

Top 12 Things to do in & around Exmoor this Easter Holidays

1. Visit the Lynton Railway at Woody Bay Station for some Easter Sunday Fun for all the family. Open from 10am on 1 April - no kidding - there'll be baby animals, face painting and children's entertainment. Free entry. Trips on the famous narrow gauge railway from £3 per child (under 5's free) . www.lynton-rail.co.uk
2. Get wet in Minehead. Channel Adventures are offering 'Give it a Go' sessions over the Easter Holidays. Try your hand at kayaking, SUP, and outdoor swimming with a qualified instructor. £15 per hour and they'll even lend you a wetsuit. www.ChannelAdventure.co.uk
3. Follow the new Spring Nature Trail around the glorious Heddon Valley and encourage your children to be explorers. This easy 2-mile circular trail is a pushchair friendly route with clues, information and activities to keep little ones engaged along the way. 30 March - 15 April (between 10.30am and 3pm). £1 per trail from the National Trust shop www.nationaltrust.org.uk/heddon-valley
4. Join the Exmoor National Park Adventure Day at Haddon Hill near Wimbleball Lake on 4 April 10am – 4 pm. The Rangers will be organising family-friendly games and activities lasting all day, including bush-craft skills, soil printing and picture making and scavenger hunts and species identification. Bring your own picnic. No need to book – just turn up, it's free. www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk
5. Meet **Peter Rabbit™** on Saturday 31st March 2018 at Minehead Railway Station. He'll be making personal appearances at regular intervals between 10am and 4pm after starring in his very own feature film (launched 16 March). Entertainment on the day will include face painting, crafts and a woodland themed Easter egg hunt, as well as the opportunity to hop aboard the famous steam train. www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk
6. See Exmoor from the sea – its rocky shoreline and soaring cliffs provide a truly spectacular sight from out on the ocean and you'll spot lots of wildlife too. Join an Exmoor National Park Ranger for this unique experience. £20 per person, booking essential on 01598 752509. Leave from Lynmouth Harbour: 12th April, 2:45pm-4:15pm. www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk
7. Need to walk off that Easter Egg-shaped spare tyre? The Exmoor Society are organising a free, 3 hour walk on Tuesday 10 April to explore the open moors, deep wooded valleys and country lanes of the area, accompanied by a knowledgeable local guide. Call 01398 323335 or see www.exmoorsociety.com for more details.
8. Take your dog on a **Waggy Walk and Talk** at Wimbleball Lake on Sunday 8 April at 10am. Join South West Lakes Trust and Dogs Trust for a guided walk to the dam (around 1 -2 hours). Costs £4 and free to under 16's. For more details call 01398 371460 or visit www.southwestlakes.co.uk.
9. See where your meat and fresh produce comes from on a Farm and Food Tour. Spend time with the farmers and meet their rare breed pigs, Dexter cattle, goats and alpacas. Enjoy tastings of the delicious farm produce. Friday 13 April. Booking essential please call 01643 863002 for details. www.visit-exmoor.co.uk

10. Get up close to an Exmoor Pony at the Exmoor Pony Centre on Sunday 8 April. Enjoy Pony Rides (minimum age 4 years there is a 12stone weight limit), Pony Grooming. Crafts & Games, refreshments. No need to book. www.moorlandmousietrust.org.uk
11. Hunt for fossils on Watchet beach. The spring tides unearth a potential treasure trove of delights and keen eyes and patient fingers regularly discover ammonites, belemnites and unusual shells.
12. Or step up for a Seaside Safari at Combe Martin and look for wildlife in the beach rock-pools. £2 per child, 3 and 13 April – no need to book. More details from www.combemartinmuseum.co.uk

For more information on things to see & do, and where to stay and eat on Exmoor see www.Visit-Exmoor.co.uk

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