

DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK



It's impossible to list everything there is to see and do in this National Park, created in the 1950s and covering 368 square miles, but we hope the following will give you an appetite for exploring, an overview of what's there and a few postcodes to head towards when driving round.

Weather

It can be very changeable on the high moors and walkers should be adequately equipped for anything more than a short stroll.

Bronze Age

Dartmoor contains the largest concentration of Bronze Age remains in the country with many huts and stone circles. Most of the structures were built of granite, a very durable stone which ensured their survival.

Tin Mining

There is a long history of extracting tin from Dartmoor. The earliest form of extraction was by streaming - taking tin from the stream and river beds, then later by open-cast mining. Deep mining was not practised until the early 18th century. Tin mining continued at certain sites well into the 20th century.

Ponies

Help to give Dartmoor its unique character and are an important part of the landscape. They live on the moor all year round and are owned by farmers. They are untamed and you are advised not to approach or feed them.

Visitor Centre – Princetown (PL20 6QF)

A good place to start with maps, exhibitions, toilets, leaflets & helpful advice
www.dartmoor.gov.uk/visiting/vi-planningyourvisit/vi-infocentres/vi-highmoorlandcentre

Walks

www.visitdartmoor.co.uk/things-to-do/walking/circular-walks

Becky Falls (TQ13 9UG)

www.beckyfalls.com/

Woodland park since 1903, voted Devon's Top Beauty Spot.

Dartmoor Prison Museum (PL20 6RR)

www.dartmoor-prison.co.uk/

Fascinating history of one of England's most famous prisons, from prisoner of war depot to the present day.

Buckfast Abbey (TQ11 0EE)

A working monastery and gardens where monks live self-sufficiently. A thousand years of history and stunning architecture.

Holy Trinity (TQ11 0EZ)

Interesting church ruins, burnt down in 1992 at Buckfastleigh. Grave yard contains the Cabell family tomb who inspired the Hound of the Baskervilles novel.

Hound Torre (TQ13 9XG)

Abandoned Iron Age settlement. Stunning views but exposed position and a little walk from the nearest parking.

Merrivale Prehistoric Settlement (PL20 6QY)

Stone circle and stone row.

Grimspound (PL20 6TB)

Famous site of 24 Bronze Age round houses.

Clapper Bridge (PL20 6TH)

Famous as a fine example of traditional 12th century bridge building methods near Postbridge Visitor Centre.

Haytor (TQ13 9XT)

Walk along an old tin mine track, preserved due to its granite construction - park by the visitors' centre.

Antiques (TQ13 7QQ)

A good variety of antique shops in the quaint town of Ashburton.

www.ashburton.org/antiques.htm

Food

Chagford Inn (TQ13 8AW) www.thechagfordinn.com

Rugglestone Inn (TQ13 7TF) www.rugglestoneinn.co.uk

Tea at Taylors (TQ13 7QJ) www.facebook.com/pages/Tea-At-Taylors/386289354725983

Two Bridges Hotel (PL20 6SW) www.twobridges.co.uk

Prince Hall Country House (PL20 6SA) www.princehall.co.uk/

Tours

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