

**2020
TOUR**

Paignton

GUIDE



Welcome to the 2020 NOPS Kit Kat Tour

Torbay is a large bay on Devon's south coast. Overlooking its clear blue waters from their vantage points along the bay are three towns: Paignton, Torquay and Brixham. The bays ancient flood plain ends where it meets the steep hills of the South Hams. These hills act as suntrap, allowing the bay to luxuriate in its own warm microclimate. It is the bays golden sands and rare propensity for fine weather that has led to the bay and its seaside towns being named the English Riviera.

Dartmoor National Park is a wild place with open moorlands and deep river valleys, a rich history and rare wildlife, making is a unique place and a great contrast to Torbay in terms of photographic subjects.

The locations listed in the guide have been selected as popular areas to photograph. I have tried to be accurate with the postcodes but as many locations are rural, they are an approximation. They are not intended as an itinerary but as a starting point for a trigger-happy weekend. All the locations are within an hour or so drive from the hotel.

Some locations are run by the National Trust or English Heritage. It would be worth being members or going with a member so that the weekend can be enjoyed to the full. Prices listed are correct at time of publication, concession prices are in brackets.

Please take care and be respectful of the landscape around you. If you intend climbing or doing any other dangerous activities, please go in pairs (at least).



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Aish Tor

Map Ref 1 TQ13 7PX

Daytime, Sunset

Aish Tor sits to the south east of Dartmeet on the eastern side of Dartmoor. The summit is fairly flat and covered with gorse, but there is a small cairn to mark the top and the tor itself sits on the north east side of the hill. Aish Tor also sits alongside the Two Moors Way making a walk here a simple one, it also has great views down into the Dart valley and back across to Mel Tor and Sharp Tor.

Dr Blackall's Drive is a track that runs along the northern lip of the Dart Gorge. It's a classic Dartmoor walk. At one point, Dr Blackall's Drive swings around a bulge in the moor that's topped with a rocky outcrop. This is Aish Tor.

One of the best sites for High Brown Fritillary as well as Dark Green Fritillary, and if the conditions are favourable good photo opportunities should present themselves.

Devil's fingers can be found around this Tor and Dart Valley nature reserve. Also known as octopus stinkhorn, devil's fingers fungus is native to Australia. It is thought that spores contained in packaging of a shipment to Plymouth during the First World War resulted in the fungus spreading in Devon and Cornwall.

Park: SX 707 714. From the B3357 at the top of Newbridge Hill turn west onto the very minor road and the car parking area is immediately on the right, TQ13 7PX. Or park Widecombe in the Moor, Newton Abbot TQ13 7PR and walk up Dr Blackall' Drive.



Ayrmer Cove

National Trust

Map Ref 2 TQ7 4HR

Daytime, Sunset

SW Coast Path, Kingsbridge TQ7 4HT.

Ayrmer Cove is a picturesque sandy cove with dramatic rock formations and rock pools. There is excellent scenery and good walking east to Challaborough and Bigbury.

Take the A381 from Totnes and turn onto the A379 at the Palegate Cross roundabout and head westwards on the A379 past Aveton Gifford and turn left at the Harraton Cross crossroads. Continue on the B3392 and at St Anns Chapel turn right (signposted to Challaborough and Ringmore) and continue on this road to Ringmore. Drive through Ringmore and just after exiting Ringmore, there is track on the right signposted to the Ayrmer Cove National Trust car park. There is then a 20 minute walk from the car park down to Ayrmer Cove.

Park: Unnamed Road, Ringmore, Kingsbridge TQ7 4HR, pay & display (NT members free), Charge £2, SX 650457.



Babbacombe

Map Ref 3 TQ1 3LA

Daytime

Babbacombe Model Village is a miniature world full of model scenes and animated displays. Over 400 models of houses, stately homes, factories, shops, entertainment venues and environmental features. There are a variety of architectural styles from medieval to Victorian, along with railways, vehicles and some well-known monuments and landmarks.

Tickets available on arrival (advance purchase not required). £12.50 (£11.50) card only. Keep your admission ticket and, before you leave, validate it. Everyone in the photo (non-transferable) can return once, for free, within 7 days. You can use this to come back during evening opening for illuminations.

Park: TQ1 3LA, however this leads to the Hampton Avenue side which is no entry. The car park is accessed from St Marychurch Rd (A379). Use satnav but follow brown signs within half a mile. The pay and display local authority own the car park adjacent to the model village. This car park looks like it belongs to us, but we have no ownership or control of it. You can pay by card at the machine nearest to our entrance. If the main car park is full, follow the brown sign to overflow parking in Chilcote Close (about 3 minutes walk).

Built in 1926, the **Babbacombe Cliff Railway** has shuttled tourists to and from Oddicombe Beach in over 90 years of service. Surrounded by breathtaking scenery, the Cliff Railway provides a non-exhausting way to soak up the peaceful atmosphere and take in amazing views whilst travelling to and from the water's edge. Adult, Single £2.10.

Walk between **Oddicombe and Babbacombe beaches** to view the coastline closely. A stream cascades down to the beach below Babbacombe Downs and can be seen from the path linking Oddicombe and Babbacombe beaches. There are cafe and toilets on both beaches.

For Babbacombe beach park: Beach Rd, Babbacombe, Torquay TQ1 3LX. For Oddicombe and cliff railway park in the same car park at the model village.



Bantham

Map Ref 4 TQ7 3AJ

Daytime, Sunset

Bantham is a small idyllic village, behind a beach, nestled in the middle of 'The South Hams'; an area nicknamed 'The Shire' after the home of the Hobbit; the area is simply breathtaking.

The beach sits on the Atlantic facing coast between Salcombe and Plymouth. Along with Bigbury and Burgh Island, Bantham sits at the most seaward point of a stunning wood edged, sand bottomed valley sculpted by the River Avon.

Before reaching the sea, the river, just behind the 'Ham' (Bantham's Nature Reserve) has created a quintessentially 'Shire Like' small harbour; home to Bantham Sailing and Water-ski Clubs. Burgh Island is home to the Art-Deco 'Burgh Island' hotel of international renown, the playground to the rich and famous in the 1930s.

Bantham is also the home of surfing in South Devon and has been so since the birth of this sport/art form/lifestyle in the UK.

Park: Bantham TQ7 3AJ. For Burgh Island, Bigbury-on-Sea TQ7 4AS.



Burgh Island & Bigbury Beach



Bantham Beach



Becky Falls

Map Ref 5 TQ13 9UG

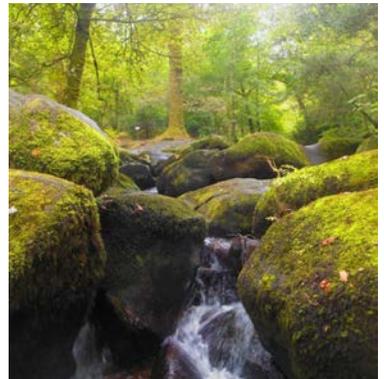
Daytime

Set within a spectacular ancient valley, Becky Falls, originally known as Becka Falls, is a tourist attraction in Dartmoor, England, centered on a waterfall of around 20m down a boulder-strewn bed and has been designated as being an Site of Special Scientific Interest. In addition to the waterfall as the centrepiece, there is a woodland park with a small zoo, woodland trail, and crafts.

Explore over 50 acres of woodland and streams which are rich in wildlife with a choice of trails to suit all ages and abilities. Blue for more gentle walk along the Becka Brook and through the ancient oak woodland. Red where you will discover our waterfall at the heart of the park. Purple for views of the lower falls on more rugged terrain. There is also a café and gift shop.

£8.50, Concessions £7.50.

Becky Falls Ancient Woodland Park, Manaton TQ13 9UG.



Berry Pomeroy Castle

English Heritage

Map Ref 6 TQ9 6LJ

Daytime, Night (if you dare)

Tucked away in a deep wooded valley, Berry Pomeroy Castle is a ruined castle and Elizabethan mansion and is allegedly haunted. Within the 15th-century defences of the Pomeroy family castle, looms the dramatic ruined shell of its successor, the great Elizabethan mansion of the Seymours. Begun in around 1560 and ambitiously enlarged from around 1600, their mansion was intended to become the most spectacular house in Devon. Never completed, and abandoned by 1700, it became the focus of blood-curdling ghost stories. The location of the castle makes it ideal to explore the nearby beautiful woodland or you can enjoy lunch in the cafe. Within a short drive are Totnes Castle and Dartmouth Castle.

Members Free. Adult £6.90 (£6.20).

Park: Berry Pomeroy, Totnes TQ9 6LJ. The car park is free and located 50m from the entrance.



Brixham

Map Ref 7 TQ5 8AJ

Sunrise, Daytime, Sunset

Brixham Harbour is located on the southern side of Torbay and boasts one of the largest fishing fleets in the UK and a thriving fish market to support it. Over 100 fishing boats land and sell their catch at the local fish market on the quayside. A visitor viewing platform is strategically placed (over the public toilets: New Fish Quay TQ5 8AJ) so you can watch the harbour and is a good spot for sunrise. Brixham boasts many colourful houses cascading down on either side of the harbour is one of the prettiest along the South Devon coast mixing tradition with a modern vibrant industry.

7a Harbour, Marina & Musto Skiffs National Championships

3 to 6 September

Brixham Yacht Club, Overgang Rd TQ5 8AR.

34 Shoalstone Pool is a sea water swimming pool situated in a stunning position on Brixham sea front (See page 41).

7b Berry Head Country Park has 400 million years of limestone at its heart and great coastal views. It is home to many species of rare species of wildlife, including horseshoe bats, and a large colonies of guillemots. There is a cafe in the Country Park that offers views out over the bay as well as a lighthouse.

7c St Mary's Bay is a delightful secluded sandy beach with interesting rock formations and surrounding cliffs, just off the South West Coast Path. Enjoy panoramic views of the area from the coastal path overlooking the beach. Access via a footpath and steep steps.

7d Churston Cove (TQ5 0JE) is a secluded cove accessed via a long, steep path, a real sanctuary of peace and calm. Hillside thick with woodland slope down towards a small, clean beach with a crystal clear sea.

7e Fishcombe Cove (TQ5 8RU) is a small shingle beach on the outskirts of Brixham surrounded by woodland. It is important for its eelgrass beds, breeding grounds for native seahorses.

Brixham is quite small so you can park in one and walk to the rest of the venues but you may want to consider your starting point:

Harbour: Middle St TQ5 8DY.

Marina and breakwater: Brixham Marina car park, Berry Head Rd TQ5 9AB.

Shoalstone Outdoor pool and Nature Reserve: Berry Head Rd TQ5 9AH.

Nature Reserve: Gillard Rd TQ5 9AP.

Yacht Club: Oxen cove car park TQ5 8AY.

St Mary's Bay: Sharkham Point TQ5 9FH.

Churston Cove and Fishcombe Cove: Northfields Lane TQ5 8RU or

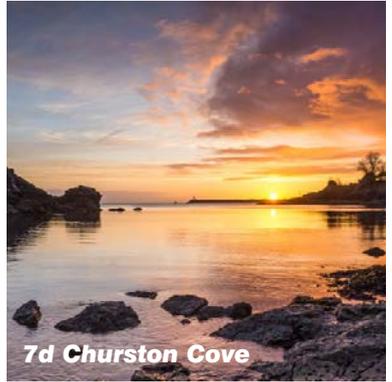
Freshwater quarry car park, Blackball Lane TQ5 8BA.

Brixham

Map Ref 7



7a Musto Skiffs



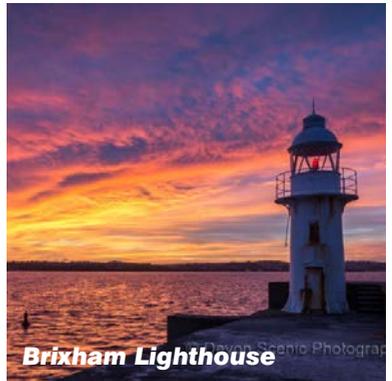
7d Churston Cove



Brixham Harbour



7c St Mary's Bay



Brixham Lighthouse

Broadsands Beach & Elberry Cove

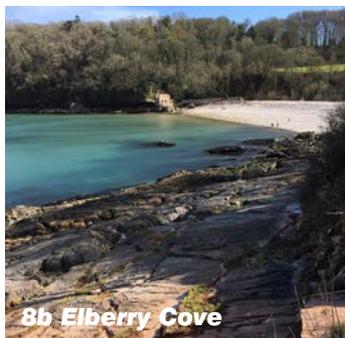
Map Ref 8 TQ4 6HX

Sunrise, Daytime

8a Broadsands is between Paignton and Brixham on the English Riviera. A long sandy beach with huts at either end of the beach. Watch the world drift slowly by or watch a steam train go past. The beach looks very different at high and low tide. There are some great rockpools here, particularly at the north end of the beach. By clambering over a few small rocks, you can gain access to great rock pools, with lots of anemones and shrimps.

8b Elberry Cove is a pretty shingle and clear water beach. At the southern end of the cove are the ruins of the Elberry Bath House. There are some lovely woodland walks around the area in addition to those along the coast. Park at Broadsands and walk the coast path, takes about 15 minutes.

Park: Broadsands Rd, Paignton TQ4 6HX. Pay and display. The car park leads straight on to the long level promenade. Access to the beach is not easy; steps with handrails.



Castle Drogo, Teign Gorge & Fingle Bridge

National Trust

Map Ref 9 EX6 6PB or EX6 6PW

Daytime

High above the ancient woodlands of the Teign Gorge stands Castle Drogo. Inspired by the rugged Dartmoor tors that surround it, the castle was designed and built by renowned 20th-century architect Sir Edwin Lutyens. Outside the Lutyens designed garden is colourful in all seasons and there are miles of pathways to explore in the Teign Gorge.

Fingle Bridge is the gateway to Fingle Woods and Castle Drogo. There are miles of pathways to explore by the bubbling river or climb to the top of the gorge to look out over Dartmoor. Fingle Woods contains many ancient trees and the gorge is bursting with wildlife from butterflies to salmon. Fingle Bridge is a wonderful start or finish to a walk along the Teign Gorge.

The Fingle Bridge Inn is a family-run business on the banks of the Teign and has a homely atmosphere with a river terraces to enjoy in good weather. Food is always available, with bar snacks, cream teas and daily specials.

Parking for Castle Drogo: £2 up to 2 hours, £4 all day. Members free, but please scan your card in the machine to receive a ticket to put on your windscreen. Drewsteignton, near Exeter, Devon, EX6 6PB.

Parking for Fingle Bridge: EX6 6PW. Access over narrow packhorse bridge for Fingle Woods.



Compton Castle

National Trust

Map Ref 10 TQ3 1TA

Daytime

Compton Castle is a dramatic fortified manor house and small formal garden. A rare medieval fortress with high curtain walls, towers and a portcullis, set in a landscape of rolling hills and orchards: a mixture of romance and history. It has been home to the Gilbert family for nearly 600 years. You can wander round the medieval kitchen, great hall, solar and sub solar.

£7.90, cash only.

Marldon, Paignton, Devon, TQ3 1TA.

Park: free parking on grass at front of Castle. Additional parking at Castle Barton opposite entrance. Please be aware that you may need to update your SatNav to find Compton Castle, as older versions do not recognise the new South Devon Link Road.



Cosdon Hill Stone Rows

Map Ref 11 EX20 2JZ

Daytime, Sunset

Dartmoor National Park has the highest concentration of stone rows in the UK. Postbridge National Park Visitor Centre state that 60% of England's stone rows are on Dartmoor. Most are single or double stone rows. Cosdon Stone Row, or 'The Cemetery', is a magnificent example of three stone rows. It measures 146m long and includes 127 small, medium and large-sized stones. Situated on the east side of Cosdon Hill near the villages Sticklepath, South Zeal and Throwleigh, the location of the stone rows also provides stunning views across Devon. The blocking stones are at the upper end and separate the row from a cairn with two cists. The row is orientated east to west and well worth the effort of getting to.

Park: South Zeal, Okehampton EX20 2JZ.

Follow the footpath from South Zeal car park on to the moors. The footpath is marked on the Ordnance Survey Explorer OL28 'Dartmoor' map as is the stone row and a cist by Cheriton Combe. The footpath crosses the row SX 64313 91606 so it's difficult to miss it.



Dartmeet Stepping Stones

Map Ref 12 PL20 6SG

Sunrise, Daytime

Dartmeet Stepping Stones, Dartmeet, Dartmoor National Park

The East Dart River and West Dart River converge at Dartmeet to form the River Dart or Double Dart. At Dartmeet, a bridge spans the East River Dart next to a ruined clapper bridge. To cross the West River Dart here, you need to walk across an arc of stepping stones. Whilst these stepping stones pose no problems in dry months, they become trickier to cross after a period of rain. Be aware of warnings when the stones are wet, or the river is high.

Park: Dartmeet Car park PL20 6SG. To find the stones, turn right and cross the road bridge, built in 1792 during the turnpike era. A few metres upstream is its predecessor, a clapper bridge possibly of medieval origin. Two of its spans remain; three were lost in the flood of 1826. Turn left down a footpath past two houses. Turn left again, signed Bridleways, near Combestone Farm. Cross the stepping stones carefully.



Dartmouth

Map Ref 13 TQ6 9NG

Daytime, Sunset

Dartmouth is situated on the mouth of the River Dart and is one of South Devon's most enchanting towns. In the heart of Dartmouth, the **Boat Float** makes for a stunning photo opportunity with quaint vessels and surrounding historic buildings. Guarding the mouth of the river is one of the most picturesquely sited fortresses in England: **Dartmouth Castle** is a short walk from the town centre and offers superb views of the River Dart and out to sea. The best way to view the castle is from the ferry back to Dartmouth. Head out of Dartmouth town centre and up to **Jawbone Hill** to the best views overlooking the harbourside and river. The interestingly shaped trees also add a little extra. Home to jagged rock faces, crystal blue waters and long views out toward the ocean, **Sugary Cove** is a great location, not far from Dartmouth Castle. Situated in the centre of town, **Royal Avenue Gardens** are beautiful with a cast iron bandstand which makes an impressive centre piece and further into the park, an ornamental triple-tier stone fountain which is framed from the road by the arched Royal Avenue Gardens sign.

Britannia Royal Naval College is the naval academy of the United Kingdom and the initial officer training establishment of the British Royal Navy. It is located on a hill overlooking the port. College Way, Dartmouth, Devon TQ6 0HJ. View from Ridley Hill, Kingswear TQ6 0BY.

Bayard's Fort is a Tudor fort and once contained heavy guns to protect the prosperous harbour town from attack. It was the last line of defence against enemy ships that had eluded Dartmouth and Kingswear castles and the iron chain stretched across the Dart estuary between them. Occupying a terrace cut from the rocky river bank, Bayard's Cove Fort is picturesquely sited at the entrance to Dartmouth harbour. Bayards Cove, Dartmouth, Devon, TQ6 9AX.

Mayflower 400 Week (30 August – 5 September)

A variety of events and celebrations to mark the momentous occasion which is 400 years since the sailing of the Mayflower to America. During Mayflower 400 week 'Matthew of Bristol' and 'Pilgrim of Brixham' will be based in Dartmouth, to represent Mayflower and Speedwell respectively.

Higher ferry

Dartmouth to Kingswear, www.dkfb.co.uk

Part of the A379 between Plymouth and Torbay and saves 25 miles or 50 minutes on a round trip. It is a shuttle service, only a 3 minute crossing, 7 days a week, Monday to Saturday 06:30 – 22:50, Sunday 08:00 – 22:50. Dartmouth side TQ6 9PH. Kingswear side TQ6 0DZ. 3 ways to pay: onboard full price (£6.70 single, £11.50 return), mobile save 10%, online concession: Save 75%+.

Dartmouth Lower Ferry

The ferry has been transporting vehicles and foot passengers between Dartmouth and Kingswear since the 1700's and is operated using a floating platform pushed along by a tug. The crossing offers lovely views of Dartmouth, Kingswear, Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth Castle and the open sea. Dartmouth side TQ6 9AP. Kingswear side TQ6 0AA. Monday to Saturday, from Dartmouth 07:10 – 22:55. Sunday 08:10 – 22:55, from Kingswear 07:00 – 22:45. Sunday 08:00 – 22:45. Foot passengers £1.50, Car single £6.00, Car return £10.00.

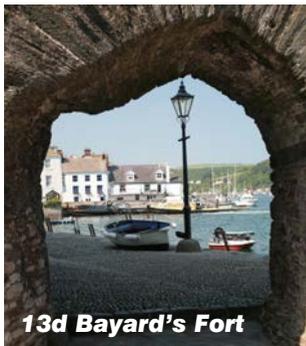
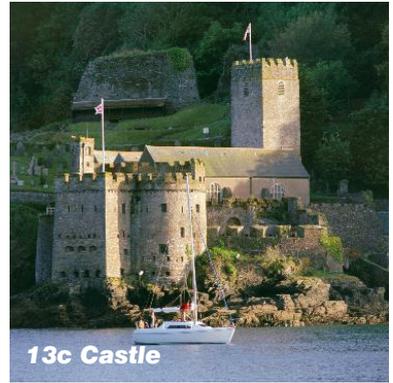
Parking

Mayor's Ave TQ6 9NG for central Dartmouth.

Dartmouth Castle TQ6 0JN for Sugary Cove and Castle. Can also park for free on Castle Road.

Dartmouth

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Dartmouth Steam Railway & River Boats

Map Ref 14 Depends where you start from, check website

Daytime

www.dartmouthrailriver.co.uk

Dartmouth Steam Railway & River Boats provide steam train travel, river and sea cruises across the English Riviera and along the beautiful river Dart in South Devon.

Dartmouth Steam Railway steam trains travel seven miles along the most spectacular South Devon coast down into the Dart valley and on to the beautiful village of Kingswear.

Dartmouth River Boats operate on the river Dart with daily scheduled services to the historic town of Totnes and 1 hour circular river cruises. They also offer regular sea services to/from Torquay and Brixham plus coastal trips.

Dartmouth-Totnes-Dartmouth Cruise

A relaxing cruise along the river Dart past the home of Agatha Christie and the pretty villages of Dittisham and Galmpton. Look out for cormorants, kingfishers and seals and even the osprey is spotted hunting fish! Cruise takes 1 hour 30 minutes. Fully stocked bar serving hot and cold drinks is available. You can visit Dartmouth and Totnes Castles, explore both towns, shop, visit art galleries and cafes a-plenty! River is tidal so journey timings differ daily.

Round Robin

Our best seller, this famous and award winning tour is the best way to explore South Devon! Includes steam train, river boat and bus visiting the quaint towns of Paignton, Dartmouth and Totnes.

Journey times are: steam train (30 minutes), a river boat (90 minutes) and a bus (30 minutes). Sit back and enjoy the scenery and we will take care of the rest. Commentary provided on the boat trip.

Adults £29.50 (£28.75). Visit the website to book.

- 1 Choose your departure point (Paignton, Dartmouth, Kingswear, Totnes or Torquay).
- 2 Check the sailing times between Dartmouth and Totnes (and vice versa)
- 3 Work out your preferred connecting train (allow 30 minutes to cross from Kingswear to Dartmouth and vice versa)
- 4 If this doesn't work for you try taking the route the other way round
- 5 Check out the bus timetable to complete your planning!

Dartmouth River Cruise

Take a wonderful circular boat trip viewing Bayards Cove, Kingswear and Dartmouth Castles, Britannia Royal Naval College, Dittisham Village, Sir Walter Raleigh's Boathouse, Greenway Quay and the estate of Agatha Christie. Commentary provided. This is a circular trip that starts and finishes in Dartmouth.

This cruise departs at 11:30, 12:30, 13:30, 14:30.

Hookhills and Broadsands Viaduct

Hookhills is the largest of the three viaducts on the former SDR/GWR railway from Newton Abbot to Kingswear. It was designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Constructed 1864. With its 9 arches the viaduct is 30m high and 100m long. Built in 1860, this viaduct is a classic Ismbard Kingdom Brunel design, and is a smaller version of the nearby Hookhills Viaduct. Park: <https://www.dartmouthrailriver.co.uk/visitor-info/parking-refreshments-toilets/parking>

Railway

Queens Park Station is our main station and it is situated right in the town centre of Paignton about 300m from the seafront. Entrance is next to the mainline level crossing: TQ4 6AF. Our other stations are on Tanners Road in Goodrington TQ4 6LN, off Brixham Road in Churston TQ5 0LL and The Square in Kingswear TQ6 0AA.

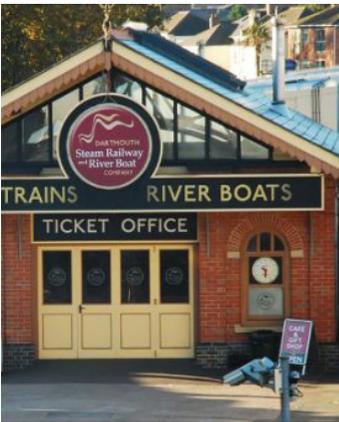
River Boats & Buses

Dartmouth Embankment - TQ6 9BH. Our blue topped kiosks can be found along the North and South Embankment in Dartmouth alongside the river. Totnes Steamer Quay - TQ9 5AL. Head for the Town Centre, at the bottom of the town take the 1st exit over the bridge then take the first right turn signposted 'Steamer Quay.'

Dartmouth Steam Railway & River Boats

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Daytime



Hookshill Viaduct

Dawlish Warren

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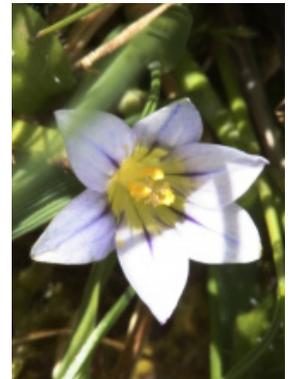
Sunrise, Daytime

Dawlish Warren is located at the mouth of the Exe Estuary opposite Exmouth and has a beach with beach huts and deckchairs, a National Nature Reserve and a golf course.

Dawlish Warren Nature Reserve is part of the massive Dawlish Warren sand spit at the mouth of the River Exe. 'The Warren' and surrounding mudflats, is a vital feeding ground for thousands of wading birds and wildfowl. In spring and autumn it acts as a stopover site for migrating birds. Look out for sandwich terns, arctic terns, curlews, black- and bar-tailed godwits, brent geese and red-breasted mergansers. Elsewhere, Inner Warren is the only British home to the tiny warren crocus.

Outer car park EX7 ONF.

OS Map Reference SX 985794.



Daymark

Map Ref 16 SX 904510

Sunrise, Daytime, Sunset, Night

On the opposite side of the River Dart on the headland above Kingswear is the Daymark. This historical landmark sits right on a rolling hill running down to the cliff edge. The Daymark is a striking architecture feature which was created for such a simple purpose to be spotted far from sea. It stands at 26m tall and with views across the South Hams coast line including Brixham, Torbay, Dartmouth, Slapton and Start point.

It is good for seascapes across the South Hams, astronomy photography with the daymark due to low light pollution across the sea although watch out for Start Point lighthouse. The field the Daymark sits in is also full of crop most of the year so daytime photography is also a worthwhile visit as well as golden hour.

If you are also interested head further down the lane to see some old WW2 battery emplacements at Froward Point and alternative views across the bay from the mouth of the River Dart and the whole of Start Bay. The view includes a prominent rock named The Mewstone, an isolated submerged rock called The Bear's Tail to the Dancing Beggars off Stoke Fleming.

Location: Head towards Kingswear and follow the signs and directions to Coleton Fishacre, which should ask you to bear left from the main road on a long downward hill turning left next to a house on your lefthand side, then follow the road up a hill around a few corners drive past the turning for Coleton Fishacre and approx 300m further up the road there is a small off-road tarmac car park. Park here and follow the lane on the right hand side of the car park down to the Daymark. Alternatively park at Brownstone National Trust Car Park, Unnamed Rd, Kingswear, Dartmouth TQ6 0EH.



Dewerstone Wood

National Trust

Map Ref 17 PL7 5HE and PL7 5EH

Daytime

Dewerstone Wood is located within the Dartmoor National Park and is close to the moorland village of Shaugh Prior. It is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and important for its landscape and wildlife as well as for its archaeology and industrial heritage. It is where the River Plym joins the River Meavy and the renowned Dewerstone Rock is a short walk from here.

Within this area were granite quarries, a mine, brickworks and china clay workings.

It is readily accessible with a car parks either end of the river valley.

For the walk above the wood towards the Dewerstone Rocks. Cadover Bridge car park PL7 5EH.

For the walk along the River Plym, Dewerstone car park PL7 5HE.

Both car parks are run by the National Trust.



Exeter

Map Ref 18 EX1 1DE

Daytime

Exeter is an ancient city on the River Exe and full of photographic gems. Dating back to the Roman era, the **Exeter City Walls** surround its centre and Gothic **Exeter Cathedral** (EX1 1HS). Although you have to pay a small fee to enter Exeter Cathedral, all the hidden nooks and crannies of this marvellous building make it well worth it. You could probably produce a whole book of photos from inside here, with a dramatic ceiling being something you could stare at for hours. Look out for sculptures and intricate details, too. Spend time wandering around the traditional cobbled streets (**Cathedral Close**) near the Cathedral. The picturesque cottages that line the streets around here are exquisite. **Exeter Castle**, a Norman landmark, overlooks leafy Northernhay (EX4 3SA) and Rougemont Gardens (EX4 3PT). To their west, the **Royal Albert Memorial Museum & Art Gallery** (RAMM) has vaulted, medieval underground passages that snake beneath the city (EX1 1GA). **Stepcote Hill** (EX1 1BB for the bottom of the hill) is one of the oldest surviving parts of Exeter, located in the West Quarter. The hill had been used as the main route into Exeter from the river since Roman times, and it was used by strings of pack horses and weary travellers, before New Bridge Street was constructed.

Park:

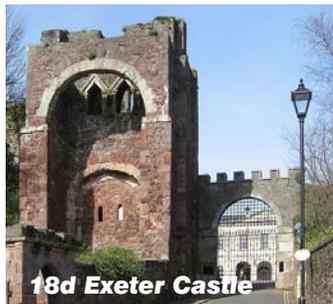
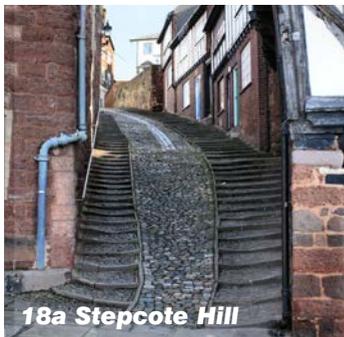
Cathedral & Quay Car Park, 28 Lower Coombe St, Exeter EX1 1DE.

Magdalen Street Car Park, Magdalen St, Exeter EX2 4HZ.

Magdalen Road Car Park, 3 Magdalen Rd, Exeter EX2 4SU.

Princesshay, 9 Catherine St, Exeter EX1 1EU.

Cathedral fee £7.50 (£6.00).



Great Mis Tor

Map Ref 19 SX 563770, PL20 6SS

Sunrise, Daytime, Sunset

Great Mis Tor is one of the most easily accessible of the high, rocky tors on Dartmoor. It has been called one of the grandest hills in Devon at 538m, and lies above the River Walkham. There is a notable rock basin on the peak, called the Mis Tor Pan or The Devil's Frying Pan. The hill and surrounding area is on land owned by the Duchy of Cornwall and is leased to the army. The Tor is easy to reach via a stone-track which leads up to Little Mis Tor then a gravel track up the long ascent to Great Mis Tor. There are also Bronze age settlements to the North West and South West of Great Mis Tor.

<http://www.tourbytor.co.uk/self-guided-walks/great-mis-tor-walk/>

This walk can be accessed from the B3357.

Four Winds car park: From the car park on the B3357 (SX 561749, PL20 6SS) cross the road to find the start of the stone-track which maps out most of the ascent. Following the stone-track north for 1.5km to Little Mis Tor (SX 564753). The ascent to Great Mis Tor (SX 563769) is only another ten minutes but the view that opens up is inspiring. From Great Mis Tor you will be able to make out the stone boundary works, running parallel (southerly) with the track, and west by about 200m. If you follow the boundary works back you will find a natural spring that has been used for historically as an opencast mine (SX 560756). The car park (SX 561749) is then only 500m south.



Great Staple Tor

Map Ref 20 PL20 6ST

Sunrise, Daytime, Sunset

There are three parts to Staple Tors – Little, Mid and Great. Great Staple Tor is famous for its towers (or steeples) of granite blocks that perch on each other creating unusual shapes. Little Staple Tor has an extensive clitter field that was exploited in the 19th century to make a granite stone dressing industry. There are remnants granite sett working and many open-air sett-maker's benches on the hillsides. The Staple Tors together with Roos Tor form a chain of tors that flank the west side of the Walkham valley. From the road at Merrivale these tors are impressive, especially with the bulk of Great Mis Tor on the eastern side. They are very easy to get to and provide good views.

Pass the Four Winds car park and the Dartmoor Inn (PL20 6ST) on the B3357 and park at the roadside car park on the right at SX 539750. Walk north up the slopes of Little Staple Tor. Carry on north to the other Staple Tors. From Great Staple Tor it is easy to visit Roos Tor but the stacks are more impressive at Great Staple Tor. This is a straightforward walk of a couple of miles. You are never very far from the road although the army firing range starts at Roos Tor.

The Dartmoor Inn, Merrivale, Yelverton PL20 6ST for lunch/dinner.



At the beloved holiday home of famous author Agatha Christie and her family you can take a glimpse into their lives. This relaxed and atmospheric house is set in the 1950s when Agatha and her family would spend summers and Christmas here. The family were great collectors and the house is filled with archaeology, Tunbridgeware, silver, botanical china and books. In the garden a large woodland drifts down the hillside towards the Dart estuary. The walled gardens are home to a restored peach house and vinery, as well as an allotment. A visit to Greenway isn't complete without seeing the Boathouse, scene of the crime in 'Dead Man's Folly', and the battery complete with cannon. Greenway has been accredited by the International Camellia Society as a 'Garden of Excellence.' It is the first National Trust garden with this accreditation, and one of just seven gardens in the UK to be recognised.

There are many different ways to get here, including ferry and steam train. If you'd like to arrive by car you must pre-book your parking by mobile (visit <https://paybyphone.co.uk/>) or call 01803 842382. Timed tickets to the house may be issued at visitor reception at busy times, to ease congestion in the house.

£12.80, 10:30 to 17:00.

Park: Pre-book. Galmpton, Greenway Rd, Kingswear, Brixham TQ5 0ES. Non-National Trust members: £3. Free parking for members (please show membership card upon arrival and display car sticker).



Grey Wethers

Map Ref 22 PL20 6TH

Sunrise, Daytime

Grey Wethers consists of a pair of prehistoric stone circles, situated on grassy plateau to the north of Postbridge. The circles are each approximately 33m in diameter, and less than 5m apart. Their centre points are aligned almost exactly north to south. The northern circle has 20 stones remaining, while the southern has 29 and all of a relatively consistent size; between 1.2 and 1.4m in height. An excavation was carried out in 1898 and a number of charcoal fragments were discovered within the circles. The circles were restored and many fallen stones re-erected in 1909.

As with many ancient Dartmoor landmarks, Grey Wethers is the subject of local folklore. One story tells of a farmer who had recently moved to Dartmoor and was foolish enough to criticise the sheep on sale at Tavistock Market. He stopped for a drink at the Warren House Inn, and helped by several pints of cider, the locals persuaded him that there was an excellent flock of high quality sheep nearby which he would be welcome to buy. They walked off in search of them, and through the mist the farmer saw what he took to be a fine flock. He agreed to the sale, and returned to the site the following morning to find that what he had taken to be sheep were actually the stones of Grey Wethers.

Park at the Dartmoor National Park Visitor Centre PL20 6TH. Take the path beside the car park and head north with the East Dart River on your left. Follow the path for 3km to find the stone circles.



Haytor

Map Ref 23 TQ13 9XT

Sunrise, Daytime, Sunset

Haytor, also known as Haytor Rocks or occasionally Hey Tor, is a granite tor on the eastern edge of Dartmoor (SX 757770) near the village of Haytor Vale. In the 19th century steps were made to allow pedestrians up to the top of the tor and a metal handrail fixed to allow tourists easier access to the summit. The handrail was removed in the 1960s due to rusting: the stumps of the uprights are still embedded in the rock.

In 1953, Haytor was used as a major location for the feature film 'Knights of the Round Table' starring Robert Taylor and Ava Gardner. An 'elaborate and impressive castle' was built between the two main rock piles of the tor and traditional medieval sports, including jousting, were staged here for the film.

Haytor rocks and quarries are protected from development and disturbance as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The area is considered a natural beauty spot and is easily accessible by road and therefore is often busy. At a height of 457m on the eastern side of the moor, it provides views of the coastline, the Teign Estuary and the rolling countryside between, with the ridge of Haldon behind.

Park: B3387, Newton Abbot TQ13 9XT or at the Visitor Centre, Haytor Vale, Newton Abbot TQ13 9XT. It is the easiest Tor to reach with the least amount of walking.



Hopes Nose, Ansteys Cove & Thatcher Rock

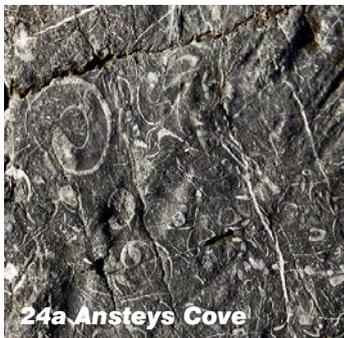
Map Ref 24 TQ1 2HT

Sunrise, Daytime

Hopes Nose is a unique coastal area of Torquay, recognised formally as a Site of Specific Scientific Interest and important for the Global Geopark status enjoyed by Torbay. The limestone rocks of Hopes Nose, laid down in tropical seas, are full of fossils and can be seen when the tide is low. A natural beauty spot enjoyed by walkers, geologists, ecologists and anglers. It is an area of protruding coast accessible only on foot via a footpath down from Ilsham Marine Drive. It is an extremely popular angling spot by fisherman casting from the rocks due to the position the 'platform' of rock commands into the sea. Different species of fish are targeted by anglers but is perhaps most notably popular for reliable mackerel fishing, which can often be caught in large numbers.

Thatcher Rock is located 100m from the shore on Meadfoot Beach. On the rock there is a beach, but the beach is 8m above today's sea level. Folklore has it that a mad monk lived on the rock. He would live on a diet of fish and seagulls and had to rely on the rain water from the rock pools in order to survive. He was loved by the locals, with special boat trips arranged to see him and people throwing gifts to him on the rock. Some locals say to their children that the rock is Neverland where Peter Pan lives. Others say it reminds them of Tracy Island from Thunderbirds. The reason why it is called Thatcher Rock is if you look at the Rock from a certain angle there is a small outcrop that looks like a Thatcher working on the roof of a Devon Cottage. To get the best view of the rock, go to Thatcher Rock Green off Ilsham Marine Drive to enjoy beauty of this scenic area. Alternatively, view from Meadfoot beach.

Park: Ilsham Marine Drive TQ1 2HT. There are no parking restrictions and there plenty of parking spaces here. The walk to Hope Nose itself is on good paths and pavements which are mostly level, but the detours to look at the rocks and fossils on the beaches and on Hope's Nose itself are steep and stony, with some scrambling involved. Wear appropriate footwear and take especial care if it is wet.



Kents Cavern

Map Ref 25 TQ1 2JF

Daytime

www.kents-cavern.co.uk

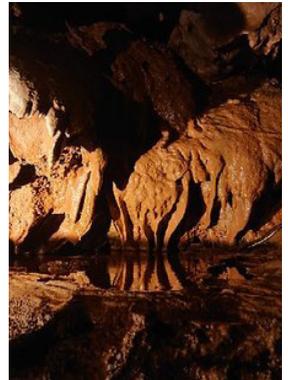
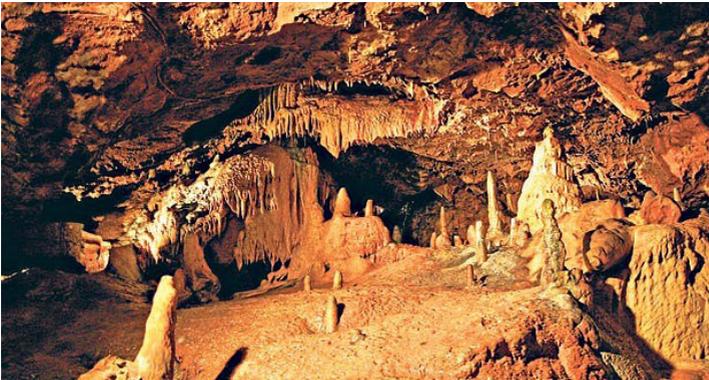
A good option for a wet day.

Kents Cavern is one of the most important Stone Age sites in Europe and one of Britain's best showcaves. Walk through the extensive labyrinth of caverns and be surrounded by 400 million year old rocks and spectacular stalagmites and stalactites. All tours around the cave are guided and begin in the Vestibule Chamber. The temperature at a constant 14°C.

Kents Cavern is near some amazing coastal areas, with breath-taking scenery, dramatic drops and hidden coves. See page 24.

Kents Cavern is 1 mile away from Torquay. Use TQ1 2JF for your sat nav or follow the brown signs leading to Kents Cavern.

£13 (£11).



Kestor Rock

Map Ref 26 TQ13 8EU

Sunrise, Daytime, Sunset

Kes Tor (SX 664862) is a commanding tor at 437m with great views. Stretching out into Dartmoor is Gidleigh Common and the vista in the direction of Chagford is also equally impressive. There are plenty of Bronze age sites here, with stone rows, circles and settlements nearby. This is a tor that can be recognised from quite a distance as it sits right on the eastern edge of the north moor. You'll notice rock basins on top of Kestor Rock. There are more on Middle Tor which is the flat outcrop to the south east. Maybe wander down to Middle Tor and then Frenchbeer Rock. From there, head back towards Kestor Rock but, before you get there, trend west on one of the grass tracks to Long Stone and then the amazing Shovel Down Stone Rows.

Park: Batworthy on the Moor, Chagford TQ13 8EU. The narrow road that winds up to Batworthy on the Moor. The road flattens out when it reaches the moors and you'll see a large granite outcrop to your left. This is Kestor Rock. There is a parking area at the end of the road, by Batsworthy Corner. Various grass tracks lead up to Kestor Rock.



Maidencombe Beach

Map Ref 27 TQ1 4SU

Sunrise

Maidencombe Beach is a delightful little cove, reached by steep steps but when you reach the bottom it was worth the effort, as the scenery is spectacular, with a sandy beach framed by towering red stone cliffs. Maidencombe Beach has excellent water quality and has been given a Quality Coast Award to reflect this. At low tide interesting rock pools are exposed. There is good access to the coastal paths giving excellent views of the rugged coastline. It's overlooked by the 'Beach Cafe'.

Park: TQ1 4SU. Pay and display and head for the narrow path and steep steps that lead to the beach.



Meadfoot Beach

Map Ref 28 TQ1 2LH

Sunrise, Daytime

Meadfoot is a small and peaceful beach a little apart from the bustle of the main Torquay area and in a stunning location at the bottom of a row of imposing cliffs. This beach has two sides, the nearest to Torquay has a great cafe standing proud over the beach and looking out to sea past Shag Rock to Brixham and past Thatcher Rock to Lyme Bay.

One of the favourite beaches for locals you will see plenty of people kayaking, fishing, paddle boarding or just sunning themselves. The beach is a combination of sand and small rocks, depending on the previous week or twos' weather. This is a favourite place to watch bad weather and storm surges as the waves break over the high sea walls in the right conditions. Further out the seabed is rocky and is a popular divers training ground.

Park: There are two car parks at either end and if you are quick enough, road parking between the two beach ends as well.

Daddyhole Rd, Torquay TQ1 2LH for beach huts

Ilsham Rd, Torquay TQ1 2HX for rocks.

A split-level promenade offers limited parking and backs onto a wooded hillside.

Toilets are also provided behind the cafe.



Meldon Viaduct

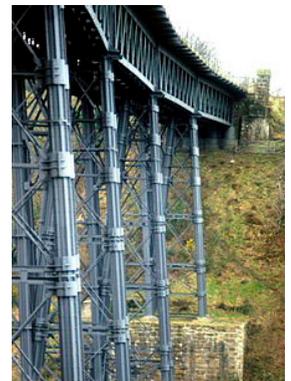
Map Ref 29 EX20 4LU

Sunrise, Daytime

The Meldon viaduct was built in 1874 and spans 165m over the remains of mineral mines. The views from the viaduct span across to Meldon Dam and reservoir to the south west and views of the dam 50m high are impressive. The truss bridge is constructed from wrought iron and cast iron not stone or brick arches, one of only two surviving railway bridges in the UK that use wrought iron lattice piers to support the cast iron trusses (the other is Bennerley Viaduct between Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire – who knew!). Built to carry the railway, the crossing is now used by The Granite Way, a long-distance walking/cycle track across Dartmoor and is a Scheduled Monument.

Meldon Viaduct, Okehampton EX20 4LT.

Park at the Dam: Unnamed Rd, Meldon EX20 4LU (500m to top or under viaduct).



Nine Maidens Circle & Belstone Tor

Map Ref 30 EX20 1QZ

Daytime, Sunset

4.2 miles (moderate walking due to the amount of clutter on the plateau). Some of this walk is in the Dartmoor Firing Range so check firing times before heading out.

Park at the road side at SX 616934 Belstone, Okehampton EX20 1QZ on the western side of Belstone and then walk up the road and through the gate. Follow the track along until you come to a fork. Take the left fork onto Belstone Common. There are a few paths here so keep your eyes peeled to spot the Nine Maidens stone circle (SX 612928). Nine Maidens (Nine Stones) is a circle of 16 stones around an old Bronze Age burial chamber in a dramatic location for photos with Belstone Tor one way or East Mill Tor in the distance the other. The legend claims a group of maidens danced on a Sunday and were turned to stone. As punishment they must dance every day at noon for the rest of eternity.

After viewing the Stones there are lots of tracks up to Ladybrook Tor. The views from here and all along the plateau are stunning. Keep going towards Belstone Tor. After Belstone Tor you will see Irishman's Wall just before you reach Higher Tor. The remains of the wall run for about 0.8 miles from the flank of the tor to Cullever Steps. The theory is that two Irishmen were building the wall to enclose this vast area of land and the locals of Belstone and Okehampton disapproved so knocked it down and drove them away.

Higher Tor (SX 612917) is an impressive set of granite stacks. On the other side the path starts to descend and you'll come to a path going from right to left, cross this one as there is another just past this and go left along this. It will take you down into the valley, where the descent is the least steep.

Once you're down on the valley floor go left towards Belstone. The river Taw will be on your right and you'll pass the Irishman's Wall once again on this wide track. Eventually the river path brings you to a country lane. Keep right at the turning and you come out south of Belstone before you enter the village centre. As you walk through the village there is a pub, The Tors, for some refreshment, and if you head right at the green you'll see a memorial stone, and past this, the famous stocks SX 621936.



Sitting at the heart of the English Riviera, known locally as Torbay, Paignton is a beautiful place, with many spots to enjoy photography.

31a Pier Sunrise

The most iconic features of Paignton, Paignton Pier opened to the public in 1879, this large pleasure pier has dominated the seafront for decades and still offers an assortment of amusements for all ages. Parking on Eastern Esplanade, TQ4 6BW.

31b Zoo Daytime

Paignton Zoo has 80 acres of fun and a diverse range of animals with plenty of interesting photo opportunities too. 7 minutes drive from the hotel. Totnes Rd, Paignton TQ4 7EU. £18.10/£16.40.

31c Goodrington Sands Sunrise, Daytime

Sandy beach with a line of beach huts. Tanners Rd, Paignton TQ4 6LN or Goodrington Sands Car Park, TQ4 6LN. Good view of the whole beach from Roundham Gardens accessed by the South West Coast Path.

31d Preston Sands Sunrise, Daytime

Long lines of beach huts. Marine Dr, Paignton TQ3 2NJ

31e Oldway Mansion Daytime

Located on the edge of the Preston area in Paignton. A large house and gardens, originally built as a private residence for Isaac Merritt Singer and later rebuilt in the style of Versailles. Only the gardens and grounds are open to the public. Torquay Rd, Paignton TQ3 2TY.

31f Paignton Harbour Sunrise, Daytime, Sunset

Pretty little harbour with a handful of restaurants and cafés surrounding the location only 12 minutes from the hotel. Being tidal means that Paignton Harbour is constantly changing throughout the day so it's great to snap a picture of this pretty spot too. Cliff Rd, Paignton TQ4 6DH (08:00 to 22:00) or on-road parking: south end of Eastern Esplanade TQ4 6ED, Roundham Road TQ4 6DS or Cliff Road TQ4 6DL. I do not know if these are permit restricted or not.

31g Saltern Cove Sunrise

One of the Sites of Special Scientific Interest designated in the English Riviera Geopark. Unique in Britain, this nature reserve extends underwater to a point of 376m beyond the low water mark. The beach is made up of sand, shingle and rocks, and at low tide there are many rock pools to explore. It is one of the coves which make up the 'Three Beaches'. Parking on Cliff Park Rd TQ4 6NB, or on road TQ4 6NQ where there is a footpath to the South West Coast beside 49 Oyster Bend and 48 Horseshoe Bend and follow the path to the right.

31h Oyster Cove Sunrise

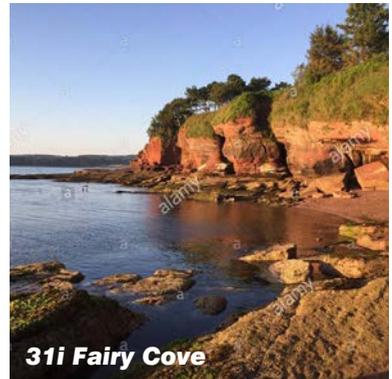
A small, secluded beach roughly halfway between Paignton and Brixham. It is a pretty little beach, part of the 'Three Beaches' area of Torbay. The beach consists of sand and shingle and towards low tide there are many rock pools to explore. Backed by sandstone cliffs the cove is sheltered, but there is a bit of a climb up the wooden stairway to get to and from the beach. Parking on Cliff Park Rd TQ4 6NB, or on road TQ4 6NQ where there is a footpath to the South West Coast beside 49 Oyster Bend and 48 Horseshoe Bend.

31i Fairy Cove Sunrise, Daytime, Sunset

A small beach to the South end of Paignton Sands. If you look over the harbour wall to the right, you will see the beach set back. The beach has a redder hue, due to the sandstone cliffs. At low tide there are interesting rock pools. Be aware that the tide comes in quickly. Parking as harbour. Access from the harbour or beside Cliff Road car park.

Paignton

Map Ref 31



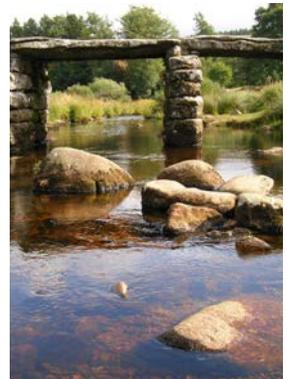
Postbridge Clapper Bridge

Map Ref 32 PL20 6TH

Sunrise, Daytime

Postbridge is situated next to the East Dart river, one of two main tributaries of the River Dart, and consists of a few houses, a shop, a pub and hotel, and a national park tourist information centre. Postbridge is best known for its fine example of an ancient clapper bridge over the river. The bridge was built in the 13th century to enable pack horses to cross the river, carrying tin to the stannary town of Tavistock. The clapper bridge, a Grade II listed structure, is complete, and stands alongside another bridge, a Grade II listed structure built in the 1780s.

Park at the visitor centre: PL20 6TH in the main car park on B3212.



Princess Gardens, Royal Terrace Gardens (Rock Walk)

Map Ref 33 TQ2 5EQ

Daytime, Sunset

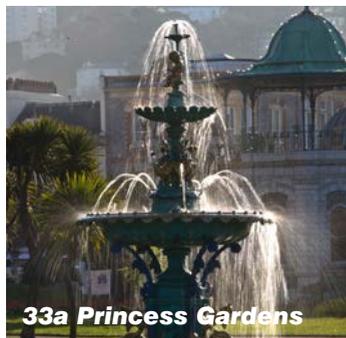
Torquay developed as a fashionable seaside resort from the late C18 when the Napoleonic Wars made continental travel impossible. In the second half of the C19, there was a need for further facilities for visitors. In 1883 the construction of a new stone pier was planned; the road below Waldon Cliff would be widened and public gardens laid out on ground reclaimed from the sea. The foundation stone of the pier was laid on 5 May 1890 by Princess Louise, daughter of Queen Victoria and named in her honour as Princess Gardens. The final phase of the improvement scheme involved the construction of a series of terraced walks along the face of Waldon Cliff above the improved Torbay Road. Known as the Royal Terrace Gardens, these walks were planted with a collection of exotic plants and palms.

The pavilion at the eastern end of the Princess Gardens were completed in 1911. A war memorial was constructed in the gardens in 1920, while the gardens were extended to the south of Princess Parade c1930. Further land west of the Princess Gardens reclaimed as part of a coastal defence scheme c1928 was also laid out as a promenade with a group of sunken garden enclosures. The Princess Theatre was constructed on a site at the western end of the Princess Gardens in the late 1950s; at the same period shelters were built in the Princess Gardens and at the eastern end of the Royal Terrace Walks.

Very recently Royal Terrace Gardens, also known as Rock Walk, has undergone a major facelift. A magnificent illuminated staircase leads to a viewing platform with spectacular sea views overlooking Torbay and walkways planted across the cliff face gardens. Royal Terrace Gardens are a key site on the English Riviera Global Geopark.

Royal Terrace Gardens TQ2 5JG.

Park: Torquay Marina Car Park 10-12 Vaughan Rd, Torquay TQ2 5EQ.



Shoalstone Beach & Pool

Map Ref 34 TQ5 9FT

Daytime, Sunset

Shoalstone is a small shingle beach near the busy fishing harbour of Brixham. Explore the rock pools at low tide or take a walk along the coast. Nearby is Berry Head National Nature Reserve within easy walking distance, with plenty of opportunities to spot rare and endangered species, explore Napoleonic forts and a Geopark visitors' centre. There is a cafe on the beach with stunning views out to sea. This isn't just a shingle beach, it also has a sea water swimming pool. Shoalstone Pool is a 53m sea water swimming pool. It is built into a natural rock pool that has been popular for bathing since Victorian times. Local people took over managing it in 2014, and their efforts now are focused on both maintaining and improving the current facility. Great for daytime long exposure.

Car parking is available at the pool, with payments going towards pool running costs. Please be aware that the car park is camera controlled and you must pay on exit.

Shoalstone Pool, Berry Head Road, Brixham, TQ5 9FT.

Also Berry Head Rd, Brixham TQ5 9AB (but check the closing times).



South Devon Railway

Map Ref 35 TQ11 0DZ

Daytime

South Devon Railway is the longest established steam railway in the south west, celebrating over 50 years in preservation. The 7 mile line runs along the stunning valley of the River Dart between Buckfastleigh and Totnes. You can visit the Totnes Rare Breeds Farm and Dartmoor Otters & Buckfast Butterflies as a 3 for 1 deal. The station at Buckfastleigh is close to the famous Buckfast Abbey so maybe visit before your trip or spend time in Totnes before you return.

Nestled in the shadow of Dartmoor, in a beautiful wooded valley beside the river Dart, Buckfast Abbey is a working monastery where a community of Benedictine monks live self-sufficiently. Totnes is an historic market town that combines beautiful countryside and fascinating history.

The car park at Buckfastleigh has ample free car parking. A38, leave at the Dart Bridge junction and follow the brown signs for the South Devon Railway. TQ11 0DZ. There is no dedicated car parking for Totnes Riverside station. The SDR station (Totnes Riverside) is reached by footpath links from Totnes main line station and town where there are public car parks.

£16 (£15) Return. Tickets can be purchased on the day or online in advance.

<https://southdevonrailway.digitickets.co.uk/tickets>

SDR + Otters & Butterflies + Totnes Rare Breeds Farm £28.50 (£26.50)

For Kit Kat it is the Red Timetable

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Buckfastleigh	d	10.30	12.10	14.25	16.05
Staverton	d	10.40	12.25	14.40	16.20
Totnes Riverside	a	11.00	12.45	15.00	16.40
Totnes Riverside	d	11.20	13.00	15.15	16.45
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Buckfastleigh	a	11.50	13.30	15.45	17.15



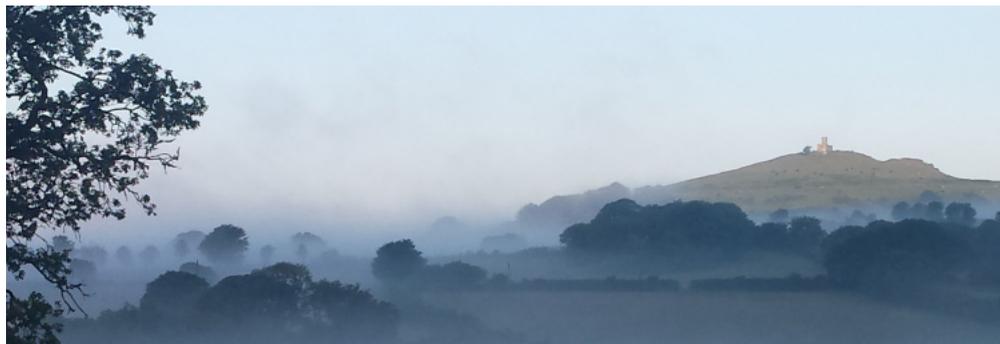
St Michael de Rupe Church and Brent Tor

Map Ref 36 PL19 ONP

Sunrise, Daytime, Sunset

Brent Tor is a tor on the western edge of Dartmoor, approximately 6.5km north of Tavistock, rising to 330m above sea level on an ancient, extinct, volcanic cone. The Church of St Michel de Rupe ('Saint Michael of the Rock') on the top of the Tor dates from the 13th century. The tower is 12m high and houses five bells. At one point, the Church may have been used as a Beacon tower, used to spread word of enemies seen out to sea. The church is surrounded by an Iron Age earth-walled hill-fort (150BC – 50AD). There is a magnificent view from the churchyard in clear weather, with Dartmoor to the east, Plymouth Sound and Whitsand Bay to the south, the Tamar Valley and Bodmin Moor to the west, and the heights of Exmoor just visible in clear weather to the north. Even when the thick moorland fogs descend, this is an eerily beautiful place. There is also a stone sundial on the south side of the tower, one of the oldest in south Devon. At the top of the dial is a strange figure, half imp, half angel, wearing a flat cap and with outstretched wings.

Park: Brentor PL19 ONP. St Michael's is a 10 minutes walk, however it is a steep climb.



Venford Falls

Map Ref 37 PL20 6SE

Daytime

Dartmoor is a mythical landscape, a throwback to a bygone era. The seemingly barren landscape actually offers some of the best Bronze age sites in Britain, ancient forests, rocky grey outcrops known as tors and hidden brooks and rivers. Venford falls is no exception! Deep in a wooded coombe on southern Dartmoor, are the small graceful twin cascades of Venford Falls. The Venford Brook runs from here down a steep hanging-valley into the River Dart. The entire riverbed and surrounding countryside offer amazing scenery for photographs. Upstream of the twin falls are some smaller drops and many beautiful zig-zaging stretches of whitewater with banks festooned in large ferns.

How to find Venford Falls:

There are two car parks close to the waterworks. When approaching Venford reservoir from Ashburton, the first carpark is on the right-hand side of the road, opposite a densely wooded area. Don't stop at this one. Instead, carry on past the waterworks and over the dam. On your right-hand side, about 100m down the road, you'll see a second car park. Park here (PL20 6SE). From this car park, start walking away from the road and follow the path downstream along the top of the ridge and past the waterworks. Carry on for about 700m. The trees are sparsely spaced. On the left of the path above the trees (almost parallel to the change of tree canopy height below) are two gnarled hawthorn trees and immediately on the right are the remains of a drystone wall. Taking care follow the drystone wall down into the vale for 30m or so and at around the point where the trees become denser, descend the very steep grassy footpath downstream along the ridge and the falls are around 200m down the steep hill. You'll hear the falls before you see them.



Windy Cross

Map Ref 38 PL19 9LQ

Sunrise, Daytime, Sunset

Windy Cross lies on Dartmoor, situated roughly 500m from Cox Tor (Pork Hill) car park, not far from Tavistock (SX 534 743). Windy cross is one of many crosses used across the Dartmoor national park to mark waypoints and routes that were used for travel between the various Abbey's such as Buckfast and Tavistock.

Many of the crosses are several hundreds of years old and lie in interesting photographic compositions. The cross gets its nickname from its slanted angle which many say looks like the wind as swept it although it's probably a Dartmoor Pony that pushed it over. Windy cross lies next to a small leat that feeds part of a reservoir and as such you can get some interesting shots with a small cascade and the cross of to the side. A great location for sunset or sunrise although long exposures would do well here with a bit of cloud.

Park: Pork Hill, Tavistock PL19 9LQ. Windy Cross is located to the SSE of the car park.



Wistman's Wood & Littaford Tor

Map Ref 39 PL20 6SW

Daytime

Wistman's Wood is one of three remote high-altitude oakwoods on Dartmoor, Devon, England. (The other two are Black Tor Beare on the West Okement at SX 565892 and Piles Copse on the River Erme at SX 644620.) It lies at an altitude of 400m in the valley of the West Dart River near Two Bridges, SX 612774.

The wood is split into three main blocks (North, Middle and South Groves), which in total cover about 3.5ha. These occupy sheltered, south-west facing slopes, where a bank of large granite boulders ('clitter') is exposed, and pockets of acid, free-draining, brown earth soils have accumulated. The trees are pedunculate oak, rowan, and a few holly, hawthorn, hazel, and willow. Tree branches are characteristically festooned with a variety of epiphytic mosses and lichens, bilberry and polypody. On the ground, boulders are covered by lichens and mossy patches. The wood is home to a large population of adders.

Littaford Tor is the peak on the northern edge of Wistmans Wood and sits on an impressive ridge between Crockern Tor and Longaford Tor.

Wistman's Wood is an easy 500m walk on a waymarked path from the car park across the road from the Two Bridges Hotel on the B3357. Two Bridges Hotel, Two Bridges, Dartmoor National Park, Devon PL20 6SW.



39a Littaford Tor



39b Wistman's Wood



And if that is not enough...

Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo

Quaint villages situated at the mouth of the river Yealm, Devon.

Salcombe

Close to the mouth of the Kingsbridge Estuary, built on the steep west side, it lies within the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Plymouth

Plymouth is a port city. It's known for its maritime heritage and historic Barbican district with cobbled streets. Sutton Harbour is home to the National Marine Aquarium, several marinas and a fish market. The Mayflower Steps are where the Pilgrim Fathers set sail for the New World in 1620.

City to Sea & Festival of Fun Marathon

HHN City to Sea Memory Maker Marathon route follows the coastal path from Exeter to Babbacombe, a stunning and at times challenging route. Saturday 5 September on Babbacombe Downs.

10:00 to 16:00, marathon starts at 08:00. Start location Park: Exeter EX4 2AB, Exeter EX4 4NZ

Finish location: Babbacombe Downs, Torquay. As well as the race village there will also be the fantastic Festival of Fun with live entertainment all day and into the evening.

Park: Princes St, Babbacombe, Torquay TQ1 3LW, Walls Hill Rd, Torquay TQ1 3LZ.

MUSTO Skiff Class National Championships

MUSTO Skiff Class hold their National Championships off Brixham Harbour and Brixham Yacht Club.

Thursday 3 September 2020 to Sunday 6 September 2020. Check the website for timings of the races.

Bring your longest lens! Brixham Yacht Club, Overgang, Brixham, Devon TQ5 8AR. 01803 853332.

enquiries@brixhamyachtclub.com Park: Oxen Cove Car Park, Oxen Cove, Brixham TQ5 8AY.

Blue Plaque Trail

The 49 blue plaques across the English Riviera are a great way to discover its heritage. The most famous resident was Agatha Christie whilst other famous authors include Flora Thompson, author of the Lark Rise books, and Charles Kingsley, who penned the Water Babies. Rudyard Kipling spent two years at Rock House in Torquay, and poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning spent time at the now Hotel Regina on Torquay harbourside. The popular hymn 'Abide With Me' was written at the Berry Head Hotel in Brixham by the Rev Henry Lyte, and Hesketh Crescent in Torquay was once leased to Charles Darwin. Paignton was also the home of sewing machine magnate Isaac Singer, at Oldway Mansion. Please visit http://www.torbaycivicsociety.co.uk/torbay_map.php to load down a Blue Plaque Trail Map.

South West Lakes Trust

Venture around the beautiful lakes of the South West by foot to explore miles of footpaths and trails, whilst taking a moment to appreciate the peaceful beauty of water, woodland and forestry. The lakes are an idyllic setting for a day out in Devon which costs nothing (except a small car parking charge!).

www.swlakestrust.org.uk

Torre Abbey

Established in Torquay in 1196, Torre Abbey is a museum of history and art housed in an Ancient Scheduled Monument with beautiful and award winning gardens. www.torre-abbey.org.uk

Sharpham Vineyard

Self-guided walk through the vines and alongside the beautiful River Dart returning to the winery. No need to book in advance. Sharpham Estate, Totnes TQ9 7UT. sharpham.com

Bygones

Wander back in time and visit our authentic life-size Victorian Street filled with all original items.

£9.95 (£8.95). TQ1 4PR. Follow the brown signs to Bygones (close to Babbacombe Model Village and Babbacombe Downs).

Our accommodation

Premier Inn Paignton South (Brixham Road) Long Road Paignton TQ4 7RZ

Entrance off Waddeton Close TQ4 7BN.

01803 698930

0333 321 9248

There is an adjoining Beefeater, a Costa over the road and a Lidl just round the corner. There are other supermarkets close by, along the A3022.

Tide times Paignton

	Low	High	Low	High
Friday 4	02:02	08:24	14:15	20:33
Saturday 5	02:33	08:55	14:44	21:04
Sunday 6	02:58	09:25	15:07	21:34
Monday 7	03:21	09:55	15:27	22:03
Tuesday 8	03:39	10:25	15:48	22:32

Sun Paignton

	Rise	Set
Friday 4	06:34	19:51
Saturday 5	06:36	19:48
Sunday 6	06:37	19:46
Monday 7	06:39	19:44
Tuesday 8	06:40	19:42



