

Walking in the Forest of Dean

25 routes in the historic Royal Forest

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From short walks of 4 miles to all-day sections of long-distance routes such as the Offa's Dyke path and the Gloucestershire Way, the 25 walks in this guidebook give all the information walkers need to enjoy a wide range of walking among the rolling countryside of the Forest of Dean.

Caught between the Severn and Wye, the forest has a distinctive landscape and identity. Historically annexed as a Royal Forest since before the Norman Conquest, it remained a protected hunting ground as well as a site for coal-mining and ironworks from Roman times to the Industrial Revolution.

Now, the combination of secretive forests, rolling farmland and ridges above the Wye gorge and the Severn Vale provide excellent paths and spectacular views. With detailed route descriptions and information on access, accommodation and historical points of interest, this guidebook is the ideal companion to exploring everything this ancient Forest has to offer.

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About the author

Mike Dunn was born and bred in the English Midlands but has now lived in the Vale of Glamorgan for over 25 years. He has worked for the Welsh Assembly Government, specialising in environmental and conservation issues. Mike has written widely on landscape, walking, pubs and real ale.

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