





Wisemans Bridge/Pleasant Valley

Short Walk

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

Length: 3.5 miles (5.7 km)

Public transport: Service bus Wisemans Bridge, Saundersfoot and

Stepaside 350/351/353.

Grid ref: SN145061

From World War Two to Woodland Gardens, a walk steeped in history and full of things to see.

Look out for: Path follows disused colliery railway Grove Colliery, Stepaside.

The beach at Wiseman's bridge was used as a practice location for the Normandy landings in 1944 under the watchful eyes of Churchill himself. The wooded walk up the aptly named Pleasant Valley leads to the ruins of the Kilgetty Ironworks, which processed ore dug from 'patches' on the sea cliffs between Saundersfoot and Amroth, and the Grove Colliery at Stepaside. The path follows the route of the disused colliery railway line (which was originally a horse-drawn 'dramway'). The stream alongside was once unsuccessfully converted into a canal.

Wiseman's Bridge derives its name from the Wyseman family who once owned a great deal of land in the area. Look for blue-tit, great-tit, wren, greater-spotted woodpecker and chaffinch in the woods.

Nearby, Colby Woodland Garden boasts one of the best collections of rhododendrons and azaleas in Wales, with bluebells and daffodils in spring, hydrangeas in summer and wonderful autumn colours. The gardens are owned by the National Trust and are open from April to November. **Character:** Coast, lanes, fields and livestock, return via woodland to Coppet Hall.

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