

Redbrook Millennium Green

Distance and time Explore the small riverside park at your leisure.

Brief description of the walk, path conditions and facilities

This is just a short, easy access stroll on surfaced paths in the Millennium Green next to the river, perhaps combined with a picnic or visit to one of the nearby pubs. There are no public conveniences at this location.

Redbrook stands on the Gloucestershire bank on an attractive stretch of the River Wye. Like other villages dotted along the lower Wye Valley, it was once an important industrial centre, where an ample supply of water was provided by streams flowing down steep valleys from the surrounding hills. Dams, reservoir ponds and leats were created to allow the establishment of mills, an iron furnace, tinsplate works and a copper works. The Redbrook Tinsplate Co was world famous for its high quality products and did not close until 1962.

Redbrook was also a small port, where the various products could be shipped downriver. The quay, although overgrown, still survives.

Nowadays the dominant feature of the village is probably the large iron girder bridge which carried the Wye Valley Railway (Chepstow – Monmouth) across the river at this point. Following the railway's closure in 1964, the bridge was later adopted as the route of the Wye Valley Walk.

The Boat Inn, which stands on the far side of the river originated as a hostelry for river watermen. It is now a small pub offering good food, locally produced ciders, beers and wines with live music events twice a week.

The Bell Inn and village stores are to be found in the main street through the village.

Arriving in Redbrook look out for the gravel parking area on the west side of the main road, nearly opposite the village stores and Post Office.

A tarmac path leads away from the parking area into the Millennium Green where there are picnic tables and a large bronze plaque at ground level depicting a coppersmith at work.

A separate path leads away from the car park to the old railway bridge, the path across being suitable for all abilities. There are ramped approaches on either side. ***The path over the bridge consists of concrete pavings which are slightly uneven at the joints.*** Across the bridge, there are steps into the Boat Inn, and seats on the river bank.

Relevant OS Maps

Explorer OL14 – Wye Valley and Forest of Dean

Outdoor Leisure 162 – Gloucester and the Forest of Dean

Detailed walk description

Walkers are left to explore the Millennium Green and village at their leisure.