaurant in Lydney, Gloucestershire. Blending both Oriental and Indian flavour into our food, we provide a selection of original dishes that are created to perfection by our experienced and skilled chefs to give you a taste of authentic Nepalese cuisine.

<http://www.woolastoninn.co.uk/>

Customer review: "Booked for a Saturday evening meal and we were absolutely delighted with the food, cleanliness, wonderful staff and service and the open view into the Kitchen! This Nepalese restaurant is a notch above Indian cuisine, especially in the Forest of Dean."

We hope you've enjoyed your short tour of the Wye Valley

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