

Be an Exmoor Explorer

With temperatures on the rise, lambs and foals skipping across the landscape, fields awash with pale-yellow primroses and sunny daffodils, it can mean only one thing: spring is here!

Spring brings a great opportunity to get out and reconnect with nature. Happily, Exmoor National Park has just launched a fantastic new set of self-guided short walks, showcasing 10 of the most iconic, quintessential Exmoor routes. Each walk, lasting up to two-and-a-half hours, aims to immerse the walker in a different aspect of the unique character of the National Park, from the heather-clad heights of Dunkery Beacon to the riverside charms of Heddons Mouth and untamed wildness of the Doone Valley. The dedicated website, exmoorwalks.org, details each of the 10 options, and there are accompanying

video guides and OS mapping for every route. There are also tough water-resistant guides available to buy – see the website for full details.

National Parks around the country have played an even more important part in people's lives in this past year, with thousands turning to the outdoors to escape the worry of the pandemic. The new Explorer Walks hope to give people the chance to become acquainted not just with the best-known areas of Exmoor, but also its hidden gems. It's a chance to understand the stories behind the people and incredible landscapes of Exmoor,

in a way that's accessible to all walkers, whether they are first-timers after a leisurely stroll or long-time lovers of Exmoor keen to learn something new.

Step away from the well-trodden tourist destinations and discover one of the West Country's best-kept natural secrets – a fairy-tale landscape awaits you here on Exmoor!



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Explorer Walk Series

Doone Valley, 7.8km

Beautifully romantic – an inspiration to writers and poets throughout history.

Dunkery Beacon, 3.9km

Exmoor's highest point and heather moorland.

Dunster Village, 2.2km

One of the country's

best-preserved medieval villages.

Haddon Hill, 2.3km

Spectacular views and the chance to see Exmoor ponies.

Heddons Mouth, 3.6km

Follow a babbling stream to this wild smuggler's cove.

Horner Woods, 5.4km

Wind along the deep combes of one of the country's finest oak woodlands on this stunning walk.

Lynmouth and Watersmeet, 5.9km

Explore the tree-lined banks of the fast-flowing East Lyn River.

Porlock Marsh, 5.8km

Where the sea and the land combine and the views change with the tide.

Simonsbath and Wheal Eliza, 3.8km

This out-and-back walk takes in a classic Exmoor Valley steeped in history.

Tarr Steps, 3.5km

The home of Exmoor's famous clapper bridge.



Visit exmoorwalks.org for routes, videos, and OS mapping.

Follow the latest Government Covid-19 guidance regarding lockdowns and restrictions when planning your trip