EXMOOR STROLLS
Our Top 12 Step and Stile Free Walks

No.2 Chargot Wood Mineral Trails

Miles without Stiles — Access For Many
Miles without Stiles — Access For Some

Two short walks along forest tracks to visit the remains of the Bearland Iron mine.

Start point: Forestry England Chargot Wood car park beside the B3224.

Postcode: TA23 0SN

Grid Reference: SS 975 355

What3Words: dweller.january.taller

Distance:
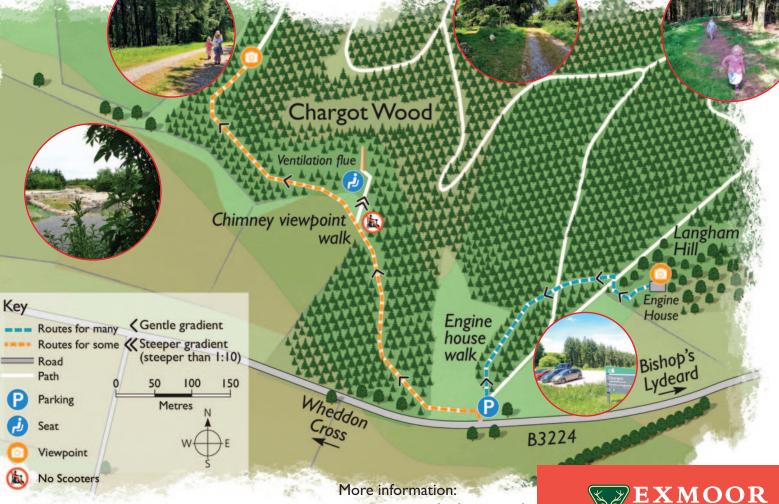Engine house walk 1/3 mile / 560m (there and back) with 25 feet / 8m of ascent.

Chimney walk: ¾ mile / 1.2km (there and back), with 120ft / 40m of ascent.

Toilets: None on site. Nearest public toilets are at Wheddon Cross or Wimbleball Lake.

Refreshments: Seasonal café at Wimbleball Lake. Pubs at Luxborough, Raleighs Cross and Wheddon Cross.

Grade:

Engine House - **Access For Many:** Suitable for sturdy pushchairs, assisted wheelchairs and more robust, all-terrain type equipment.

Chimney walk - **Access For Some**: Suitable for sturdy pushchairs, assisted wheelchairs and more robust, all-terrain type equipment.

Directions: To visit the engine house, take the track heading into the woods from beside the car park entrance.

For the chimney, follow the forestry track heading downhill from the end of the car park and turn around when you can see the chimney across the valley in the distance - beyond here the path gets steeper. Midway along, a path leads off the track and goes down to the chimney, but this is very steep (1:3 with a loose surface), so is not suitable for even the toughest mobility scooters.

Surface and terrain: Both routes are along firm surfaced tracks, with a maximum gradient of 1:15. The walk to the engine house is mostly flat with just a few short gentle slopes. The walk to the chimney viewpoint is gentle but continuously downhill and so is a steady climb coming back.

- Between 1854 and 1880 this now quiet peaceful wood was a hive of activity, with over 12,000 tonnes of iron ore mined.

- The engine house was the centre of operations. An aerial cableway carried ore in from mines ½ a mile away so it could be transferred on railway wagons.

Map

Chargot Wood

Ventilation flue

Chimney viewpoint walk

Engine house walk

Langham Hill

Engine House

Bishop's Lydeard

Wheddon Cross

B3224

Key
- ---- Routes for many
- ---- Routes for some
- Road
- Path
- P Parking
- Seat
- Viewpoint
- No Scooters
- < Gentle gradient
- << Steeper gradient (steeper than 1:10)

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Metres

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EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK