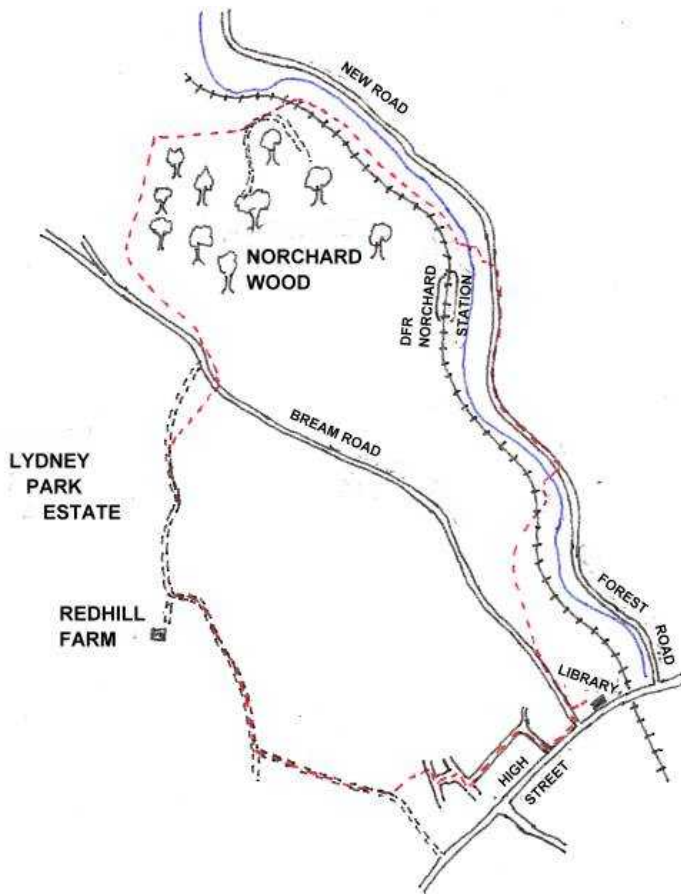


# Norchard & Lydney Park Loop

**3.7 miles with 486 feet of ascent**



From car park behind Lydney Library, exit into B4231 Bream Road & turn right up hill passing Lydney Cof E Community School.

After pavement narrows turn right into drive and follow round to the right then fork left down footpath.

Go through gate and cross Dean Forest Railway with care. Follow path around boundary of property and go over bridge across river Lyd at Middle Forge (*history*) to reach B4234 Forest Road.

Cross with care and turn left along pavement. Pass entrance to DFR car park and just after electrical sub station cross road with care and fork right down drive past cottages. Swing left to go over footbridge across river Lyd.



*View of the dam & sluice of the site of the New Mills Tin Works.* Continue on path which follows DFR on your left. *Pass the stone work buttress of the old signal post. Further along pause for a rest on the log seat and watch the trains go by.*

Continue along path to pass ruins of Upper Forge.  
*Old iron works.*



Go up steps and turn sharp left to go over stile. Cross DFR with care and ascend path to stile. Over stile and continue up to join main track. Fork right and in 45 yards fork right along path through Norchard Woods.



Go over barrier and turn left to ascend with wire fence on your left. Go over track and ditch to continue up through beech woods still with wire fence on your left. Go over stile and continue ahead with woods on your left. Continue ahead and ignore stile by metal gate on your left to reach stile by gate ahead to reach B4231 Bream Road.

Cross road with care and go ahead down track through Lydney Park Estate.

*Pause to admire the superb views over Lydney & St Mary's Church to the Severn and the Cotswold Hills beyond. Stinchcombe Hill can be clearly seen and the Tyndale monument at North Nibley*



At track junction turn left and continue to eventually join tarmac lane. Follow lane as it swings left & in 440 yards turn left onto track. When track bears left go ahead on path by wall. At road turn right & in 20 yards turn left into road. At junction turn right & in 50 yards turn left into Temple Way. At end follow road around to right & continue ahead to main road. Turn left and in 100 yards turn left into B4321 Bream Road for 25 yards and when safe, cross to enter car park.