

The Wye Tour Film

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EXT. LOCATION SHOTS OF MONMOUTH

Establishing shots of Monmouth finishing on a Medium shot of a Youth Ranger Presenter. Possibly a tracking shot following the presenter walking towards the camera.

YOUTH RANGER PRESENTER

Hi my name is/we are and I am/we are Youth Ranger/s with the Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

We are taking part in a two year project to understand and conserve the landscape in which we live.

switch presenter/s

Join us as we discover the rich heritage of our unique landscape. With the help of local historians and volunteers, we are going to travel back in time and find out what it was they journeyed by boat so far to see!

switch presenter/s

I am standing at the historic quay in Monmouth, on the banks of the beautiful River Wye. Behind me you can hear the low drone of the A40, the main transport route in the 21st century for the area.

Cutaway shots of the local scenery, long shots, wide shots and close up's fading into each other.

Shots of the Wye.

I'm lucky enough to be joined by Heather Hurley, an author and local historian who will be able to tell us a little more about the river journey that became known as 'The Wye Tour.'

Two shot of Ranger and Presenter together. Cut to interview medium shot of Heather

YOUTH RANGER PRESENTER

Hi Heather lovely to meet you, can you tell us more about the journey, where were the travelers coming from?

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HEATHER

If we were to travel back in time to the Georgian period, the scene would have been far more tranquil. It was during the late 1700's that it became a height of fashion for well heeled ladies and gentlemen, to undertake a scenic journey by boat along the River Wye in search of unspoiled wild and picturesque scenery. Background of the tour, lack of travel in Europe and the new tourist in search of views.....

YOUTH RANGER PRESENTER

What type of people traveled along the Wye?

HEATHER

answer

YOUTH RANGER PRESENTER

What were the most popular stopping places and where did they stay?

HEATHER

answer

YOUTH RANGER PRESENTER

I see you've brought an old friend along...

Shot of Reverend Gilpin steps forward gives a deep flourishing bow and introduces himself. Looks oddly at the alien contraption (camera) in front of him.

YOUTH RANGER PRESENTER

Delighted to meet you Rev. Gilpin, have you ever undertaken a journey along the Wye yourself?

REV. GILPIN

Most certainly my child, it was I who invented the tour and motivated others to undertake the journey in my wake.....

Possibly cutaway to scenes to Georgian couple walking along the Wye

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YOUTH RANGER PRESENTER  
What did the travelers come to see  
in Monmouth itself?

HEATHER  
reply

EXT. THE KYMIN-ROUND HOUSE

Establishing shots of The Kymin and The Round House. Wides,  
long shots and pans of the countryside.

YOUTH RANGER PRESENTER  
We have arrived at the round house  
now owned and maintained by the  
National Trust. From here we can  
see some spectacular views of the  
countryside below. Heather, what do  
we know about the building's  
history?

HEATHER  
answer

YOUTH RANGER PRESENTER  
What kind of scene would greet us  
here if we were to visit during the  
Georgian period?

HEATHER  
The Kymin, or Round House as it was  
then called was a fashionable  
picnic spot....

YOUTH RANGER PRESENTER  
Heather, I can see you've brought  
another old friend to shed some  
light on the area...

HEATHER  
Yes this is Charles Heath, Charles  
can you tell us more about the Wye  
tour?

CHARLES  
Well as you know I am.... and the  
Wye Tour was...

EXT. UNKNOWN LOCATION

All of the presenters together facing the camera joined by Heather, Rev. Gilpin and Charles Heath

YOUTH RANGER PRESENTER

So that's the end of our travels back in time, we'd like to thank Heather and her special friends for joining us on this journey. Watch out for our next film when we explore more areas of outstanding natural beauty in the Wye Valley. Bye!

THE END.