



## Useful directions to Forest of Dean, Wye Valley

### Address

Forest Holidays Forest of Dean, Bracelands Drive, Christchurch, Coleford, Gloucester GL16 7NN

**Telephone Number** – 01594 837 165

### Travelling from the North

From the A5 Junction 8, take the M50 which leads onto the A40 after 20 miles.

Continue on the A40 until you reach Monmouth.

At Monmouth traffic lights, turn left onto the A4136 and go over the old stone bridge.

Continue straight over the first and second mini roundabouts and follow for approx. 5 miles.

After Staunton Village you will come to Berry Pike junction traffic lights, continue straight on.

Shortly after this junction is a staggered crossroads (Pike Crossroads) with a block of apartments on the left.

Turn left at the crossroads onto Grove Road and continue for about a mile.

At the next crossroads with the brown camping / caravan symbol, turn left into Bracelands Drive.

After a few hundred yards you will see the Forest Retreat, this is where you check-in.

### Please note!

Don't take any road for The Forest of Dean or Symonds Yat before reaching Monmouth as they are unsuitable for large vehicles. Also, on turning left into Bracelands Drive, please be careful not to overshoot this junction as the next turning on the left leads to Symonds Yat and is unsuitable for large vehicles.

### Travelling from the East

From Gloucester, take the A40 towards Ross-on-Wye.

Pass through Huntley Village (approx. 7 miles on the A40 from Gloucester).

Turn left at the second set of traffic lights onto the A4136 (towards Monmouth and Forest of Dean).

After 10 miles pass through Edge End, approaching Five Acres where there's a school.

At the traffic lights with a Nissan garage on your left, turn right and drive slowly through Berry Hill Village.

Go straight ahead at the crossroads and continue until you see the Forest Retreat.

### Travelling from the West (via Monmouth)

From the M4, exit at Junction 24 onto the A449 which leads onto the A40 and Monmouth / Ross on Wye.

At Monmouth traffic lights, go straight over and move to the right hand lane.

At the roundabout, complete a U-turn and return to the traffic lights from the opposite direction (there is no right turn at the traffic lights)

Keep in the left hand lane and turn left at the traffic lights onto the A4136 and go over the old stone bridge.

Go straight over the first and second mini-roundabouts.

Continue for approx. 5 miles.

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### **Travelling from the South (via Bristol)**

From the M24 Junction 21, take the M48 over the Severn Bridge into Wales. After crossing the bridge, turn off the motorway at Junction 2 onto the A466 link road. At the first junction, turn right onto the A48 to Chepstow. Pass through Chepstow on the A48, then turn left onto the B4228 and follow for 12 miles to Coleford. At the second set of traffic lights there should be a police station on the right. Go straight ahead and after approx. 250 yards, turn right, signposted Berry Hill & Symonds Yat. When you get to the crossroads, go straight ahead onto Grove Road. Follow the road for approx. 1 mile. At the crossroads with the brown camping / caravan symbol, turn left onto Bracelands Drive. After a couple of hundred yards you will see the Forest Retreat.

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If travelling from the South East, Bristol and the Seven Bridge can be avoided by leaving the M5 at Junction 15 and taking the A419 then A417 to Gloucester and the following 'from the East' directions above.

## **Public transport information**

### **Bus from Newport:**

From Newport, travel to Monmouth using Drakes Travel Services. The bus you need is no. 60. The first bus of the day departs from Newport at 9:05am with a 2 hour service interval.

Monday – Saturday there are 5 buses each day following this route taking around 1 hour. Then take the Stagecoach bus no.35 from Monmouth to Christchurch Crossroads. The journey takes 30 minutes and there are three services a day from 9:45am then every two hours.

Once you arrive at Christchurch Crossroads, the Forest Retreat is just a short walk down the hill approx. 0.5 miles.

### **Bus from Gloucester:**

From Gloucester, there are three services:

1. No. 24/24a goes via Monmouth
2. No. 23 goes via Lydney
3. No 30/31 goes via Cinderford

The two direct bus services to Christchurch Crossroads, route no. 30 or 31, both with Stagecoach. This service will get you within a 200m walk to the Forest Retreat. This journey will take approx. 75 minutes and buses run hourly, from 7am – 10pm Monday to Saturday. Please check the timetable for Sundays and Bank Holidays as the service is limited.





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**Bus from Lydney:**

Bus no.23 will take you to Coleford and takes 30 minutes.

Once there, change to no.30 or 31 for the short 10 minute trip to Christchurch Crossroads.

All these services operate Monday to Saturday and there are regular hourly services between 7:30am – 7pm.

On arriving at Christchurch Crossroads, it's a 0.5 mile walk to the Forest Retreat.

**Other locations:**

Trains: <https://www.gwr.com/>

Buses: <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables>

