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Exmoor Dark Skies Festival 2018

20th October - 4th November

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explore the wonders
of Exmoor after dark

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I am delighted to introduce you to the 2018 Exmoor Dark Skies Festival. Last year's festival was our first, attracting thousands of visitors, with many events selling out. This year with the support of our sponsors, local communities and businesses, we have extended the festival to bring you 40+ events over 16 days. We are justifiably proud to have been designated Europe's first International Dark Sky Reserve! Here you have the opportunity to see thousands of stars, constellations, shooting stars and even planets with the naked eye or a pair of binoculars. And it's not only the stars. The dark skies offer you unique opportunities to experience nocturnal wildlife, the myths and the legends of Exmoor.

The festival offers a whole range of events to help you experience these unique skies including nighttime adventures, family activities, tours, food and cultural events and, of course, astronomy related events. We are confident there is something to suit everyone, whatever the weather.

So why not plan to join us and enjoy Exmoor and its night sky in all its stellar glory?



Sarah Bryan
Chief Executive,
Exmoor National Park



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FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE / VENUES

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Dusk Safari	17.30	Exford	9	11
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Walk, Farm Supper & Stargazing	18.00	Exford	9	11
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The festival is hosted by Exmoor National Park Authority and also includes events run by partner organisations and businesses.

How to book Exmoor National Park Authority events: 

Book online at www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/darkskiesfestival
For help with booking an Exmoor National Park event please call the Lynmouth National Park Centre on 01598 752509 (open 7 days).
Some events do not require booking, for these you can just turn up.
Children: 16 and under.

How to book other organisations' events:

Please refer to the event pages in this programme, each event listing includes booking information and contact details of the organisers.
ENPA accepts no responsibility for events run by partner organisations or businesses.

CareMoor for Exmoor 

The price for some events includes a donation to 'CareMoor for Exmoor'. CareMoor is a donation scheme operated and managed by Exmoor National Park Authority. The scheme provides an opportunity for those inspired by Exmoor to contribute to the upkeep of the National Park through donations. CareMoor funds are used for valuable nature, heritage and access projects.

Refunds & Exchanges


Exmoor National Park Authority regret that we are unable to offer a refund or exchange of tickets for our events unless the event is cancelled by us in which case a full refund will be given. For the refund policy for all other events please check with the organisers.

Changes & Cancellation of Events

Exmoor National Park Authority (ENPA) and other organisations may make changes to the programme. If an ENPA event needs to be cancelled due to unforeseen or unavoidable circumstances outside their control ENPA will, as far as is practically possible, notify ticket holders in advance.

For additional events, amendments or cancellations visit www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/darkskiesfestival

Milky way from Somerset by Will Gater

Planetarium Sessions: Ilfracombe 
Thursday 17th October

Kindly supported by the Ilfracombe Rotary Club, who have funded visits to the dome by over 700 local schoolchildren, we're delighted to be offering two Public planetarium sessions at Ilfracombe Academy during the evening.

5.45pm to 7.15pm
7.30pm to 9.00pm

These sessions, which are aimed at adults and older children, will include one hour inside the dome followed by 30 minutes of assisted stargazing outdoors, weather permitting. If the weather is poor, there will be an extended session in the dome. Refreshments available. Booking advisable.
Price: Adult £8, Child £6



Stellar Pizza & Quiz:
Exmoor Forest Inn, Simonsbath
Saturday 20th October
12noon to 9pm

All the family can enjoy this special themed meal with delicious pizzas and quiz. The pizzas all have star names and themes of course. The top scoring quiz sheet will win a £50 voucher for the Exmoor Forest Inn! Call 01643 831341 to book or just call in.

All festival long the Exmoor Forest Inn is running a star themed children's **colouring/drawing competition** for all those visiting for a drink or meal. Prizes for the best entries and the overall winner gets a special pack of family games and an Exmoor Forest Inn Voucher.



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October 20th - November 4th

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Telephone: 01643 831341
info@exmoorforestinn.co.uk
www.exmoorforestinn.co.uk

Astro Party: Wimbleball Lake
Saturday 20th October 6pm - 10pm



Hosted by the Exmoor National Park Authority and South West Lakes Trust, this party evening encompasses astro-themed family activities. Space Detectives will be running a fun 'Our place in Space' workshop with interaction and audience participation, space experiments and Virtual Reality headsets. There'll be a short Night Forest Walk, Campfire and Marshmallows and opportunity for Stargazing. Refreshments will be available from the Duck Café. This event will take place whatever the weather. Advance booking essential. Price: Family £24 (2 adults, 2 children), Adult £7, Child £6.



Exmoor Wildlife at Night: Exmoor Pony Centre, Ashwick
Wednesday 24th October 6.30pm - 9pm

Join Exmoor's native ponies in discovering Exmoor's nocturnal wildlife. Enjoy a night-time walk followed by marshmallows and hot chocolate, talks by David Brabban and Exmoor Natural History Society. A fun family event. Booking recommended. Price: Adult £3, Child £2. Call 01398 323093 to book.

Spooky Night Walk: National Trust, Arlington Court
Friday 26th October



Book on a tour of the grounds at night and follow a spooky tale of unusual happenings at Arlington. Listen out for bumps and shrieks in the night and see if you can spot any ghostly visitors under the stars. Three sessions to choose from : 6.30-7.15pm, 7.15-8pm, 8-8.45pm. Booking essential, call 0344 249 1895 to book. Price: Adult £5, child £3.50. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/arlington-court

Spooky Skies Halloween Event & Rocket Workshop: Dulverton
Saturday 27th October 12pm - 5pm

Visit Dulverton Lower Town Hall for pumpkin carving, fancy dress, 'Find the Ghost' and other ghoulish activities around town. You can also pick up a free Dark Skies Pocket Guide and pop into the National Park Centre for a free star and rocket workshop.

Dark Skies Discovery Family Event: Wimbleball Lake
Walk, Talks & Stargazing with Bonfire & Marshmallows
Saturday 27th October 4pm - 9pm

4pm Walk across the Solar System with your guide Hugh Saxby. Have fun in the dusk as you walk and learn about the planets.

From 6pm Stargazing with Tiverton & Mid Devon Astronomy Society - Weather permitting, there will be opportunities for guided stargazing. Telescopes provided but you may like to bring binoculars if you have them.

6pm Family Talk by Astronomer Dr Lilian Hobbs will give a family focussed talk on the mysteries of the dark skies and stargazing.

7pm Talk by Astronomer Dr Lilian Hobbs - Astronomy using your Tablet - Dr Lilian Hobbs discusses some of the Apps available for your tablet or smartphone to help you explore the night sky, spot the International Space Station, follow a NASA space mission or read your favourite magazine or book.

Booking essential, as spaces are limited. Seating will be limited so do please bring a fold-up chair if required. This event (with adaptations) will take place whatever the weather. Refreshments will be available from the Duck Café. Bonfire throughout the evening with free marshmallows!

Price: Family Ticket (2 adults and 2 children) £20, Adult £6, Child £5





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**Planetarium Sessions, Astrophotography and Stargazing:
 Dunster Tithe Barn: Saturday 3rd November**

- Session 1: 2:00pm - 2.45pm (45 mins)
- Session 2: 3:00pm - 3.45pm (45 mins)
- Session 3: 4:00pm - 5.00pm (60 mins)
- Session 4: 5:15pm - 6:15pm (60 mins)
- Session 5: 6:30pm - 7:30pm (60 mins)
- Session 6: 7:45pm - 8:45pm (60 mins)

The 45-minute Planetarium sessions will be suitable for families and younger children.
 The 60-minute sessions are not suitable for young children.

Also fund-raising Café raising money for  and astrophotography display and advice from Paul Howell of Pictor Images. Weather permitting, the Exmoor Stargazers will be offering solar-gazing in the garden for those attending sessions 1 & 2 and stargazing for those attending sessions 5 & 6.

Price: Sessions 1-4 Adult £6, Child £4
 Sessions 5-6 Adult £7, Child (over 10's only) £5

Walk, Farm Supper & Stargazing: Exford 6pm
Saturday 20th October **Monday 29th October**
Tuesday 23rd October **Wednesday 31st October (Halloween flavour)**
Friday 26th October **Saturday 3rd November**

Join **Wild About Exmoor** for a star-studded walk up on to the moor followed by a delicious home cooked roast farmhouse dinner with complimentary drinks and information about the night skies. Use of our binoculars and telescope is included in the evening's entertainment! Booking: 01643 831759. Price: £30 per head, half price for children, (over 10 years only except by prior arrangement).

Dusk Safaris by Exmoor Wildlife Safaris
Depart White Horse Inn, Exford at 5.30pm
Sunday 21st October **Saturday 27th October**
Tuesday 23rd October **Tuesday 30th October**
Thursday 25th October **Friday 2nd November**

Setting out from Exford in the heart of our Dark Sky site, learn more about the area from the knowledgeable team. Experience real Exmoor on a dusk safari; hear intriguing local legends and listen out for the red deer stags bolving. Safari Tours approximately 2½ hours, max. 7 passengers.
 Price: £25 per person. All tours must be booked.
 Phone 07977 571494 or email exmoorwildlifesafaris@gmail.com



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Hunter's Moon Dinner with Stargazing: The Luttrell Arms, Dunster Wednesday 24th October 5:30pm

Celebrate Hunter's Moon with a 3 course dinner in the 2 AA Rosette Psalter's Restaurant at the Luttrell Arms Hotel. Experience this rare celestial event with Exmoor Stargazers and their telescopes in the Secret Garden from 5.30pm. Celebrate local Exmoor Produce and help support the National Park through CareMoor for Exmoor
Price £35pp to include a £5 donation to . Call 01643 821555 to book. www.luttrellarms.co.uk

Shoulsbarrow Skies & Farmhouse Supper : Challacombe Saturday 27th October 6:30pm

Meet the rare and traditional breeds of livestock in our Exmoor farm, followed by a delicious dinner in our dining room which was the dairy in the farmhouse, with stargazing and information about the night skies. Complimentary glass of prosecco or non-alcoholic sparkly drink. Guests are welcome to bring own drink to have with dinner.

8 people max.

Price: £30pp. For Booking or enquiries call 01598 428005 or email shoulsbry@gmail.com

B&B accommodation also available www.shoulsbarrowfarm.co.uk

'Pie at Night' Stargazing Supper with Seb Jay:

**Dunkery Beacon Hotel
Thursday 1st November 7pm**

Exmoor astronomer Seb Jay is helping host a Stargazing Supper evening with this award winning boutique hotel. Chef John Bradley, a keen astronomer and photographer, will be serving up a local produce supper and Seb will be talking guests through the skies with his telescopes and presentation.

It's not just the heavens that shine at the multi-award-winning Dunkery Beacon Country House Hotel, the bedrooms, service and food are also star-studded. Booking essential. Price: £19.50pp or guests can stay overnight from £62pp for dinner, bed and breakfast.

www.dunkerybeaconaccommodation.co.uk 01643 841241



**Starry-night Farm Visit with Stargazing Guide and Supper: Exford
Friday 2nd November 5pm**

A unique chance to meet the farmers and the animals at a remote old Exmoor farm, enjoy a farmhouse supper by the large inglenook open fire then watch the stars with a local stargazing expert from Exmoor Stargazers. This event is being organised by Shaun Bryant of West Country Farm & Food Tours.

Price: £35 per person. Phone Shaun on 01643 863002 for further details and to book your place.

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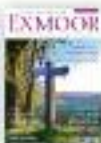




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Pie at Night!




Tickets are now available for
Stargazing & Supper evening on
Thursday 1st November 2018
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Join us here at Dunkery Beacon Country House to explore the wonders of our universe and beyond.


The evening starts with a Cottage Pie and Pea Supper and a drink followed by a talk by Astronomer Seb Jay and guided use of our Telescopes.

Ticket price is £19.50 which includes Supper, a Bottled Boozey Cider or Soft Drink or Glass of House Red or White Wine, instruction and talk from Professional Astronomer Seb Jay and use of Telescopes.



Tickets only available directly from

Dunkery Beacon
Country House



**Exmoor Astro & Night Sky Photography Workshop
with Keith Trueman & Laurence Liddy
Saturday 20th October 6pm - 10pm
& Saturday 3rd November 6pm - 10pm**

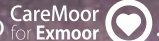
Learn how to take photos of the night sky and stars, how to take star trail images and use light painting techniques with two very experienced photographers.

The Workshop will cater for all levels of photographer. Full tuition & guidance will be given throughout the workshop.

Areas covered will be the correct camera setting, techniques, composition, focusing at night, exposure etc.

The events are weather dependant but will only be cancelled if we have rain or very inclement weather as even if its cloudy you can try out light painting etc.

Contact Keith or Laurence to discuss what photography equipment you will need to bring along or to enquire regarding using one of their limited number of night sky/astrophotography set-ups.

Price: £55 per person with 10% being donated to  Care Moor for Exmoor.

To enquire or book please contact either:

Keith Trueman 07860 660058

www.keithtrumanphotography.com

www.facebook.com/keithtruemanphotography

Laurence Liddy 07722 910736

www.laureneliddy.com

www.facebook.com/TheNaturalEarthByLaurenceLiddy

Digital SLR / CSC camera preferable. Lenses from fisheye to kit lens that have a minimum aperture of f/4 or greater. Sturdy tripod & tripod head, batteries, memory cards, a cable release if you have one and most importantly hot flask, warm clothes, sturdy footwear, torch or headlamp as this event is run in the winter months and is typically very cold & dark.

If you do not have any equipment there are 2 complete Night Sky / Astrophotography setups available to use. Please let us know on booking.

**Astrophotography Workshop with the RPS: Pinkery
Wednesday 31st October**

An invitation to join the Royal Photographic Society at their members' Landscape Photography and Astrophotography break at the Pinkery Centre for Outdoor Learning. Astrophotography speaker will be astronomer Dr Lilian Hobbs.

Visit www.rps.org or call Liz Williams on 01225 325733 for more details.

'Pie at Night' Stargazing Supper with Seb Jay: Dunkery Beacon Hotel Thursday 1st November

See page 14 for details

Stargazing Break at The Yarn Market Hotel, Dunster Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th November

Stay at the historic Yarn Market Hotel, Dunster and enjoy a special stargazing package including: 2 nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast, planetarium session, several talks and stargazing with speaker Bob Mizon MBE FRAS, coordinator of the British Astronomical Associations Commission for Dark Skies, author and observer. Numbers are limited so book early!

Price and full details at www.yarnmarkethotel.co.uk 01643 821425 or email hotel@yarnmarkethotel.co.uk



Dark Skies Talks & Stargazing with Seb Jay: Simonsbath House Hotel Sunday 4th November



You have the option of starting your evening with a tasty two-course supper served at 6pm (book direct with the hotel on 01643 831259 for just £20pp). Pre-order from a special dark skies menu available from the hotel.

Find out more about Exmoor's Dark Skies and Stargazing from our two experienced speakers:

- Understanding Exmoor's Dark Skies & Light Pollution with David Brabban (7pm)
- Stargazing Adventure with Seb Jay (8pm)

The talks will be followed by assisted Stargazing (weather permitting).

Price: Talks & Stargazing £6pp (book through Exmoor National Park)
Supper (optional) £20pp (pre-ordered and pre-paid with hotel)
01643 831259 www.simonsbathhouse.co.uk

Yarn Market Hotel

High Street, Dunster, Exmoor, TA24 6SF.

Tel: 01643 821425

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Stargazing Weekend

Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th November 2018

Experience the Dark Skies of
Exmoor National Park led by Bob Mizon- coordinator of
the British Astronomical Association's Commission for
Dark Skies

We take you away from all the street lights to see the
stars in all their grandeur

ADVENTURE & WALKING EVENTS


**Orionids Meteor Walk over Dunkery:
Webber's Post (SS902438)**



Sunday 21st October 5.15pm - 8.30pm

Join an Exmoor Ranger to walk to the top of National Trusts' Dunkery Beacon as the sun goes down. From the highest point on Exmoor, we hope to see meteors in action and the many star constellations in our dark skies. Alternatively, we'll make our way up through rain and cloud, listening for the wild night sounds in which Exmoor excels. The red deer rut should be in full swing, so we may see and hear them in the darkness. This walk is about four miles long and parts are on uneven narrow paths in the dark; a reasonable level of fitness is required and please wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

This event will take place whatever the weather, although if it is extremely poor the Ranger may take you on an alternative shorter walk to the top of Horner Valley to listen to the deer. No advance booking necessary.

Price: £3 per person payable on the night to  CareMoor for Exmoor.



Meteors Over Dunkery Event 2017, Kevin McDonough

Wild Swim by Moonlight in the River Lyn: Watersmeet
Wednesday 24th October 6:30pm

Join **Channel Adventure** for a micro adventure! Meet Jim, our adventure swim expert, at Watersmeet car park. You'll walk down to the river and head upstream to a secluded pool before changing and heading into the water for a magical dip, complete with glow sticks.

Price: £25 per person. Full details - www.channeladventure.co.uk

National Trust Camp-Out Under the Stars: Countisbury
Thursday 25th October from 6pm

Fancy a guided tour of the stars on the edge of Exmoor and the Bristol Channel, followed by a night under canvas to experience dark skies at their finest? Indoor multimedia presentation by an astronomer followed by guided stargazing through telescopes, and optional camping in one of our bell tents or on our gorgeous wild(ish) site at Kipscombe Farm Campsite, Countisbury, Devon, EX35 6NE.

.Price: £20 without camping, £30 with (in your own tent), £100 for up to 4 in a cosy bell tent.

Contact Hywel.lewis@nationaltrust.org.uk for more details.

Wild Swim by Moonlight: Bossington Beach
Friday 26th October meet at 6:30pm

Join **Channel Adventure** for a micro adventure! Meet Jim, our adventure swim expert, at Bossington Beach car park. You'll walk through beautiful woodland and down to the beach before changing and heading into the water for a wild dip, complete with glow sticks.

If weather conditions are not safe at Bossington then the swim will be moved to Minehead Bay. Booking essential.

Price: £25 per person. Full details - www.channeladventure.co.uk



Selworthy Stargazer Night Runs (5km or 10km)
Saturday 27th October 7pm

Join **Channel Adventure** for a night run high above the stunning Exmoor Coastline with dramatic views across the UK's first dark sky reserve. There's a choice of 5km or 10km routes. You will need to provide your own head torch and all participants will receive a Selworthy Stargazer medal!

Price: £17.50 Full details - www.channelevents.co.uk

Night Navigation with a National Park Ranger
Meet at Goat Hill layby (SS724403)



Monday 29th October 6pm - 9pm

'Walking across Exmoor on a clear night is an exhilarating journey. With almost no light pollution, the stars shine with an intensity little seen on this crowded island. Join a National Park Ranger to gain confidence in visiting the countryside at night, listen to the sounds and gaze in awe at the heavens. It is equally likely the mists will be swirling and the rain sweeping across - a different but eerie experience not to be missed! Suitable outdoor clothing and footwear is essential. Expect very rough ground in exceptionally low light; torches are not going to be used but please bring one for emergency use. Distance: 3½ miles maximum. Booking essential. This event may be cancelled in bad weather.

Price: £5

ADVENTURE & WALKING EVENTS

Wild Swim by Moonlight: Pinkery Centre for Outdoor Learning

Tuesday 30th October 6:30pm

Join Channel Adventure for a micro adventure! Meet Jim, our adventure swim expert, at the Pinkery Centre. You'll walk up to Pinkery Pond on the top of Exmoor before changing and heading into the water for a magical dip, complete with glow sticks.

Price: £25 Full details - www.channeladventure.co.uk

Night Sky Forest Walk: Nutcombe Bottom (SS 977 423)

Friday 2nd November 7pm

The Forestry Commission welcomes you to join them on a night walk from Nutcombe Bottom. Ranger James Latus and Chris Sperring MBE will be your hosts. Chris is a BBC Broadcaster, expert naturalist and astronomer who will bring the night sky alive from within the forest. The walk will take approximately 2-3hrs using forest tracks with moderate climbs.

Price: £7.50 Bookings and enquiries to 0300 067 4800

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www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/caremoor

You can also donate at one of our National Park Centres in Dulverton, Dunster and Lynmouth.

Or look out for collection boxes at locations across Exmoor.

CULTURAL EVENTS

From Minehead to the Stars: The Beach Hotel, The Avenue, Minehead Wednesday 24th October 7pm

A talk by Dr Cherrie Temple on Sir Arthur C Clarke, author of '2001: A Space Odyssey'
Price: £5 (£3 for Friends of the Museum) Tickets to be bought in advance from the Museum or by contacting Janet Styles at janetstyles@btinternet.com or 01643 822097

Arthur C Clarke Talk: Porlock Village Hall Monday 29th October 7.30pm

Join us for a talk by Dr Cherrie Temple on local author of "2001: A Space Odyssey", Sir Arthur C. Clarke.
Price: £5 (includes light refreshments) Tickets available from The Porlock Visitor Centre or call 01643 863150.

A Capella Concert - Star-filled Skies Sunday 4th November

A cappella concert of unaccompanied songs and readings inspired by the stars, heavens and wildlife after dark, performed by Grace Notes - a cappella group of ten upper voices, directed by Daphne West at Porlock Village Hall
Price: £5 includes light refreshments available from the Porlock Visitor Centre 01643 863150

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