

Wye Valley Meet

Meet Leader: Bill Beddard & Emma Bastock:

Dates: 11th – 12th October 2008

Location: **Cherry Orchard Farm Campsite**, Newland, Coleford, Glos, GL16 8NP
Tel: 01594 832212. Website: www.cherryorchardfarm.co.uk

The Wye Valley comprised the first designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and has some fantastic walks and a plethora of limestone crags within driving distance of our base. This year we are returning to our previous base which is easier to find and more importantly, nearer the pub!

Climbing: **Trad multi and single pitch** at Wintour's Leap, Wyndcliffe, Ban-Y-Gor, Tintern Quarry, Shorn Cliff and Symonds Yat plus other outlying quarries. Classics of the area include: **Wintours Leap**; The Angel's Girdle*** VS, Left Hand Route*** HS, Central Rib Route** S, Notung*** E1. **Shorn Cliff**; Tigers Don't Cry*** HVS, Night Rider** VS, War of the Worlds** VS, One for All** HS, Phoney War** HS. **Symonds Yat**; Red Rose Speedway*** HVS, Golden Fleece** S, Exchange** VS, Flight** VS plus many, many more.

Campsite: The campsite is fairly basic. There are 2 toilets and 1 shower and cold water taps in the field. Well behaved dogs are welcome. Fires are not allowed. BBQs permitted as long as they are off the ground. Costs: £5/person per night.

The Pub: The Ostrich Inn. Tel: 01594 833260 Website: www.theostrichinn.com. Renowned for excellent food – bookings required for the restaurant (a la carte on Saturday evenings) but bar meals also available. 8 real ales on tap.

Walking: Situated very close to Offa's Dyke Path and the Wye Valley Walk – check out the ferry barge across the river at Symonds Yat, docking at a pub! Charges apply. Other walks include:

Redbrook - Newland - Birts Cottage – Redbrook – 5.5 miles

The walk follows old tracks up through the trees to reach Newland. The Cathedral of the Forest, All Saints Church in Newland, has been here since 1200 AD. Return route is in a lovely valley, following a stream down to Redbrook.

Tintern - Offa's Dyke - Devil's Pulpit - Brockweir – Tintern – 7.5 miles

The walk follows the riverbank for a while and after a good climb, follows Offa's Dyke Path along some of the best specimens of the dyke in the south. There are good views of Tintern Abbey from Offa's Dyke along the way.

Other: Mountain Biking: 8 & 14 mile loops - ridges, railways & river banks in Wye Valley – off road, strenuous. 14 mile route, intro to eastern side of Forest of Dean – off road, moderate. Routes available from Emma at the Meet. Family tracks available in the Forest of Dean.

Directions: The farm is situated on the B4231, 1.5 miles east of Redbrook, 3 miles south of Monmouth off the A466 Chepstow to Monmouth road, and 1/4 mile north of the village of Newland, which straddles the B4231. Both Monmouth and Coleford are within about ten minutes drive.

Maps/Guides: Ordnance Survey OL14 Wye Valley & Forest of Dean. Climbers' Club Guides – Wye Valley, Symonds Yat.

For any further information, please contact either Bill or Emma. Hope to see you there!

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