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THINGS TO DO

Horse Riding
 There is a good choice of horse riding to enjoy on Exmoor and the Quantocks. There are stables that offer simple lead rides over the moors. For those who are proficient riders some stables will take you on a gallop over the moors.
 Horse Riding pages

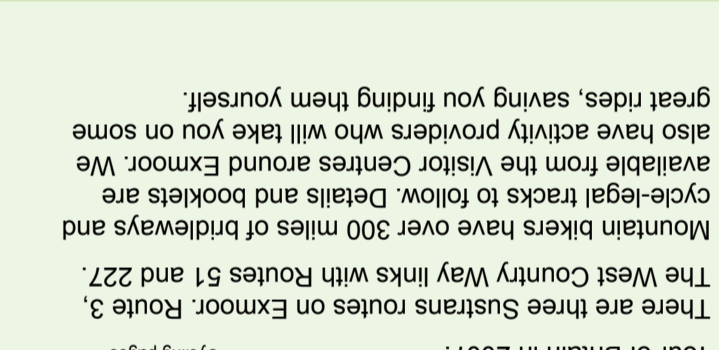
Beaches
 Bring your own horse and stay in accommodation with stables who can tell you the best rides in their area. There are regular gymkhanas and horse shows taking place where you can enjoy the skills of the riders. If you love fossil hunting then Klive beach is our Jurassic coast at the end of the Quantock Hills. We have sandy beaches from Blue Anchor to Minehead. Exmoor's beaches are rocky and stony except at low tide when some sand may be uncovered. These beaches are perfect for rockpooling, especially at Combe Martin. In the summer months take a boat trip along our impressive coastline for a great experience. You may even be lucky and see dolphins and seals along the coast.
 Beaches pages



Minehead beach

Walking
 This area provides some of the best walking from quite challenging to gentle strolls. The South West Coast Path starts at Minehead and follows the impressive Exmoor coastline to Combe Martin and onwards to Land's End and Poole in Dorset. The Coleridge Way is a 36 mile walk from Nether Stowey to Porlock across the Quantock Hills and Exmoor. Accommodation is available along the way. We have a regular walking festival that takes place each late April, early May over the May Day Bank Holiday. See its website www.exmoorwalkingfestival.co.uk for up-to-date information. All the Visitor Centres have a good range of walk leaflets to choose from showing you the best walks in the area.
 Walking pages

Cycling and Mountain Biking
 The 60 mile Exmoor Cycle Route is a challenging 2 day ride through beautiful scenery, following the route taken by the Tour of Britain in 2007. There are three Sustrans routes on Exmoor. Route 3, The West Country Way links with Routes 51 and 227. Mountain bikers have over 300 miles of bridleways and cycle-legal tracks to follow. Details and booklets are available from the Visitor Centres around Exmoor. We also have activity providers who will take you on some great rides, saving you finding them yourself.
 Cycling pages



Walking on Exmoor



Avill valley, near Dunster

ACCOMMODATION

The Exmoor Tourist Association has a wide choice of accommodation providers across the district. There are small friendly B&Bs and self-catering units, to remote camping sites and a few larger establishments. We are about a half-hour drive from the M5. Or you can come by public transport to Taunton and then by bus or steam railway. Bring your dog, bike or horse as we have plenty of accommodation that welcome you and plenty of places to walk and ride.



Accommodation search

Exmoor and the Quantocks offer the visitor one of the most unspoilt and tranquil areas in England. The Exmoor National Park and Quantocks Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty have some of the most stunning scenery. You will find open moorland, high coastal cliffs, deep wooded valleys and charming untouched villages. This brochure will give you many ideas of where to stay, things to do and places to see, so much so you will want to come back again - and again! Download a free QR code scanner app and scan the QR codes beside each subject in this leaflet with your mobile device to go direct to our mobile website pages. We hope you enjoy your visit.

Welcome!

THINGS TO DO

Attractions

This area has a wide choice of attractions. The West Somerset Railway is the longest steam railway in England, running from Minehead to Bishops Lydeard along the coast and Quantocks. Steam trains at Woody Bay Station - a charming narrow-gauge railway located at southern England's highest railway station. The Cliff Railway is a funicular railway joining Lynton and Lynmouth. On the eastern side of Exmoor is Wimbleball Lake, offering a wide range of water-sports, walking, cycling and high-ropes obstacle course, and a cafe. Dunster Castle and Cleve Abbey both give an insight into the local history and heritage.



Attractions pages



West Somerset Railway

Children can enjoy the Dinosaur Park and Watermouth Castle either side of Combe Martin. Just up the road is Exmoor Zoo where you can discover the Exmoor Beast among other animals. See our amazing coastline from the sea on boat trips from Watchet, Minehead, Lynmouth and Ilfracombe and be up close to the seals and dolphins.

Find out more about the unique Exmoor Pony at the centre near Dulverton followed by something to eat at Tarr Farm by Tarr Steps nearby. For garden-lovers a visit to Hestercombe shows 3 centuries of garden design.

Picnic Spots

Find a wide choice of ideal picnic spots on our website. Compiled by our walking festival organiser, he recommends various sites in Exmoor and The Quantocks. All have grassy areas, some near pubs or cafes, some with toilets, some by rivers or wide open views. All have directions to help find them.



Picnic Spot pages

Food and Drink

With such a marvellous choice of local produce providing beef, lamb, cheeses, clotted cream, ciders and even wine, you don't have to go far to find some excellent fare. There are farmers' markets in most of the bigger towns, some every week, some once a month. Our website lists them or ask at the visitor centres. You will find some excellent restaurants and cafes in villages and towns around the moor.



Food & Drink pages

Tea Rooms

We are blessed with a wide selection of tea rooms, often tucked away in beautiful surroundings which is the making of a perfect cream tea. Here

are some suggestions: Horner Vale Tea Room; Mother Meldrums Tea Room, Valley of Rocks; Tarr Farm, Tarr Steps; Kitnors Tea Room, Bossington; Withypool Tea Room; Cloud Farm, Doone Valley, near Malmsmead; Locks Tea Room, Dunster; Boevey's, Simonsbath; Exford Bridge, Exford.

More Tourist Information

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Minehead Market

PLACES TO SEE

Dunster Village

A most original medieval village, overlooked by its fairy-tale castle and folly tower. In the wide main street you will find the yarn-market and charming shops. The impressive church with its delightful carillon of bells is worth a visit. Behind the church is the Dovecot and old Tythe Barn. The 15C Gallox Bridge crosses the River Avill with a restored watermill nearby still grinding its own flour.



Safaris on Exmoor

If you really want to experience the delights of Exmoor, then a safari will show you the real moor. Exmoor ponies, red deer, hidden tracks, deep valleys, open moors. You will discover why the moor looks like it now does, about its heritage, geology and geography. An adventure with knowledgeable guides, not to be missed. Here are some suggestions: Exmoor Safaris, Experience Exmoor, Red Stag and Barle Valley Safaris.



Tarr Steps

This is an ancient clapper bridge over the River Barle set in a delightful spot in a wooded valley. There is a large car park and toilets and then a short walk down to the river. Here you will find Tarr Farm with a choice of food and drink to enjoy. There is a perfect picnic area by the river as well as some lovely riverside walks.



PLACES TO SEE

Lynton and Lynmouth

The twin towns are separated by a 500 foot cliff. The cliff railway works by water from a local stream and saves a strenuous zigzag path walk. Lynton has a good choice of shops as well as a wonderful craft gallery, cinema and attractive town hall. Lynmouth is where the East and West Lyn rivers meet. It has a harbour, Rhenish Tower, shops, cafes and National Park Visitor Centre.

The East Lyn River and Watersmeet

This river valley is the classic deep Exmoor wooded river valley with a fast flowing rocky river. From Lynmouth there is a delightful walk upstream to Watersmeet, where the Hoar Oak Water joins the main river. Here you will find the National Trust fishing lodge offering scrumptious food in tea gardens and souvenirs. Watch for dippers and herons.

Valley of Rocks

This unusual dry valley is a short walk from Lynton, along the coast path or road. It is thought to have been created in the ice age and runs parallel to the coast. The impressive rock formations have names like Castle Rock, the Cheesering and Mother Meldrum's Cave. It influenced the writings of Coleridge and Wordsworth. It is home to the most beautifully set cricket pitch and a tea room.

Doone Valley

RD Blackmore set his story of Lorna Doone in this part of Exmoor, based around Malmsmead, Oare and the Badgworthy Water. You can walk, mountain bike and horse ride by the river to find the waterslide where a small stream meets the main river, or simply relax with a cream tea. Visit the small Oare church to see where Lorna was married and shot by Carver Doone.

Selworthy area (NT)

Selworthy village is a delightful group of thatched cottages set around an open green, the quiet road being away from here. You can enjoy a cream tea and visit the church. An invigorating walk up the valley to Selworthy Beacon rewards you with wide views over the Bristol Channel and Porlock Vale. Nearby are Bossington near the long shingle ridge and sea marsh, and Allerford with its photogenic packhorse bridge.

Dunkery Beacon

This is the highest point on Exmoor at 1705 feet (519m). To reach the point is a 20 minute gentle climb from the nearest road. Once there you will get all-round views on a clear day, overlooking Porlock Vale to the north, across mid Devon to Dartmoor in the south, north Devon to the west and the Quantocks to the east.



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