

Symonds Yat Amble

Region – Forest of Dean

County/Area – Symonds Yat, Herefordshire/Gloucestershire

Length – 2.8 miles / 4.5 kms

Ascent – Level Going

Grade - Easy

Start – Saracen's Head (Public House)

Postcode HR9 6JL (approx. location only)

Walk Route Description

The ferry crosses the river at the Saracen's Head pub, Symonds Yat East. There are several car parks in Symonds Yat East and they all charge. This walk starts below Symonds Yat Rock in the steep sided, wooded gorge at the pleasant village of Symonds Yat East. Although this walk can be done in either direction, it is best to go anti-clockwise to ensure the ferry is running.

- Make your way to the Saracen's Head pub and take the hand-pulled ferry boat which leaves from in front of the pub.
- After leaving the ferry, climb a few steps onto the road in Symonds Yat West.
- Throughout this walk the river is kept on your left.
- After about ½ mile, you will enter the Biblins Youth Campsite.
- At the centre of the campsite is the Biblins foot suspension bridge across the river.
- After crossing the bridge turn left and continue to follow the river back to the village, signed to Symonds Yat East, ignoring all tracks going uphill.
- The route here follows the former Ross and Monmouth Railway.
- You will pass some rapids and, a short distance afterwards, you will enter a car park which you can walk through past the Royal Lodge Hotel back to the Saracen's Head.
- From there you should follow the road back to your start point.