



## Valley of the Rocks

Just under a mile from Lynton along the **South West Coast path**, the Valley of the Rocks is a dramatic dry river valley with towering rock formations and cliff top views that are simply out of this world. Look out for the feral goats that navigate among England's highest sea cliffs with surprising ease!

At the Lynton end of the valley, you'll find Mother Meldrum's Tea Room & Garden, public toilets and a scenic picnic area perfect for a break.

## Foreland Point

From the top of Countisbury Hill, a cliff top path leads towards Foreland Point, offering panoramic views across the coast. This moderate walk takes around 1-1 1/2 hours there and back, with some steep sections – but the scenery makes the journey well worth it!



## Countisbury Hill

One of the journey's highlights is the dramatic 2 1/2 mile descent from the top of Countisbury Hill, which rises 1,300 feet above sea level. With spectacular views, ahead and out to sea, it's a truly unforgettable part of the route.

## Porlock Hill

Known as the steepest A-road in the UK, Porlock Hill was once a real test for early motorists. Today, our powerful buses make light(ish) work of its 1 in 4 gradient and sharp hairpin bends – offering a thrilling ride and spectacular views along the way!



### 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.

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### 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 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.

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## Watermouth Bay

Enjoy breathtaking views from the cliffs surrounding this peaceful, tucked away harbour – where, at the right tide, you might spot porpoises, dolphins, and seals.



## Lynton

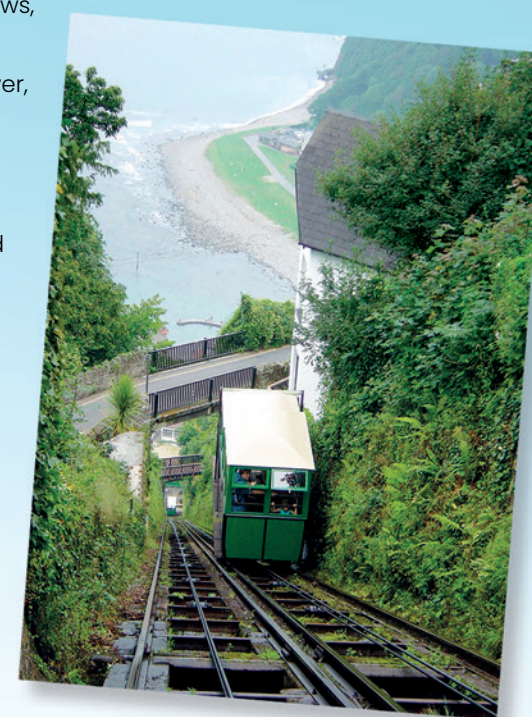
Nestled between towering cliffs and the sea, Lynton is charming, with spectacular views, riverside walks, and cosy cafés.

At the end of the harbour stands the Rhenish Tower, built in the 1860s to store salt water for indoor baths. It was later fitted with a light to serve as a beacon for ships. At the end of the harbour stands the Rhenish Tower, built in the 1860s to store salt water for indoor baths. It was later fitted with a light to serve as a beacon for ships.

## Lynton

Perched high above Lynmouth, Lynton offers breathtaking views, quaint streets, and a relaxed village atmosphere. Discover independent shops, art galleries, and welcoming tearooms at your own pace.

Hop on the historic Cliff Railway to connect with Lynmouth below, or set off on a walk through the dramatic Valley of Rocks and beyond. To learn more about the area, visit the Lyn and Exmoor Museum.



## The Ramblers Rest

Enjoy a visit to Britain's highest coastal road team room, offering a seasonal menu throughout the year. Indulge in homemade cakes, scones, freshly made sandwiches, and much more. It's also a dog-friendly spot, so bring your furry friends along!



## Greencombe Gardens

Set on wooded slopes with stunning views of the Bristol Channel, Greencombe Gardens is home to a variety of rare and beautiful plants.

This organic garden, which has been carefully cultivated since 1946, uses 25-30 tons of home produced compost and leaf mould each year to nurture its vibrant landscape.

## Porlock

Nestled between the rolling hills of Exmoor and the Bristol Channel, Porlock is a charming village where the main street winds through quaint cottages, locally-owned shops, galleries, pubs, and delightful tearooms.

Why not indulge in a classic West Country tradition at one of the tearooms? Enjoy a delicious cream tea, all paired with a pot of tea. Simply scrumptious!



## Minehead

A flower-lined promenade stretches along the beautiful beach, with a historic harbour and a charming fishing quarter. On the hill behind the town, you'll find a 14th century church and the iconic Church Steps, a popular spot for photos. There's more information on the other side.



## Dunster

Just a short walk from the bus stop, Dunster is one of England's best preserved medieval villages, steeped in history.

Dunster boasts a dovecote, tithe barn, and a church with the longest rood screen in the country. Stroll through the village to discover charming tea rooms, gift shops, and restaurants.

In the heart of the village stands the impressive 17th-century Yarn Market, where wool and cloth were once traded by local merchants.

For more information on Dunster Castle, see the other side.





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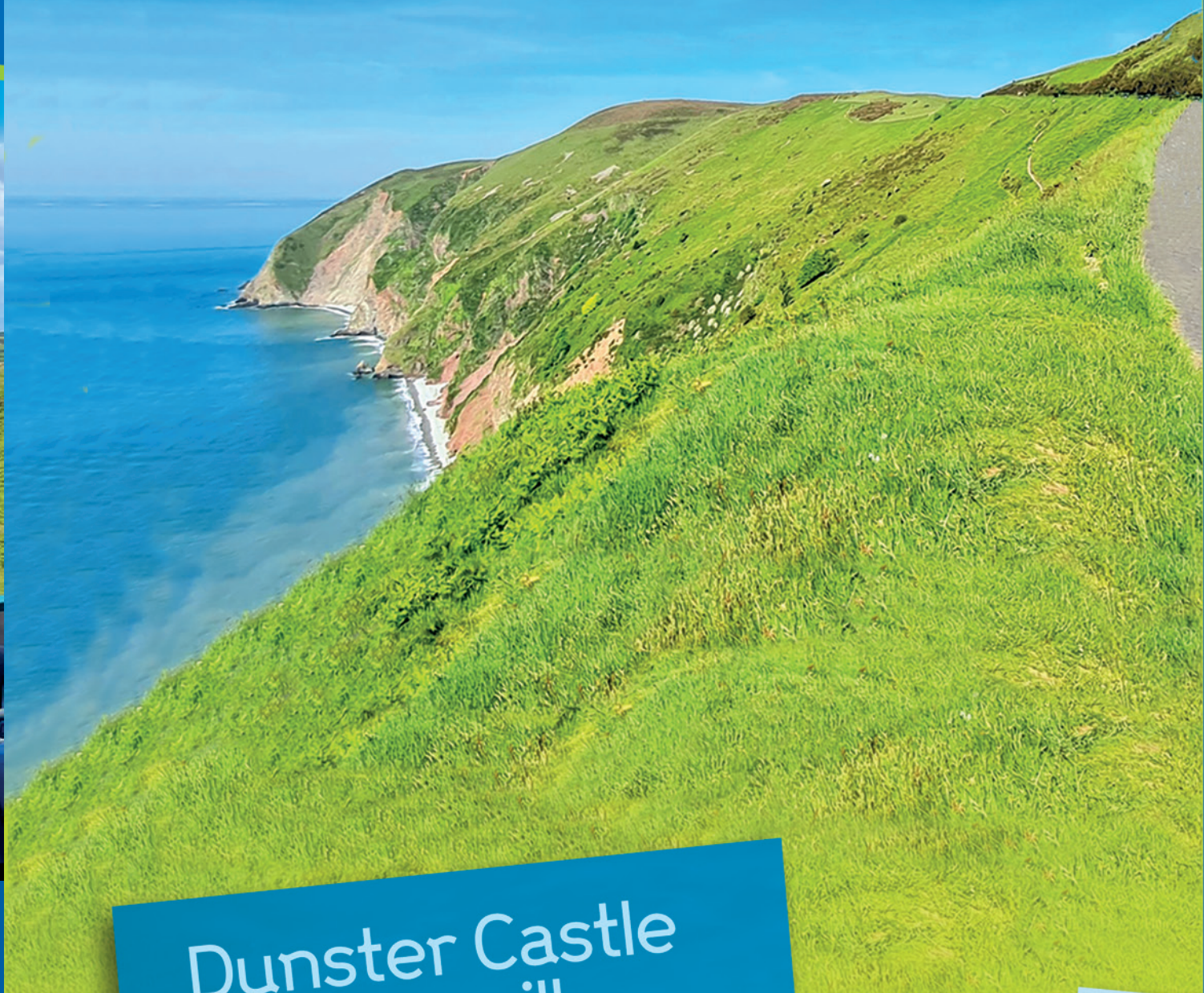
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## Dunster Castle & Watermill

Set on a wooded hill, Dunster Castle offers  
a fascinating glimpse into 1,000 years of  
history. Originally a Norman stronghold, it  
later became a grand country home for the Luttrell  
family, who lived here for over 600 years

Explore the medieval gatehouse, ruined tower, and  
elegant interiors, then stroll through the terraced  
Mediterranean and subtropical gardens. Below,  
you'll find a riverside garden with a natural play  
area and working watermill, also open to visitors.

There's a cafe, gift shop, and plenty to discover –  
just a 15-20-minute walk from the bus stop.



## Watermouth Castle

While not a true castle, Watermouth Castle  
is a grand country house designed to  
look like one, offering a fun day out  
for all ages.

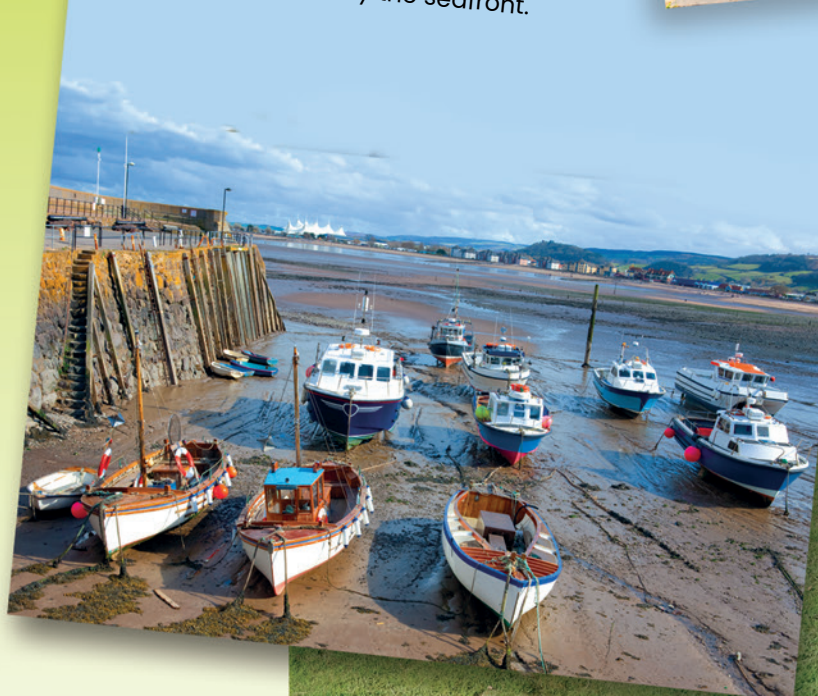
Families can enjoy a mix of attractions,  
from the exciting Toboggan Run and  
Big River Ride to the peaceful water gardens  
and landscaped grounds.



## Minehead seafront

Take in the sea air with a walk  
along Minehead's attractive  
seafront. Follow the Maritime  
Mile Heritage Trail to the historic  
harbour, or head partway up North Hill  
for stunning coastal views.

Enjoy the wide sandy beach, stop for  
a coffee, lunch, or ice cream, and visit the  
nearby West Somerset Heritage Railway,  
which begins right by the seafront.



## Exmoor ponies

Exmoor ponies are a  
familiar sight across  
the moor, roaming freely  
in herds – though they aren't  
truly wild, as each one is  
owned and cared for.  
Around 20 herds live on the  
moor, but it's important not  
to touch or feed them.



Exmoor is a wild and beautiful place,  
full of ancient woods, rolling hills,  
and old legends.

Our journey begins at the Somerset  
coast, climbing high onto Exmoor with  
sweeping views across the Bristol  
Channel to South Wales, before  
plunging down the steep descent  
into the charming harbour village of  
Lynmouth.

In the height of summer, the journey  
continues through even more  
breathtaking scenery, passing through  
Combe Martin, Watermouth Bay, and  
Ilfracombe.

There's no better way to experience this  
spectacular landscape than aboard  
our Explore Exmoor bus, especially  
with its thrilling ride up and down the  
famously winding, notoriously steep  
Porlock Hill.



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