



Minehead

“Northern Gateway to Exmoor”

There is evidence of human occupation since the Bronze Age. A small port in 1380 became a major Medieval trading center. Developed as a retirement center when sea bathing became popular in Victorian times, leading to the prominence of today’s Georgian architecture.

Located in the north-west corner of Somerset, Minehead is a great base from which to explore the wild landscapes of Exmoor National Park, extending into North Devon. Within a 40 mile radius, just outside the park boundaries, are the cider making area around Taunton, in Devon the seaside town of Ilfracombe and historic Tiverton.



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1. Blenheim Gardens

A high quality green space created in 1925 with formal planting and paved paths. Gifted to the town for use only as a public park for the use of residents and visitors



2. Coleridge Cottage

A National Trust property. A hovel that was home to the poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge from 1797-1799. A writer of visionary imagination, lyric intensity and philosophical profundity, he partnered with William Wordsworth to produce "Lyrical Ballads" in 1798.



3. Dunkery Beacon

A 1705 foot summit is the highest point in Somerset. Provides views over the surrounding moorland, the Bristol Channel and hills up to 86 miles away



4. Dunster Castle and Watermill

National Trust property. Explore the history of this 1000 year old castle then discover the old watermill on 3 floors of traditional machinery. Then discover one of the earliest stable blocks in the care of the Trust.



5. Exmoor National Park

Dream, Discover, Explore.

Take a journey along our dramatic coast, and then follow the rivers valleys that climb through the wooded combes to the high moorlands. Discover the hidden history that waits to be discovered and the wildlife.



6. Exmoor Owl & Hawk Centre

Discover the finest collections of flown owls in the world, plus hawks, an eagle, kookaburra and a palm nut vulture. Enjoy watching them fly in the indoor owl show, and the afternoon outdoor flying display.



7. Exmoor Wildlife Safaris

Join us on a safari and experience the real Exmoor: the Exmoor Ponies, Red Deer, Birdlife, and the Flora and Fauna. Hear about the intriguing local legends and marvel at the beautiful scenery. We will take you on a leisurely trail of discovery in our Land Rover.



8. Southwest Coast Path

The South West Coast Path is England's longest waymarked long-distance footpath and a National Trail. It stretches for 630 miles, running from Minehead in Somerset, along the coasts of Devon and Cornwall, to Poole Harbor in Dorset. 9 mile walk Minehead to Porlock.



9. Torre Cider Farm

A small family run business specializing in making traditional scrumpy and delicious bottled ciders, all made from historical varieties of Somerset apples grown right here in our six acre orchard. We offer free tastings of our scrumpy from our on-site farm shop,



10. West Somerset Railway

The historic steam locomotives, coaches and wagons, and the buildings of our ten unique stations linked by a twenty mile scenic journey will repay hours of exploration. The surrounding countryside is as varied as it is beautiful, between Minehead and Bishop Lydeard near Taunton.

