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## DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF FILM AND TV WITHIN THE FOREST OF DEAN & WYE VALLEY.

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.



## 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.

J.K. Rowling, author of the Harry Potter books, grew up in Tutshill, nr Chepstow and attended Wydean Comprehensive School, where she frequently told stories to her fellow students.

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.

Frank Oz, well known for voicing the wise Yoda in the Star Wars franchise, was born in Hereford.

Joseph Mallord William Turner was an English painter, considered a controversial figure by some. Turner's early work includes traditional paintings of English landscapes including Tintern Abbey in Monmouthshire.

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.



# FOREST OF DEAN & WYE VALLEY

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**DON'T FORGET HERE!**



## Star Wars: Episode VII: The Force Awakens 2015

Starring: Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford and Carrie Fisher  
Instead of being filmed in Hollywood, the highly anticipated Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens was filmed at Puzzlewood in Coleford. Our heroes travel to a forest world in their space odyssey.  
[www.puzzlewood.net](http://www.puzzlewood.net)



## Jack the Giant Slayer 2013

Starring: Nicholas Hoult, Ewan McGregor and Warwick Davis  
This blockbuster film was set amongst the magic of Puzzlewood and features as the forest of Gantua, the world in which giants live at the top of the beanstalk, where Jack, Roderick and Elmont travel to find Isabelle the princess.  
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## Captain America: The First Avenger 2011

Starring: Chris Evans, Hayley Atwell and Tommy Lee Jones  
The Hollywood production was filmed in various places in the UK including an ex-Royal Naval Propellant Factory in Caerwent, Wales.



## The Huntsman 2016

Starring: Emily Blunt, Chris Hemsworth, Jessica Chastain, Rob Brydon and Charlize Theron  
The production crew and some of the cast of the upcoming fantasy action movie adaptation based on the German fairytale 'Snow White', The Huntsman, were spotted filming in Puzzlewood.  
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## Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows Part One 2011

Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson  
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.



## King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table 2016

Starring: Charlie Hunnam, Katie McGrath  
King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table has recently been filmed in the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley. King Arthur's cave as seen in the film was filmed at the prehistoric cave standing in the shadow of Great Doward.



## FILM PRODUCTIONS

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## 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; have you ever recognised the Time Lord in Chepstow, Caerwent, Beechenhurst, Monmouth, Puzzlewood or Clearwell Caves?  
[www.puzzlewood.net](http://www.puzzlewood.net) / [www.clearwellcaves.com](http://www.clearwellcaves.com)



## Merlin 2008 - 2014

Starring: Colin Morgan, Bradley James and John Hurt  
Merlin has had the beauty of the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley as backdrops including Raglan Castle, Cannop Ponds, Speech House and Puzzlewood.  
[www.puzzlewood.net](http://www.puzzlewood.net)



## Atlantis 2013 - 2014

Starring: Mark Addy and Jack Donnelly  
Puzzlewood features in the first series episode A Girl By Any Other Name. Chepstow, Ninewells and Clearwell Caves also lent its inspiring natural beauty to the production crew during the stages of filming.  
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## Da Vinci's Demons 2013

Starring: Tom Riley, Gregg Chillin and Eros Vlahos  
Puzzlewood has been used by the producers of the series to create the look and atmosphere of 15th century South America.  
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## Sex Education 2019 - ongoing

Starring: Gillian Anderson and Asa Butterfield  
The Netflix show is filmed throughout the Wye Valley. The distinctive red and white Chalet that overlooks the river Wye at Symonds Yat is the home of the main character, Otis played together with sweeping shots of the river, Brockweir Bridge and the Wireworks Bridge at Tintern are constant features in the series as well as Browns Village stores in Llandogo.



## New Worlds 2014

Starring: Pip Carter and Phil Cheadle  
It could almost be the eastern seaboard of America and the kind of site where pioneers might settle which is exactly how Beechenhurst was recently used when Channel 4 tv series New Worlds arrived for filming.  
[www.forestry.gov.uk/beechenhurst](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/beechenhurst)



## Tree Fu Tom 2012 - ongoing

Starring: Tim Whitnall and Sophie Aldred  
Tree Fu Tom is a popular children's show produced by CBeebies. Puzzlewood was used to film the magical opening and closing sequences for the animated adventure series.  
[www.puzzlewood.net](http://www.puzzlewood.net)



## The Dare Devil 2013 - ongoing

Starring: Dan Antopolski  
Digging in their passions, fears and phobias this popular children's programme was once filmed at The National Diving Activity Centre in Chepstow.  
[www.ndac.co.uk](http://www.ndac.co.uk)

