Experience what it’s like to walk in the footsteps of your favourite film and TV characters in the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley by exploring the area for a great family day out.

The area’s ancient forest and stunning natural beauty has long provided inspiration for writers and artists – Turner painted the dramatic ruins of Tintern Abbey and J. K. Rowling grew up in the village of Tutshill after which she named a Quidditch team.

Film location managers and visitors alike love our rural scenes, historic inns, ancient buildings and magical woodland. J. J. Abrams himself actually heaped praise on the Forest of Dean in his final letter to the cast and crew of Star Wars VII: The Force Awakens and we’re sure that you will share his enthusiasm.

Discover the magic of film and TV within the Forest of Dean & Wye Valley.

**DID YOU KNOW?...**

- **Did you know that Joe Meek, the legendary record producer from the 1960’s was from Newent?** The story of Joe’s life is told in the 2009 film Telstar, starring Con O’Neill and Kevin Spacey.
- **English writer, J.R.R Tolkien was a frequent visitor to the Forest of Dean. Puzzlewood is said to have provided his inspiration for the forests of Middle Earth in his famous Lord of the Rings trilogy.**
- **J.K. Rowling, author of the Harry Potter books, grew up in Tutshill, nr Chepstow and attended Wyedean Comprehensive School, where she frequently told stories to her fellow students.**
- **Frank Oz, well known for voicing the wise Yoda in the Star Wars franchise, was born in Hereford.**
- **Dennis Potter, doyen of TV playwrights, was born in Berry Hill in the Forest of Dean, which had a profound effect on his work.**

*If you’re looking to explore more of the area, our family friendly attractions, adrenalin fuelled activities, or experience our tea rooms, Michelin star restaurants, and award winning hotels visit [www.wyedeantourism.co.uk](http://www.wyedeantourism.co.uk) for more information.*

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Coppett Hill features in the film Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1. It’s a snowy scene in which Harry, who is a little dazed and confused, asks where they are. Hermione explains that they are in the Forest of Dean and that she and her family used to holiday there when Hermione was much younger.
www.puzzlewood.net

Doctor Who 2005 - 2013
Starring: David Tennant and Billie Piper
The series has been filmed in a variety of different locations across the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley, including Beechenhurst, Castell Henllys, Clearwell Caves, and the National Diving Activity Centre in Chepstow. Have you ever recognised the Time Lord in Chepstow, Caerwent, Beechenhurst, Monmouth, Puzzlewood or Clearwell Caves?
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Atlantis 2013 - 2014
Starring: Jack O’Connell and Jack Donnelly
Puzzlewood features in the first series episode of the high-action historical series. The series was filmed in various places in the UK including an ex-Royal Naval Propellant Factory in Caerwent, Wales.
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