

# GET OUT AND EXPLORE LIKE A BIKESPLORER!

Pack your sandwiches, pump up your tyres, put your feet on the peddles and off we go!

Listen to the sounds of the trees, the river and all that you hear but do not see. Look at the big views and the tiny things by your feet.

You can explore some, or all, of where we went. Whether you are discovering new routes in a place you know, or coming to the Wye Valley for the first time, whatever wheels you've got – buggy, scooter, wheelchair, roller-skates, or bike – enjoy being outdoors in this beautiful place.

Wye Valley River Festival's Bikesplorers – Chipper, Gravel, Muddy and Rally – loaded up their trusty bikes and instruments, with stories in their heads and songs in their hearts, performing their theatre show about this outstanding valley and the issues it faces now we are in a climate emergency.

They cycled up and down stream, and over the bridges between England and Wales. They camped, cooked and laughed whilst learning that cycling is a great way to tour; cooking under the stars, camping in the rain, being so close to nature – you become part of it.

## Now it's your turn. What will you discover...?



Tintern Abbey



Viaduct at Redbrook



Monmouth

## TOP TIPS FROM CHIPPER



- Always carry snacks (mixed nuts & dried fruit is my fave!)
- Hire bikes from Launch Bikes in Monmouth [www.launchbikes.co.uk](http://www.launchbikes.co.uk) / 01600 772775
- Nearest train stations are Chepstow, Abergavenny and Hereford
- Sustrans have epic route-planning facilities and maps [www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)
- We used Komoot for planning some legs of the journey [www.komoot.com](http://www.komoot.com)
- If you care about the Wye Valley and want to get involved there are lots of groups doing their bit, including **Save the Wye**, **Transition Monmouth**, the local **Wildlife Trusts** and more.
- Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is a fabulous resource for information on the area too! [www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk](http://www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk)
- If you want your own bike tour led by one of our Bikesplorers, contact [chez.wvrf@gmail.com](mailto:chez.wvrf@gmail.com)



For more information about Wye Valley River Festival and Bikesplorers, scan the QR code or visit: [www.wyevalleyriverfest.com](http://www.wyevalleyriverfest.com)

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# BIKESPLORERS

cycled between Chepstow and Ross  
for the Wye Valley River Festival.  
Come and explore their route with  
your friends and family!



# HOW MANY PLACES CAN YOU DISCOVER THAT THE BIKESPLORERS WENT TO?

You are challenged to go and find the places we found, to sing your own song to the river, do your own dance for the bridge, meet your own friends and make new ones along the way – at a campsite, pub, café, bench, town square or bike path!

What **COLOURS** do you see in the trees today?

How many different **BIRDS** can you identify?

How long is your ride along the **PEREGRINE PATH**?

Bikesplorers ride in search of **Thrutopia** – a way through the times we are living. Finding hope, joy and new stories to tell.

What are **YOUR 3 REASONS** to cycle?

1.
2.
3.



Share your pictures and stories with us!  
#weyvalleyriverfestival

Or send them by email to Chez at [chez.wvrf@gmail.com](mailto:chez.wvrf@gmail.com)



# WE VISITED ALL THESE PLACES on our 10-day theatrical bike tour!

TICK THE PLACES YOU VISIT!

## MONMOUTH

We camped at Monmouth Canoe & Activity Centre which has easy access to the town along the river, via the Peregrine Path. Maybe the rowers will be out too.  
[www.monmouthcanoe.co.uk](http://www.monmouthcanoe.co.uk)



Monnow Bridge, Monmouth

## LLANDOGO

Great playground, community hall and village green for all to run around on.

## TINTERN

Wonder at the incredible Abbey. Fill up your water bottle and enjoy cake (and a real old train!) at The Old Station café. Explore the woodlands above Tintern, with great signed routes.



## CHEPSTOW BANDSTAND

Perfect place to cartwheel on the grass and enjoy a riverside picnic. Very close to Sedbury for the start of the Greenway ride.



RIVER WYE

## BIBLINS

A great spot for camping! It's exciting cycling over the wobbly bridge!  
[www.biblins.org.uk](http://www.biblins.org.uk)

## THE PEREGRINE PATH

A fantastic, magical family ride along the river, from Monmouth to Symonds Yat and beyond... Part of Sustrans Route 423.  
[www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)

## REDBROOK

Cycle over the bridge between England and Wales. Great pubs, village green and friendly community.

## CAMP HILLCREST

Stay at Camp Hillcrest which has really great views and a hot tub (which you will need after cycling up the hill!).  
[www.camphillcrest.co.uk](http://www.camphillcrest.co.uk)

## BROCKWEIR

Vist the brilliant community-run shop and café. [www.bandhvilageshop.co.uk](http://www.bandhvilageshop.co.uk)

## WYE VALLEY GREENWAY

A 5-mile off-road cycle route, including the Tidenham Tunnel (check website for details). Or cycle the first mile and back along the 'Floral Mile'.  
[www.weyvalleygreenway.org](http://www.weyvalleygreenway.org)

## ROSS-ON-WYE

Pretty, bustling market town – a good place to stock up. Incredible view of the river from the church gardens.  
[www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-wye-valley](http://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-wye-valley)



Ross-on-Wye



River Wye, near Symonds Yat



The Saracens Head Inn, Symonds Yat



Chepstow Castle

RIVER WYE