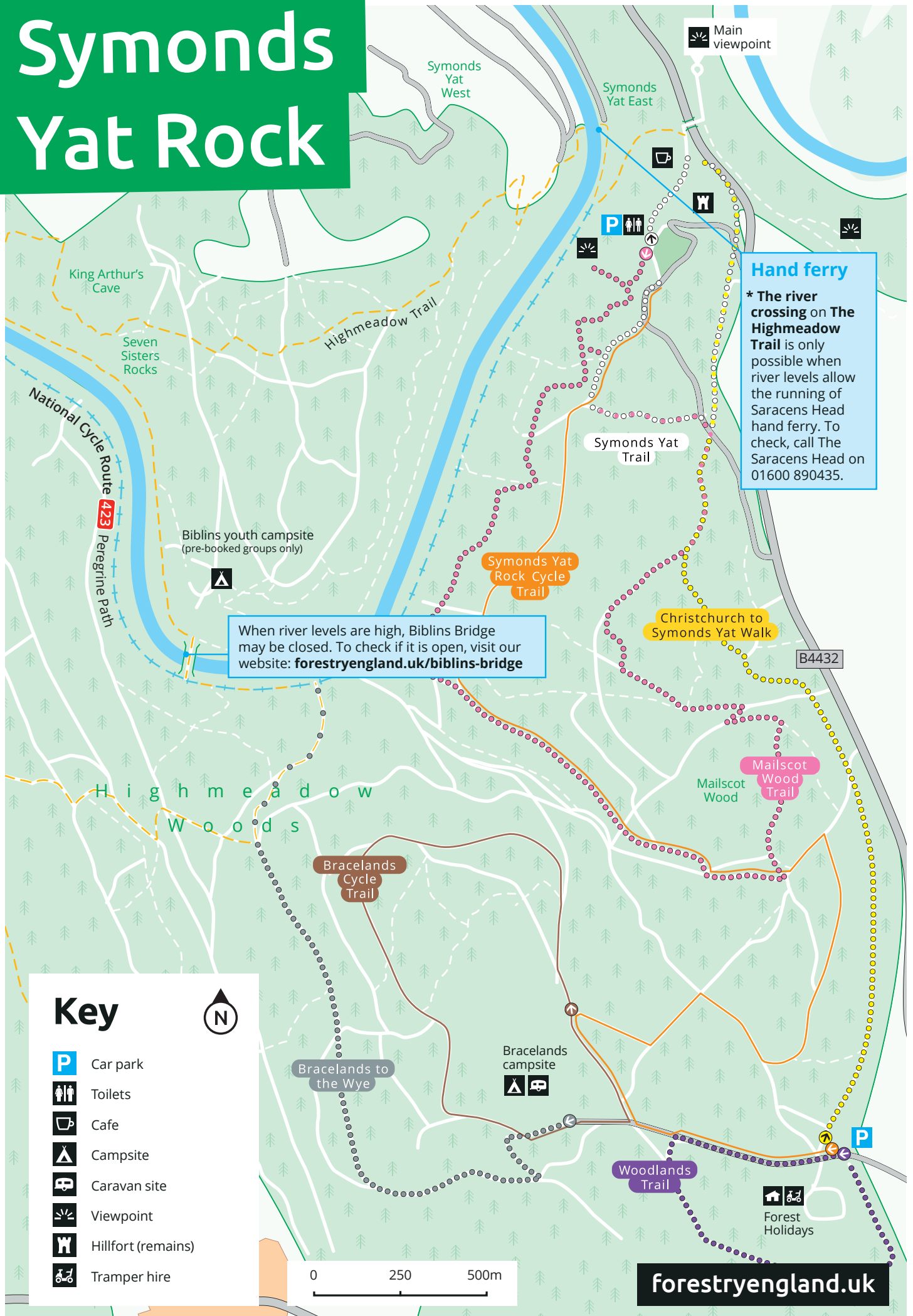


# Symonds Yat Rock



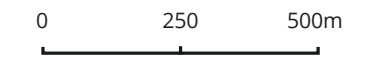
**Hand ferry**

\* The river crossing on The Highmeadow Trail is only possible when river levels allow the running of Saracens Head hand ferry. To check, call The Saracens Head on 01600 890435.

When river levels are high, Biblins Bridge may be closed. To check if it is open, visit our website: [forestryengland.uk/biblins-bridge](http://forestryengland.uk/biblins-bridge)

**Key**

- Car park
- Toilets
- Cafe
- Campsite
- Caravan site
- Viewpoint
- Hillfort (remains)
- Tramper hire





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## Walking trails at

# Symonds Yat

There are miles of tracks to discover here at Symonds Yat, or you can explore the woodland along one of these six routes.

### Symonds Yat Trail ○○○

2 km (1.2 miles) **45 mins**

This circular walking trail follows tracks through the Iron Age fort and attractive woodland. Along the route there are 10 nature trail boards with things for you to look out for as you walk.

### Mailscot Wood Trail ●●●

6 km (4 miles) **2½ hours**

Absorb a panoramic view of the river and pass through a wonderful mosaic of trees on this challenging hilly walk.

### Bracelands to the Wye ●●●

2.6km (1.6 miles) **1 hour**

(**1½ hours** for the return leg)

A simple route that follows a forest track from the southern edge of Bracelands. Look out for cars and coaches that also use this track. Please note it is a long uphill climb from the river to Bracelands.

### Woodlands Trail ●●●

1.6 km (1 mile) **35 mins**

Take an easy circular walk on well surfaced trail through mixed woodland which is home to goshawks, peregrines, dormice, fallow deer and wild boar.

### Christchurch to Symonds Yat Rock Walk ●●●

3.3 km (2 miles) **1¼ hours**

This level to gently sloping linear track runs direct to Symonds Yat Rock and the historic viewpoint. From here you can watch peregrine falcons or enjoy riverside walks alongside the scenic river Wye.

### The Highmeadow Trail — — —

17 km (11 miles) **5 hours**

The Ramblers' circular forest walk is rewarding, but with steep gradients and muddy in places. Take in stunning views, a ferry crossing and a footbridge over the river.



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## Emergency info

### Key locations:

Symonds Yat Rock. GL16 7NZ  
Grid Ref: SO564160

### Nearest access road:

Woodland Road

### Nearest minor injury unit:

Forest of Dean Community Hospital, Steam Mills Rd, Cinderford, Gloucestershire, GL14 3HY. Tel: 111

### Nearest A&E hospital facilities:

Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, Great Western Road, Gloucester, GL1 3NN

### In case of an emergency

call 999. Inform Forestry England on 0300 067 4800 (Mon to Fri, 9am – 3pm)

## Forest code

- Protect and respect wildlife, plants and trees.
- Guard against all risks of fire.
- Take your litter home.
- Make no unnecessary noise.
- Take only memories away.
- The forest is for everyone. Please be aware of other visitors.





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## Shared use trails at

# Symonds Yat

Explore the woodland on foot or by bike on one of our shared use trails.

### Bracelands Cycle Trail —

**Grade:** Forest road

**Short loop: 2.8 km (1.75 miles)**

20 mins cycle, 1 hour walk

A short, circular route that follows a level to gently sloping forest track through mixed woodlands around the perimeter of Bracelands campsite.

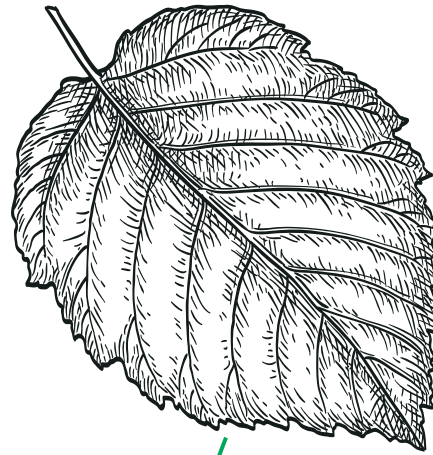
### Symonds Yat Rock Cycle Trail —

**Grade:** Forest Road

**4.5 km (2.7 miles)**

25 mins cycle, 1 ½ hours walk

Ride through woodlands high above the Wye Valley, with one steep section. On foot, you can combine with the Christchurch to Symonds Yat Rock Walk to make a circular 9km (5½ miles) route.



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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.

## How our cycling trails are graded

● <b>Green Easy</b>	■ <b>Blue Moderate</b>	▲ <b>Red Difficult</b>	◆ <b>Black Severe</b>	◆◆ <b>Double-black Extreme</b>	<b>Forest road &amp; similar</b> <b>Expect:</b> 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.

