



VALLEY OF THE ROCKS

Take the South West Coast Path out of Lynton to reach the Valley of the Rocks - it's less than a mile and the cliff top views are simply out of this world.

Jagged rocks point skywards and feral goats roam freely, and often quite hair-raisingly, on the jagged cliff edges of this spectacular dry river valley. Here are some of England's highest sea cliffs with views that take your breath away.

There's Mother Meldrum's Café, public toilets and a picnic area at the Lynton end of the valley.

FORELAND POINT

There's a clifftop walk from the top of Countisbury Hill up towards Foreland Point for views all around that will simply take your breath away.



COUNTISBURY HILL

Another highlight of this breathtaking ride is the spectacular 2½ miles long drop down to sea level at Lynmouth from the top of Countisbury Hill, 1,300ft above.

The gradient at the foot is 1 in 4, but only for a short distance.

PORLOCK HILL

Once a real test for early cars and their drivers' skills, our powerful open-top bus makes light(ish) work of the notorious 1 in 4 incline in parts of Porlock Hill and its scary hairpin bends - all adds to the thrill of this fantastic ride!

As the steepest A-road in the UK, this section attracts cyclists and runners looking for a challenge. The road climbs some 700 feet (over 220 meters) in just under a mile, winding from the village up to the hazy open moor stretching out ahead.



WATCHET

Overlooked by a 150 year old lighthouse, Watchet's ancient harbour is now a lovely marina, interesting to stroll round and boasting fantastic views across the Bristol channel. Several boats offer fishing trips.

Among the independent shops you'll find vintage and craft dealers, art shops and galleries; also studios in converted shipping containers on the quayside.

The Market House Museum tells stories of kings, queens, murderous knights, pirates, saints and even a famous singing sailor. And there's a boat museum.

The West Somerset Railway station is right in the town.



ILFRACOMBE

Wander round the picturesque harbour with its pastel coloured houses, climb up Lantern Hill to see the 14th-century chapel perched on top, or discover Ilfracombe's stunning beaches and coves, including the famous Tunnels Beaches.

The town has lots of independent shops, nice cafés and eateries, and numerous art and craft galleries to entice you. Try Ilfracombe Chocolate Emporium, truly a chocolate lover's dream.



WOODY BAY STATION LYNTON & BARNSTAPLE RAILWAY

Take a 25-minute ride to Killington Lane and back on a 2-mile round trip in restored heritage carriages behind a narrow-gauge steam locomotive - tickets are valid all day.

Opened in 1898 but closed in 1935, Woody Bay is the start of rebuilding one of the world's most famous and picturesque narrow-gauge railways, the legendary Lynton & Barnstaple Railway.



COOMBE MARTIN WILDLIFE & DINOSAUR PARK

Nestling in a valley with cascading streams and waterfalls, Devon's very own prehistoric park is home to an abundance of exotic and indigenous wildlife plus the very latest in Dinosaur animatronics!

It's home to exotic animals including African lions, baboons, lemurs, sea lions, penguins, meerkats and rare, white Hudson Bay wolves.

There are free daily animal talks and don't forget that T-rex and his friends wake up every hour, on the hour! There's a play area for kids and a café and shop.

WATERMOUTH BAY

With outstanding views from the cliffs around this sheltered harbour, here you can see porpoises, dolphins and seals when the tide is right.

Opposite the harbour is Watermouth Castle, transformed into a family theme park with a museum of musical instruments and toys and delightful gardens.



LYNMOUTH

Rows of picturesque fishing cottages, cafés and interesting shops cluster around the pretty harbour at the mouth of the West Lyn river.

On the quay at the end of the harbour is the Rhenish Tower, built in the 1860s to store salt water for indoor baths but later fitted with a light to act as a beacon.

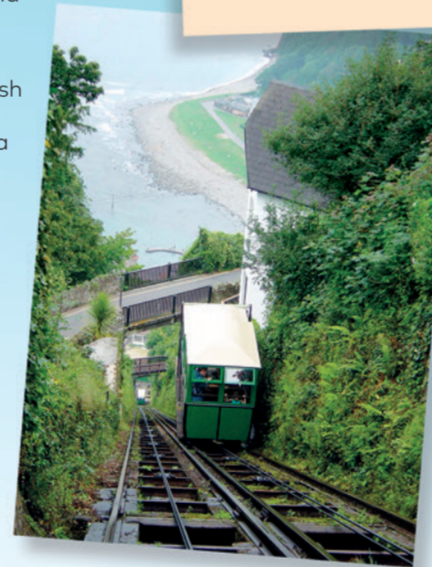
See the other side for some of the fascinating stories from Lynton's history.

LYNTON

High above Lynmouth is Lynton and the best way to get there (and great fun, so long as you have a head for heights) is to ascend on the cliff railway.

Opened in 1890, it is thought to be the highest and the steepest totally water-powered railway in the world. The views as you glide heavenwards are amazing. Lynton is an unspoilt town with some excellent independent shops and an impressive town hall.

To learn more about the area, visit the Lyn and Exmoor Museum.



the tale of Lorna Doone

This novel by R D Blackmore was published in 1869 and set around the East Lyn Valley, or Doone Valley as it has become known. It tells the story of John Ridd, a farmer who finds love amid the religious and social turmoil of 17th-century England.

He makes his way to the valley of the lawless Doones, where he is discovered by the beautiful Lorna. They form a bond that inspires John to rescue his beloved from his nasty archrival, Carver Doone, only for her to be shot dead at the altar on their wedding day.

Blackmore's grandfather was Rector of Oare church, which is where the doomed marriage takes place. You can explore the Doone Valley along miles of waymarked footpaths. There's a circular walk which takes in sites linked to the novel.



PORLOCK

Lying between the high rolling hills of Exmoor and the Bristol Channel sea, Porlock's main village street twists and turns between characterful cottages, traditional locally-owned shops and galleries, pubs and irresistible tearooms.

So why not enjoy a very West Country tradition in one of them, a delicious cream tea with homemade scones served with thick clotted cream and strawberry jam (cream on first, mind!), washed down with a pot of tea - scrumptious!



MINEHEAD

A flower-bedecked prom lines the fine beach. There's a fishing quarter and historic harbour and, on the hill rising steeply behind the town, a 14th-century church with much-photographed historic Church Steps.

The main shopping street is a tree-lined avenue. Right by the front is Minehead Station, the end of the line for the West Somerset Railway, a 26-mile branch with both vintage steam and diesel trains throughout the season.

DUNSTER

One of England's most intact medieval villages with a rich history is a short walk from the bus stop, but well worth the detour.

The National Trust's Dunster Castle, high on the hill overlooking the village with incredible views stretching over Exmoor and the Bristol Channel, was an ancient feudal stronghold turned into an opulent country home for the Luttrell family in the 19th century. Discover magnificent stables, subtropical gardens and a working watermill.

Dunster also has a dovecote, tithe barn and a church with the longest rood screen in the country. You'll find plenty of tea rooms, gift shops and restaurants.

Right in the middle of the village is the impressive 17th-century Yarn Market, where village merchants once traded wool and cloth.



EXMOOR COASTER

a switchback ride along a spectacular coastline with views to take your breath away



BLUE ANCHOR
MINEHEAD
PORLOCK
COUNTISBURY
LYNMOUTH
COMBE MARTIN
ILFRACOMBE

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2023

starts 1 April 2023



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COASTER

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COASTER

DARTMOOR
explorer

towards Ilfracombe

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Blue Anchor Hoburne Holiday Park				0905	0935	1035									
Carhampton post office		0911	0941	1041											
Dunster Steep		0914	0944	1044											
Minehead Premier Inn		0917	0947	1047											
Minehead Butlins main gate <i>arr</i>		0920	0950	1050											
Minehead Butlins main gate <i>dep</i>	0800	0830	0900	0930	1000	1030	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700		
Minehead West Somerset Railway	0803	0833	0903	0935	1005	1035	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	1605	1703		
Minehead Avenue	0805	0835	0905	0937	1007	1037	1107	1207	1307	1407	1507	1607	1705		
Bratton turn	0808	0838	0908	0942	1012	1042	1112	1212	1312	1412	1512	1612	1708		
Selworthy turn opp	0813	0843	0913	0947	1017	1047	1117	1217	1317	1417	1517	1617	1713		
Allerford bus shelter	0815	0845	0915	0949	1019	1049	1119	1219	1319	1419	1519	1619	1715		
Porlock Doverhay car park	0820	0850	0920	0955	1025	1055	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	1625	1720		
Whitstone Post opp viewpoint	0829	0859	0929	1004	1034	1104	1134	1234	1334	1434	1534	1634	1729		
Exmoor County Gate car park	0839	0909	0939	1014	1044	1114	1144	1244	1344	1444	1544	1644	1739		
Countisbury Blue Ball Inn	0846	0916	0946	1021	1051	1121	1151	1251	1351	1451	1551	1651	1746		
Lynmouth Lyndale coach park <i>arr</i>	0855	0925	0955	1030	1100	1130	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1755		
Lynmouth Lyndale coach park <i>dep</i>	0900	1000						1200	1400	1600					
Barbrook bus shelter	0922	1022						1222	1422	1622					
Woody Bay station	0926	1026						1226	1426	1626					
Blackmoor Gate	0933	1033						1233	1433	1633					
Combe Martin Wildlife & Dinosaur Park	0940	1040						1240	1440	1640					
Combe Martin King Street Stores	0946	1046						1246	1446	1646					
Sandaway Beach opp holiday park	0951	1051						1251	1451	1651					
Watermouth Bay Watermouth Castle	0955	1055						1255	1455	1655					
Hele Bay opp Beach Road	0959	1059						1259	1459	1659					
Ilfracombe High Street Garage	1005	1105						1305	1505	1705					
Ilfracombe Harbour Ropery Road	1010	1110						1310	1510	1710					

towards Minehead

	1015	1115	1315	1515	1715
Ilfracombe Harbour Ropery Road					
Ilfracombe Wilder Road car park	1018	1118	1318	1518	1718
Hele Bay Beach Road	1025	1125	1325	1525	1725
Watermouth Bay opp Watermouth Castle	1030	1130	1330	1530	1730
Sandaway Beach holiday park	1035	1135	1335	1535	1735
Combe Martin beach	1040	1140	1340	1540	1740
Combe Martin opp Wildlife & Dinosaur Pk	1046	1146	1346	1546	1746
Blackmoor Gate	1053	1153	1353	1553	1753
Woody Bay station	1059	1159	1359	1559	1759
Barbrook opp bus shelter	1103	1203	1403	1603	1803
Lynmouth Lyndale coach park <i>arr</i>	1125	1225	1425	1625	1825
Lynmouth Lyndale coach park <i>dep</i>	0930	1040	1110	1140	1240
Countisbury opp Blue Ball Inn	0939	1049	1119	1149	1249
Exmoor opp County Gate car park	0948	1058	1128	1158	1258
Whitstone Post opp viewpoint	0955	1105	1135	1205	1305
Porlock opp Doverhay car park	1005	1115	1145	1215	1315
Allerford bus shelter	1011	1121	1151	1221	1321
Selworthy turn	1014	1124	1154	1224	1324
Bratton turn	1018	1128	1158	1228	1328
Minehead Parade	1025	1135	1205	1235	1335
Minehead West Somerset Railway	1027	1137	1207	1237	1337
Minehead Butlins main gate <i>arr</i>	1030	1140	1210	1240	1340
Minehead Butlins main gate <i>dep</i>					
Minehead Premier Inn					
Dunster Steep					
Carhampton post office					
Blue Anchor Hoburne Holiday Park					

towards Lynmouth

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Blue Anchor Hoburne Holiday Park		
Carhampton post office	0941	1041
Dunster Steep	0944	1044
Minehead Premier Inn	0947	1047
Minehead Butlins main gate <i>arr</i>	0950	1050
Minehead Butlins main gate <i>dep</i>	0900	1000
Minehead West Somerset Railway	0903	1005
Minehead Avenue	0905	1007
Bratton turn	0908	1012
Selworthy turn opp	0913	1017
Allerford bus shelter	0915	1019
Porlock Doverhay car park	0920	1025
Whitstone Post opp viewpoint	0929	1034
Exmoor County Gate car park	0939	1044
Countisbury Blue Ball Inn	0946	1051
Lynmouth Lyndale coach park	0955	1100

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Exmoor opp County Gate car park	1058	1158	1258	1358	1458	1558	1628	1728	1828
Whitstone Post opp viewpoint	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	1605	1635	1735	1835
Porlock opp Doverhay car park	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1615	1645	1745	1845
Allerford bus shelter	1121	1221	1321	1421	1521	1621	1651	1751	1851
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towards Lynmouth runs on pink dates

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Minehead Premier Inn	0947			
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Porlock Doverhay car park	1025	1325	1625	
Whitstone Post opp viewpoint	1034	1334	1634	
Exmoor County Gate car park	1044	1344	1644	
Countisbury Blue Ball Inn	1051	1351	1651	
Lynmouth Lyndale coach park	1100	1400	1700	

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Lynmouth Lyndale coach park			
Countisbury opp Blue Ball Inn	1119	1419	1719
Exmoor opp County Gate car park	1128	1428	1728
Whitstone Post opp viewpoint	1135	1435	1735
Porlock opp Doverhay car park	1145	1445	1745
Allerford bus shelter	1151	1451	1751
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Minehead West Somerset Railway	1207	1507	1807
Minehead Butlins main gate <i>arr</i>	1210	1510	1810
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Minehead Premier Inn			
Dunster Steep			
Carhampton post office			
Blue Anchor Hoburne Holiday Park			

this journey runs Sunday 29 October 2023 only

dates of operation

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