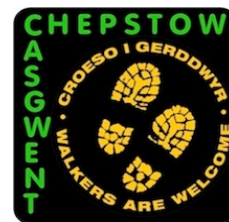


## A Little about the Walks



### Piercefield Walk (1) Approx 4 miles Easy

**Start 10.00 am meeting outside the Drill Hall, Chepstow**

This walk takes you across Piercefield Estate, retracing paths laid out by Valentine Morris in the eighteenth century. Morris's picturesque walks had viewpoints and features along the route and were extremely popular with tourists. In fact, Piercefield became an unmissable attraction on the Wye Tour as Gilpin wrote, "Mr Morris's improvements at Piercefield.... are generally thought as much worth a traveller's notice, as anything on the banks of the Wye."

Many of Morris's features remain, including on this walk, 'The Grotto' a semi-circular cave decorated with stones and cinders, 'The Platform' and 'The Alcove'. You can continue beyond these sites to Wyndcliffe on the Wye Valley Walk.

### Chepstow Town Trail (2) – 1- 2 miles

**Start 11.00 am meeting outside the Drill Hall, Chepstow**

Chepstow is an historic walled border town commanding the entrance to the Lower Wye Valley, a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. On the town's outskirts, sitting up high on the banks of the river Wye is the beautifully preserved Chepstow Castle, one of the earliest castles in Britain and proud to boast the oldest castle doors in Europe. Being a border town and situated on the confluence of the River Wye and Severn the port of Chepstow became noted for its imports of wine and became a major centre for the export of timber and bark from the Wye Valley and Forest of Dean. Other important industries included shipbuilding – one of the First World War National Shipyards was established in the town. The Town Trail will take you to parts of the still standing town wall, the beautiful riverside where you see the mosaic depicting the start/finish of the Wales Coast Path, St Marys Priory and other secrets.