

**Exmoor National Park** has an amazing variety of landscapes - magnificent heather moors that offer a sense of remoteness, together with a gentler landscape of scattered woods, intimate valleys and rolling farmland. There is a spectacular coastline with high cliffs overlooking the Bristol Channel that offer wonderful coastal walking. The Park is also noted for its diversity of wildlife, including herds of wild red deer and the rare Exmoor Pony, as well as unusual butterflies, bats and lichens, plus two salmon rivers, the Exe and the Barle. There are several attractive villages, both coastal and inland, that welcome visitors with a choice of inns, farmhouses, cosy bed and breakfast establishments, camp sites and youth hostels.



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### Travel information

**Traveline** 0871 200 22 33, [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info)

**Transport Direct** [www.transportdirect.info](http://www.transportdirect.info)

**National Rail Enquiries** 08457 48 49 50, [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

Timetables of all bus services on Exmoor are in the Exmoor National Park **Explore Moor** travel guide - this is available from National Park and tourist information centres in the area. You can download a copy from the website, where you can also obtain suggested itineraries for days out - [www.exploremoor.co.uk](http://www.exploremoor.co.uk)

#### West Somerset Railway

01643 704996, [www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk](http://www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk)

#### Main bus operators to and on Exmoor

First Somerset and Avon 0845 602 0156

Quantock Motor Services 01823 251140

Filers Travel 01271 863819

TW Coaches 01769 572139

ATWEST Buses 01643 709701

### Visitor information

#### Exmoor National Park Authority

[www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk](http://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk) 01398 323665

#### Exmoor and West Somerset Tourism

[www.visit-exmoor.co.uk](http://www.visit-exmoor.co.uk) 01643 703704

#### Youth Hostels in the area [www.yha.org.uk](http://www.yha.org.uk)

Minehead 0845 371 9033

Exford 0845 371 9634

Pinkery Bunkhouse (for sole use by groups of at least 26 people) 5km from Simonsbath 01643 831437

[www.mosaicnationalparks.org](http://www.mosaicnationalparks.org)

## Tickets to ride

### Buses

**First Day Devon** tickets - adult £7, child £4.70 are valid on all First buses in Devon including local services in Exeter. Buy your ticket from the driver on the first bus used. **First Day South West** includes all First buses in Somerset and Devon from Bristol, Exeter and Taunton to Exmoor - adult £8 (£7.30 off peak), Child/Senior £5.95, Family (2 adults and up to 3 children) £17.50. Buy on the bus.

### Trains

**Trains to Taunton:** Off-Peak Day Return from Exeter £10, from Bristol £11, Bridgwater £5.90. **Trains to Barnstaple on the Tarka Line:** Off-Peak Day Return from Exeter £7.90, from Bristol (change at Exeter St David's) £25. Day Return tickets also available on other services.



Above: Service 300 runs between Minehead and Ilfracombe  
Cover photo: Watersmeet, south of Lynmouth  
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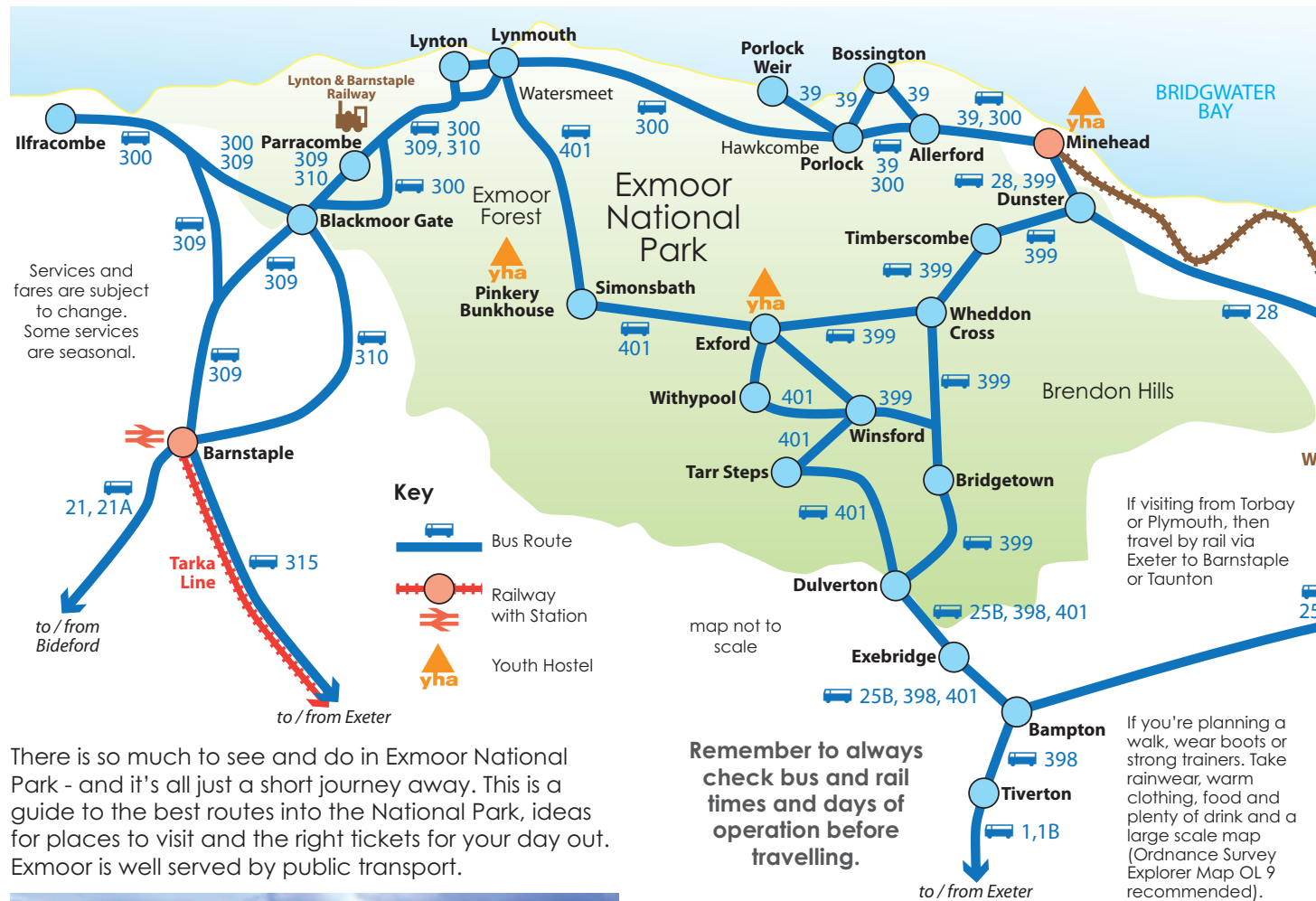


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Building links between Ethnic Communities & National Parks

# Exmoor National Park



Services and fares are subject to change. Some services are seasonal.

There is so much to see and do in Exmoor National Park - and it's all just a short journey away. This is a guide to the best routes into the National Park, ideas for places to visit and the right tickets for your day out. Exmoor is well served by public transport.



Hawkcombe near Porlock

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To explore the western (Devon) side of the National Park, take the scenic Tarka Line train from either Exeter Central or St David's station, or bus 315 from Exeter bus and rail stations, to **Barnstaple**. If arriving by train you must usually take the 10 minute walk over Barnstaple's ancient bridge across the River Taw to the bus station for onward service 310 into the National Park via **Blackmoor Gate** and **Parracombe** to **Lynnton**. You can also take the Cliff Railway, a unique cliff lift from Lynton down to **Lynmouth**, or access the South West Coastal Path for breathtaking beautiful walks along the Path as far as Ilfracombe, **Porlock** or **Minehead** - with bus links back. Access between Bideford and Barnstaple is on bus service 21/21A.

To explore the eastern (Somerset) side of the National Park, travel by train, bus or coach to Taunton (on the Great Western main line from London Paddington and Bristol). From either Taunton Bus or Train Stations you can catch bus service 28 to Minehead, calling at the village of **Dunster** on the edge of the National Park. Alternatively change at **Bishops Lydeard** Station to travel onwards by heritage steam or diesel train on the West Somerset Railway to Minehead.

From Minehead there is a coastal bus service 300 which links Minehead with **Ilfracombe** via Porlock and Lynmouth, perfect for walking and sightseeing. In the summer months an open top bus is used for this service. A more frequent bus, the 39, also links Minehead and Porlock.

For access to the south of the National Park, bus 25B connects Taunton bus and railway stations with **Dulverton**, calling at several villages within the National Park, whilst services 398/399 provide a very useful link from Minehead and Tiverton to Dulverton calling at Exbridge and Timberscombe.

There are a number of additional daily bus services operated in the peak summer holiday season, including the special Moor Rover minibus service which will pick up walkers and visitors in any part of the National Park on a pre-arranged basis. Details from ATWEST (Accessible Transport West Somerset) Buses 01643 709701 or log on to [www.exploremoor.co.uk](http://www.exploremoor.co.uk)



Tarr Steps Woodland National Nature Reserve

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