

DARTMOOR explorer

a scenic ride
across Dartmoor
that will take your
breath away

SUMMER 2021
from 3 July

hop off wherever
takes your fancy
or enjoy the
whole ride



Plymouth Tavistock Dartmoor Moretonhampstead Exeter

daily

Plymouth Royal Parade Theatre Royal stop A8	1000	
Plymouth opp Barcode Centre	1003	
Plymouth opp rail station	1009	
Milehouse St Bartholomew's Church stop LC3	1012	
Crownhill Fort opp Future Inn	1019	
George Junction park & ride Travelodge	1022	
Roborough Lodge	1025	
Yelverton roundabout	1032	
Horrabridge Manor Garage	1035	
Tavistock bus station arrive	1045	
depart	0950	1050 1300
Tavistock opp Bedford Hotel	0952	1052 1302
Merrivale The Dartmoor Inn	1001	1101 1311
Princetown opp Dartmoor Visitor Centre	1012	1112 1322
Two Bridges opp Two Bridges Hotel	1016	1116 1326
Powder Mills pottery	1019	1119 1329
Postbridge National Park Visitor Centre arrive	1024	1124 1334
stay on bus - no need to change		
Postbridge National Park Visitor Centre depart	1025	1125 1335
Postbridge Warren House Inn	1029	1129 1339
The Miniature Pony Centre opp	1039	1139 1349
Moretonhampstead Court St bus stop arrive	1045	1145 1355
depart	1050	1400
Doccombe phone box	1102	1412
Dunsford Meadhay	1112	1422
Longdown The Lamb	1124	1434
Exeter St Thomas rail station	1134	1444
Exeter St Davids rail station stop B	1139	1449
Exeter Central rail station	1142	1452
Exeter South Street for cathedral	1145	1455

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Exeter St Davids rail station stop B	1000	1350
Exeter Central rail station	1003	1353
Exeter South Street for cathedral	1006	1356
Exeter St Thomas rail station	1010	1400
Longdown opp The Lamb	1020	1410
Dunsford Meadhay	1032	1422
Doccombe Great Doccombe Farm	1039	1429
Moretonhampstead Court St bus stop arrive	1050	1440
depart	1057	1247 1447
The Miniature Pony Centre	1104	1254 1454
Postbridge opp Warren House Inn	1114	1304 1504
Postbridge opp National Park Visitor Centre arrive	1119	1309 1509
stay on bus - no need to change		
Postbridge opp National Park Visitor Centre depart	1120	1310 1510
Powder Mills opp pottery	1123	1313 1513
Two Bridges Two Bridges Hotel	1127	1317 1517
Princetown Dartmoor Visitor Centre	1135	1325 1525
Merrivale The Dartmoor Inn	1143	1333 1533
Tavistock Bedford Hotel	1153	1343 1543
Tavistock bus station arrive	1155	1345 1545
depart		1348
Horrabridge Manor Garage		1358
Yelverton roundabout		1403
Roborough Lodge opp		1409
George Junction park & ride opp Travelodge		1413
Crownhill Fort Future Inn		1416
Milehouse stop LC4		1422
Plymouth rail station		1426
Plymouth Barcode Centre		1432
Plymouth Royal Parade Theatre Royal stop A8		1437

all day
first adventurer **£10**
extra adventurers **£5**
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Use this timetable to plan your
adventure on Dartmoor - your ticket
lasts all day.

OPEN TOP Land's End Coaster

Follow the coast all the way round
Land's End on a circular ride through
Penzance and St Ives.

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Bluff headlands and blissful beaches
all the way down the Atlantic coast
between Padstow, Newquay
and St Ives.

OPEN TOP the Lizard

Explore the beautiful scenery, wonderful
beaches and rugged coves of the
Lizard peninsula.

OPEN TOP Falmouth Coaster

The best way to see Falmouth
and Pendennis Castle from a whole
new perspective.

OPEN TOP Discover Exeter

See the sights of this cathedral city
from an open-top bus.

OPEN TOP Exmoor Coaster

Up and down some of the steepest
roads in the land through dramatic
scenery where Exmoor meets the
Bristol Channel.

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EXETER

The story of the city goes back to pre-Roman
times and, despite being bombed heavily
during the Second World War, much of that
history is still there to be experienced.

There are fascinating attractions, like its unique
underground passages, free Red Coat guided tours
to go on, the remains of an imposing Roman wall
and a historic Quayside. You can learn more about
the history of Exeter in the award-winning Royal
Albert Memorial Museum and get a grandstand
view of the city from our open-top Exeter Tour bus
ride - just hop on and off wherever takes your fancy.

Perhaps Exeter's crowning glory is its magnificent
cathedral with a breathtaking vaulted nave that is
poetry in stone. The Cathedral Green surrounding
it is a peaceful oasis in this busy city.

Exeter has excellent shopping with many favourite
High Street names, but head to the West Quarter
or the cobbled Gandy Street to discover
some great independent cafés.



PLYMOUTH

Known as Britain's Ocean City, Plymouth has
a seafaring heritage going back centuries.
Wander along to Plymouth Hoe to see the iconic
Smeaton's Tower lighthouse and where Sir Francis
Drake played bowls before setting off to quash the
Spanish Armada.

Head down to the Barbican, where a bustling array
of specialist shops, restaurants, cafés and great
attractions are set against the backdrop of Plymouth's
picturesque harbour. Or go to Sutton Harbour to visit
the famous Plymouth Gin Distillery or the National
Marine Aquarium.

The modern city centre is spacious and pedestrian
friendly, and lined with shops of all descriptions.



Dartmoor is a magical landscape where sweeping panoramas rise up to the sky and breathtaking views stretch all around. The colours change as the light and the seasons change, and when the gorse and heather burst into bloom it is streaked with gaudy mauves and yellows.

And those dramatic skies - where clear cerulean blue can be dotted with towering white clouds, or a sudden change can bring scudding greys drifting over the jagged tors.

Our Dartmoor Explorer is the best way to enjoy the majesty and grandeur of this amazing place, with grandstand views all around from the top deck.

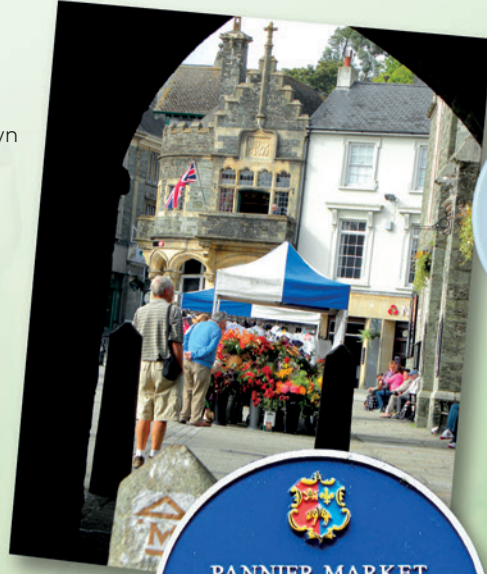
Use this leaflet to plan your adventure. Hop off wherever takes your fancy and explore...

TAVISTOCK

Get to know this friendly market town where a range of lovely independent shops and cafés await you. It's said the cream tea was invented in Tavistock.

Take a look at the town's famous pannier market, where you'll find everything from unusual gifts and crafts to hats, hammers and nails. It's truly an Aladdin's Cave!

Then there are riverside and heritage walks to enjoy, impressive buildings like the fine town hall and St Eustachius' Church, and not forgetting the town museum run by enthusiastic volunteers.



PANNIER MARKET
Along with the Town Hall, this market building was the central feature of the redevelopment of the town centre carried out in the 1860s at the behest of the seventh Duke of Bedford.



MORETONHAMPSTEAD

The gateway to the High Moor - you can see the moor from the town - Moretonhampstead has a history stretching back to Saxon times, and in the 18th century became a major coaching stop for travellers between Exeter and Plymouth.

Take the town trail to discover fine buildings such as the Alms Houses and the Parish Church of St Andrew. And pop into the several studios and galleries to see works by local artists and craftsmen.

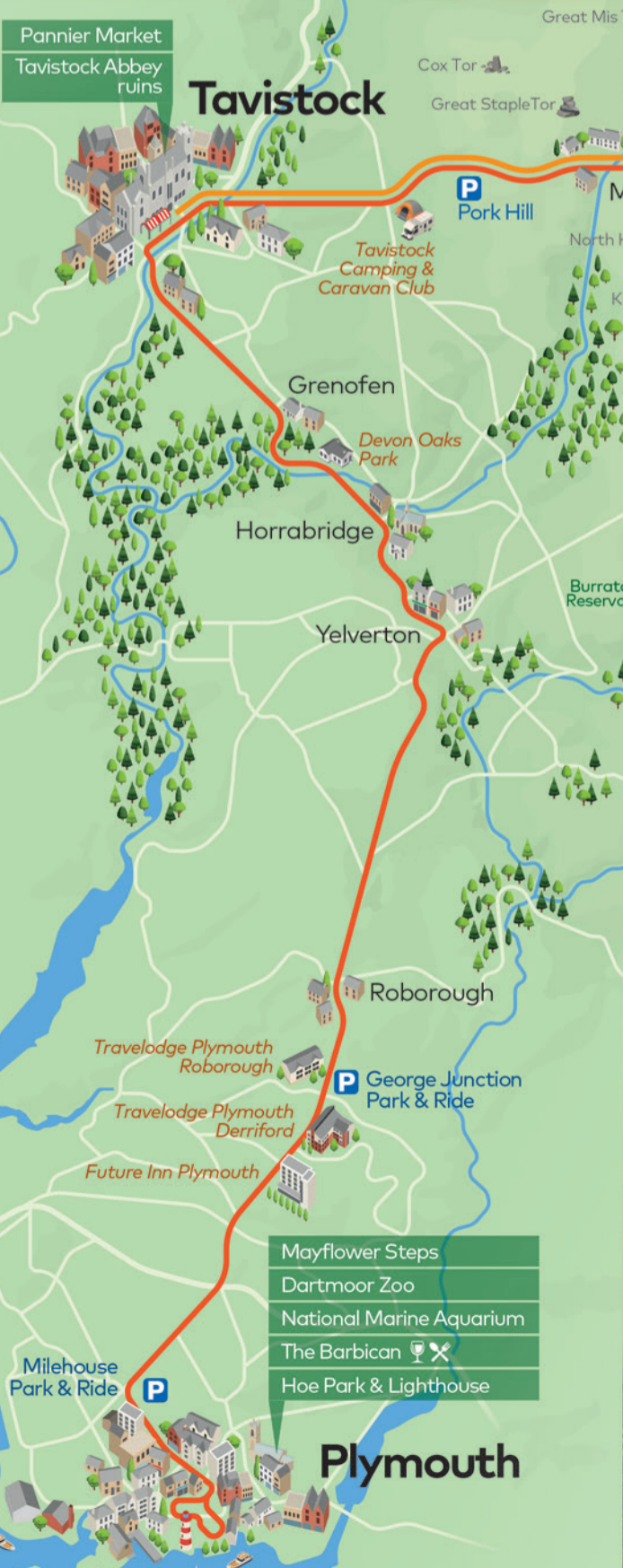
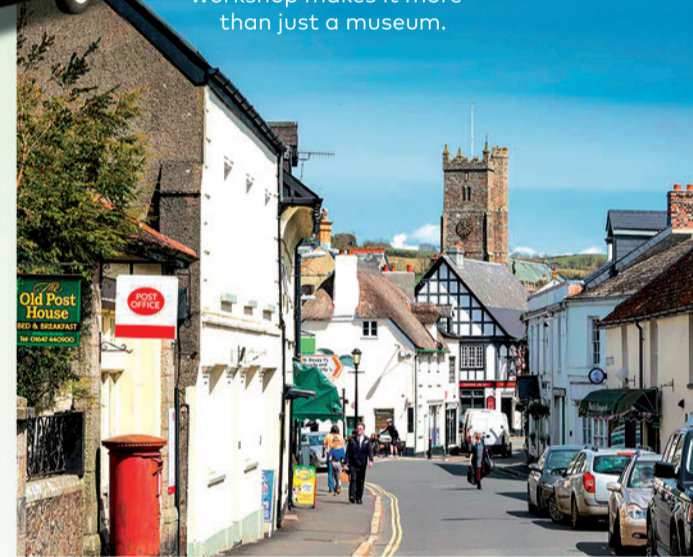
You'll find the arts and heritage centre in the former primary school and what used to be the bus depot in the town is now a motor vehicle museum with over 150 vintage and classic vehicles. The viewable restoration workshop makes it more than just a museum.



best foot forward

Dartmoor is wonderful if you fancy striding out and getting some of that sparkling fresh air in your lungs.

Walk up to the tors and be rewarded with views far and wide that will simply take your breath away... marvellous!



PRINCETOWN

High on the moor 1,400 feet above sea level, is the forbidding Dartmoor Prison looming large over the village. Find out, if you dare, more about some of the notorious past residents in the Prison Museum.

The village is also home to Dartmoor Brewery, where beers such as Jail Ale and Dartmoor IPA are brewed and can be bought.

It's thought that Arthur Conan Doyle penned his most famous work, The Hound of the Baskervilles, during a stay at the Old Duchy Hotel here, now the Dartmoor National Park Visitor Centre.

The 6-mile circular Princetown audio walk takes you across moorland to a waterfall and aqueduct, past Bronze Age settlements and back along the disused railway line and remains of the granite quarries.



TWO BRIDGES

North east of Princetown is where the two roads that cross Dartmoor meet. One is the old turnpike road which was built across the moor in the late 18th century and which our tour follows.

The name doesn't refer to the two bridges that you see today. In 1765 the road crossed both the West Dart and the River Cowsic, just upstream from where they meet, and therefore required two separate bridges.

By 1891, there was just a single bridge further downstream over the West Dart. A more modern structure has been added alongside its earlier predecessor, hence the confusion!

Wistman's Wood, a mile or so north of the Two Bridges Hotel is an amazing strange group of stunted oak trees growing among moss and lichen covered granite boulders, and it's a nice walk there. The hotel was built in 1794 as a lonely Dartmoor coaching inn, but then it was called the Saracen's Head.

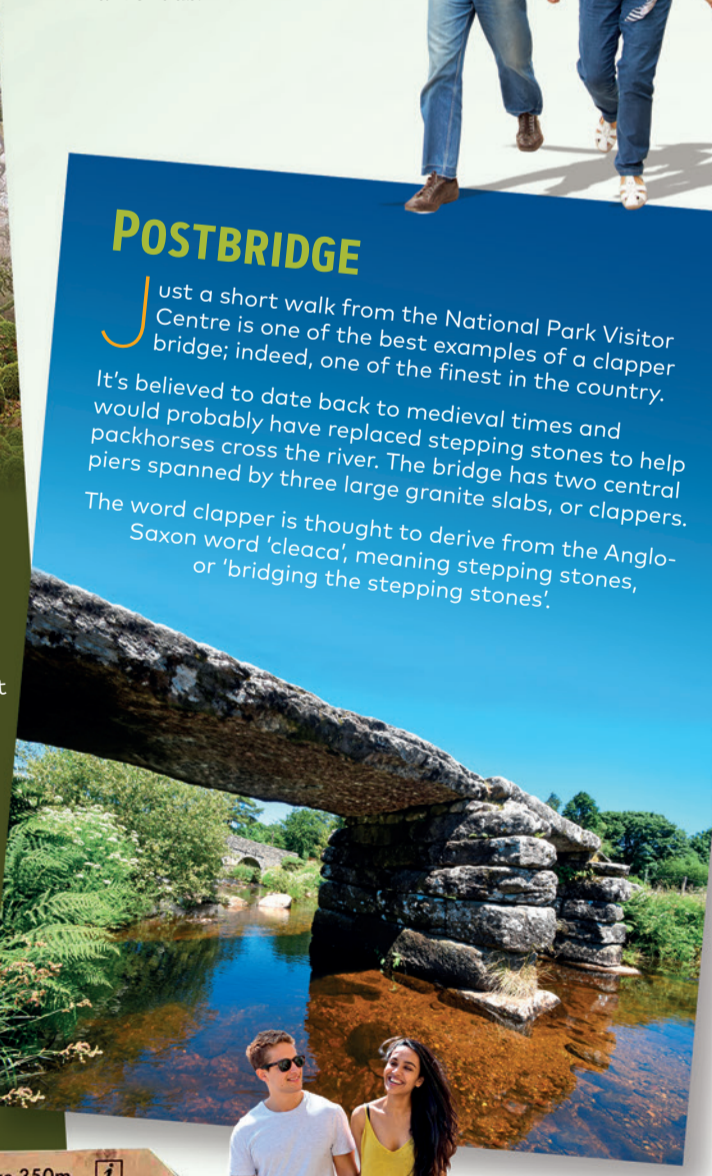


POSTBRIDGE

Just a short walk from the National Park Visitor Centre is one of the best examples of a clapper bridge; indeed, one of the finest in the country.

It's believed to date back to medieval times and would probably have replaced stepping stones to help packhorses cross the river. The bridge has two central piers spanned by three large granite slabs, or clappers.

The word clapper is thought to derive from the Anglo-Saxon word 'cleaca', meaning stepping stones, or 'bridging the stepping stones'.



tales of the unexpected

When thick mists suddenly roll across the moor, when mires appear dark and bottomless and brooding granite tors look menacing on the horizon, it's no wonder the sweeping lonely landscapes of Dartmoor stir the imagination. Then legends have substance and the blood can run cold.

Stories of pixies, ghosts, witchcraft and weird happenings have been passed down over the centuries. Some are explained away quite easily while others still remain a mystery to this day.

