



Colliers Trail

at the Forest of Dean

Discover the forest on two wheels along old railway lines, through our visitor centres and ancient woodlands.

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Grade: Forest road 14.5 km (9 miles)

A route for all the family with links to villages and picnic sites. This gently undulating circular route follows former railway lines on mostly surfaced tracks, with one steeper downhill section. This is a shared use trail, so look out for walkers, dogs and runners. The trail is best ridden clockwise; from this direction look for the signs back to the cycle centre after crossing Speech House Road.

Skill zones

Grade: Moderate (blue)

For an extra challenge, look out for the skill zones along the route.

How our cycling trails are graded

Easy

Expect: A mixture of climbs and descents with moderate gradients, technical features like tree roots and rock steps; jumps and berms. Rollable features at controlled speed. Variable surfaces.

Difficult Red

Expect: A mixture of steep climbs, descents and/or avoidable features. Larger jumps, berms and rollable features at controlled speed. Technical features such as tree roots, drop-offs and large rocks. Very variable surfaces.

Black

Expect: Long, steep climbs, descents and jumps. Numerous hazards including drop-offs, sharp corners and difficult features. Rapid rate of surface change. Commitment required.



Expect: Very fast and steep descents. Large drop-offs, jumps **Double-black** Extreme and unavoidable obstacles that require high levels of skill and commitment. Extreme level of exposure or risk. Rapid rate of surface change.

Expect: Gradients can be steep or variable. Surfaces may be uneven, loose or potholed. Navigation skills are useful. Look out for vehicles, forestry work and other visitors.

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Cycling safely

Plan ahead

- · Use the right bike and appropriate safety gear, and check they're safe to use. Always wear a helmet and gloves.
- · Don't rely on others; make sure you can get back safely.
- Know your location if you need to call for help.

Stay in control

- · Ride within your ability.
- Expect the unexpected.
- Look first: only tackle jumps and other challenges if you're sure you can do them.
- Off-road cycling carries inherent risks. Consider your skills, ability, and fitness, and use these guidelines in conjunction with your own experience and careful judgement.

Ride responsibly

- Take care around other visitors, dogs and horses.
- Dogs are not allowed on cycling trails, except for shared use trails.
- Motorbikes and quadbikes are not allowed.
- Routes may change due to forestry work. Follow all warning signs and diversions.
- If a vehicle is loading timber, always wait for the driver to let you past.