

# **Piercefield**

Valentine Morris's Picturesque Landscape

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## **Distance and Timings**

Length of Walk: 5 miles - 8.1km

Approximate time taken to walk route: 2½ hours

#### References

Start: Chepstow Leisure Centre (Grid reference: ST 528 945)

Ordnance Survey Map: OS Explorer 1:25 000 Sheet OL14 Wye Valley & Forest of Dean

### **Facilities Available**

Parking, Public Toilets etc available at Chepstow Leisure Centre. Shop and the Piercefield public house in St. Arvans

## **Accessibility / Terrain**

No of Stiles: 5

Rough paths and tracks through woodland and across farmland



View towards Chepstow Race Course

## **Brief Route Details / Points of Particular Interest**

This walk takes you across Piercefield Estate, retracing paths laid out by Valentine Morris in the eighteenth century. The old estate incorporates Chepstow Race Course and the route takes you around the course to the village of St. Arvans. You return to the start by following a series of footpaths through farmland and finally a section of Cockshoot Wood before walking along the B4235 back to Chepstow Leisure Centre.

Points of interest include Morris's picturesque walks which had viewpoints and features along the route and were extremely popular with tourists then as they are now. Piercefield House illustrates the decay of one of Wales's finest houses.

It's well worth a small detour to the Giant's Cave. For further historical information and details of the Picturesque Piercefield leaflet see <a href="https://www.wyevalleyaonb.org">www.wyevalleyaonb.org</a>

