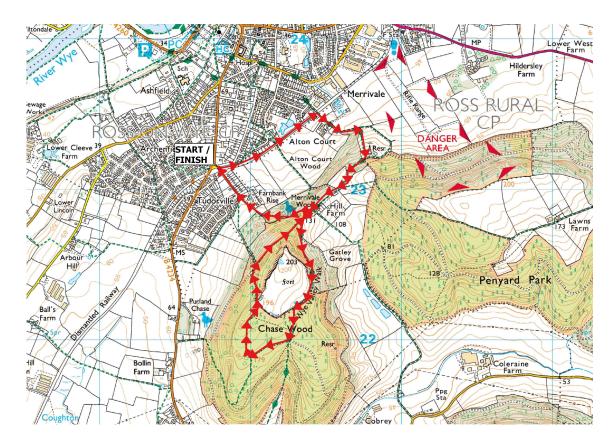


## **Ross-on-Wye Chase Wood and Railway Walk**

## 3.1 mile loop



Starting at the small car park (free) at the Merrivale end of the Ross-on-Wye Town and Country Trail, this walk takes you on a circuit eastwards along the old Ross to Monmouth railway line, into Chase Wood along the Wye Valley Walk, before returning through woodland to the car park.

Explore along the route of the railway line taking in some of the Wye Valley AONBs railway heritage (A Special Quality of the AONB). Follow the Wye Valley Walk steeply uphill and into Chase Wood; as the walk levels out at the top, try to imagine the scene during the Iron Age when the fort at the hills summit was in use (note – the footpath passes through the woodland, there is no access to the fort and the top of the hill).

Enjoy walking through mixed woodland before returning to the car park by walking the track alongside Merrivale Woods, a Herefordshire Wildlife Trust reserve. This is a short walk (3.1 miles) with steep sections (100m+ height gain), but there are plenty of places to find food and drink nearby in Ross-on-Wye to replenish your energy. Expect uneven ground and some long undergrowth in summer, the route is not waymarked as a circular route; use OS Explorer map 189 Hereford & Ross-on-Wye.