Colliers Trail
Forest of Dean



Key

- Parking
- Parking (charge)
- Toilets
- Cafe
- Picnic area
- Bike hire
- Play area
- Go Ape
- Viewpoint
- Refreshments
- Tunnel
- Road crossings
- Trail start/finish
- **Skills zones**
  Grade: moderate (blue)

0 500m

Emergency info

Key location:
Forest of Dean Cycle Centre

Grid ref: SO 607125

What3words:
///editor.enlighten.mysteries

Nearest A&E hospital (24hr):
Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, Great Western Rd, Gloucester GL1 3NN

Nearest minor injuries unit:
Forest of Dean Community Hospital, Steam Mills Rd, Cinderford, Gloucestershire, GL14 3HY **T: 111**

In case of an emergency call 999.
Inform Forestry England on 0300 067 4800.

The forest code

- Protect and respect wildlife, plants and trees.
- Guard against all risks of fire.
- Keep dogs under control.
- Take your litter home.
- Make no unnecessary noise.
- Take only memories away.
- The forest is for everyone. Please be aware of other visitors.

forestryengland.uk

2310 / Aug '26 © Crown copyright

Forestry England

Colliers Trail

in the Forest of Dean

Discover the forest along the route of the old railway which served the many coal mines (collieries) around the Forest.

Colliers Trail

Grade: Forest road
14.5 km (9 miles)

A route suitable for all ages and abilities, with connecting routes to villages and picnic sites. This gently undulating circular route follows former railway lines on mostly surfaced tracks, with one steeper downhill section. This is a shared use trail, so look out for walkers, dogs and runners. The trail is best ridden clockwise; from this direction look for the signs back to the cycle centre after crossing Speech House Road. You can access the trail from a number of locations around the Forest of Dean, including the Forest of Dean Cycle Centre, Beechenhurst, Cannop Ponds and Mallards Pike.

Skill zones
Grade: Moderate (blue)
For an extra challenge, look out for the skill zones along the route.

Join today

As a member you'll be supporting the Forest of Dean and get free onsite parking, forest updates and discounts.

forestryengland.uk/membership

Cycling safely

Plan ahead

- Use the right bike and appropriate safety gear, and check they're safe to use. Always wear a helmet and gloves.
- Don't rely on others; make sure you can get back safely.
- Know your location if you need to call for help.

Stay in control

- Ride within your ability.
- Expect the unexpected.
- Look first: only tackle jumps and other challenges if you're sure you can do them.
- Off-road cycling carries inherent risks. Consider your skills, ability, and fitness, and use these guidelines in conjunction with your own experience and careful judgement.

Ride responsibly

- Take care around other visitors, dogs and horses.
- Dogs are not allowed on cycling trails, except for shared use trails.
- Motorbikes and quadbikes are not allowed.
- Routes may change due to forestry work. Follow all warning signs and diversions.
- If a vehicle is loading timber, always wait for the driver to let you past.

How our cycling trails are graded

Green Easy ●	**Expect:** A mixture of climbs and descents with moderate gradients, technical features like tree roots and rock steps; jumps and berms. Rollable features at controlled speed. Variable surfaces.
Blue Moderate ■	**Expect:** A mixture of steep climbs, descents and/or avoidable features. Larger jumps, berms and rollable features at controlled speed. Technical features such as tree roots, drop-offs and large rocks. Very variable surfaces.
Red Difficult ▲	**Expect:** Long, steep climbs, descents and jumps. Numerous hazards including drop-offs, sharp corners and difficult features. Rapid rate of surface change. Commitment required.
Black Severe ◆	**Expect:** Very fast and steep descents. Large drop-offs, jumps and unavoidable obstacles that require high levels of skill and commitment. Extreme level of exposure or risk. Rapid rate of surface change.
Double-black Extreme ◆◆	

Forest road & similar	**Expect:** Gradients can be steep or variable. Surfaces may be uneven, loose or potholed. Navigation skills are useful. Look out for vehicles, forestry work and other visitors.