

# May Coast & Moor Outdoor Festival events

## Week 3 (Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May)

**Monday 13 May – 12.45pm - Nature**

### ***Lynmouth Boat Trip***

Look for rare nesting sea birds along Exmoor's dramatic coastline west of Lynmouth with commentary from an Exmoor National Park Ranger.

Cost £20. Booking essential 01598 752509 [NPCLynmouth@exmoor-nationalpark.gov](mailto:NPCLynmouth@exmoor-nationalpark.gov) Location: Lynmouth Harbour EX35 6EG

**Wednesday 15 May – 2-4pm – Art**

### ***Watercolour Painting Workshop***

Learn to paint in watercolour in a friendly relaxed environment at the Exmoor National Centre in Dulverton TA22 9EX. Suitable for all abilities.

Booking essential: 01643 821835 [NPCLynmouth@exmoor-nationalpark.gov](mailto:NPCLynmouth@exmoor-nationalpark.gov) Cost: £15

**Wednesday 15 May - 3pm - Guided Walk**

### ***Dulverton Town Tour***

Join a guided walk exploring the history of Dulverton. Discover some secret places and hear tales of old from local guides.

Cost £3. Meet Dulverton Heritage Centre TA22 9EZ Contact 07969 243887  
<http://www.dulvertonheritagecentre.org.uk/events.html>

**Thursday 16 May - Active**

### ***Open Moorland Navigation Training***

If you're a beginner or just refreshing your skills, this half day course to brush up on your compass and map skills, led by Liz, qualified Hill and Moorland leader, will help you improve your confidence in navigation, pacing, timing your walk, personal safety and understanding topography.

Booking essential. Contact 01598 752509 [www.moorwildexperiences.co.uk](http://www.moorwildexperiences.co.uk) Cost £40 Location: Lynmouth National Park Centre EX35 6EQ

**Thursday 16 May - Active**

### ***Compass Course***

A 1 hour session to learn how to take a compass bearing, measure distances between points, find grid references, time your walk and learn your 100m pacing.

Location: Lynmouth National Park Centre EX35 6EQ. Booking essential. Contact 01598 752509  
[www.moorwildexperiences.co.uk](http://www.moorwildexperiences.co.uk) Cost £10

**Thursday 16 May - 2pm - Guided Walk**

### ***Natural History Walk***

An easy paced stroll with a knowledgeable member of the Exmoor Natural History Society to discover the wildlife within the wonderful landscape around Porlock Weir.

More information: [www.enhs.org.uk](http://www.enhs.org.uk) or call 01643 863124. No charge, but donations welcome.  
Location: Exmoor Natural History Centre, Porlock Weir Car Park. TA24 8PB

### **Friday 17 May – 1030 – 1230 – Guided walk**

#### ***Beautiful Bossington***

Bossington is a picturesque village in Exmoor, the walk starts and ends here. You will be led along the coast, gently climbing towards Hurlstone Point and cutting back through ancient Holm Oak woodland. This is a circular walk with breathtaking views across Porlock Bay. A rich history and interesting facts along the way. Please wear suitable footwear for the terrain. Approx 2.5 miles.

For more information and bookings please contact Exmoor National Park Centre at Lynmouth 01598 752509 [NPCLynmouth@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk](mailto:NPCLynmouth@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk) Location: National Trust Car Park in Bossington Village 10.30 am. Free but donations requested CareMoor for Exmoor

### **Friday 17 May – History**

#### ***The Exmoor Rocket***

An Illustrated talk on the story behind Col. MacLaren's memorial near Brendon Two Gates, given by Richard McLaughlin, telling of experiment and tragedy on Exmoor, showing a 1942 film of a secret large-scale test firing, and including eye-witness accounts of front-line rocket operations. One of the rockets will be on display. Part of the Simonsbath Festival.

Location: St Luke's church, Simonsbath. For more information: [www.simonsbathfestival.org.uk](http://www.simonsbathfestival.org.uk)  
Booking essential, call 01643 831451

### **Saturday 18 May – Active**

#### ***Bow Making Day***

Learn the process and basic skills that you need to make a bow. It is suitable for an absolute beginner with no previous woodworking experience. You will start the day with a length of coppiced hazel and will leave with a properly tillered bow complete with a string and an arrow. The course is fully catered using the finest local ingredients cooked over charcoal made on site.

Cost £100. Booking: Booking essential call 07594 569441 [www.bulworthy.uk/bowmaking](http://www.bulworthy.uk/bowmaking)  
Location: Bulworthy Project, Devon EX16 8DL

### **Saturday 18 May – Guided Walk**

#### ***Raleigh's Cross Mineral Line Long Walk***

Visit Beulah Chapel and the remains of the 19c mining village at Brendon Hill, as well as the Winding house and the Incline to Comberow. Then return through the woods to Leighland Chapel, circling back via a picturesque waterfall. About 7 miles. Steep. Boots, a packed lunch and waterproofs are needed.

Location: Raleigh's Cross Inn TA230LN. Booking essential – call 01398 323841  
[www.westsomersetmineralrailway.org.uk](http://www.westsomersetmineralrailway.org.uk)

### **Saturday 18 May – Guided Walk**

#### ***Knights, knights and World War II***

Starting near Alderman's Barrow, we will find evidence of knights from bronze age, medieval, neolithic, and Victorian ages. At Larkbarrow we will hear about the Knights who tried to reclaim Exmoor and we will find evidence of World War Two's impact on Exmoor. Near Three Coombes foot we hope to see red deer.

Contact 01398 323335 or [www.exmoorsociety.com](http://www.exmoorsociety.com) Booking: No need to book - just turn up – donations welcome. Location: Alderman's Barrow cattle grid SS 835 422

### **Saturday 18 May - Active**

#### ***Spoon carving course***

For beginners or those who've carved before and want to improve, this covers safe carving technique with axe and knife and plenty of time to practice your skills throughout the day.

Location: TA22 9NP, Cost £80, Booking: Booking essential – call 01398 371686 or visit [www.theriversideproject.org/courses](http://www.theriversideproject.org/courses)

### **Saturday 18 May - History**

#### ***An evening with R D Blackmore***

Jonathan Edmunds talks about the enduring reputation of 'Lorna Doone', of the famous Exmoor landscape and its people as seen through the novelist's eyes, and of its author R.D.Blackmore. Part of the Simonsbath Festival

Location: St. Luke's Church, Simonsbath. Booking essential, call 01643 831451 [www.simonsbathfestival.org.uk](http://www.simonsbathfestival.org.uk)

### **Sunday 19 May – Active**

#### ***Rock Climbing in Valley of Rocks***

Join us for a half day Rock Climbing experience at the beautiful Valley of Rocks. We provide qualified instruction, as well as all the equipment you need, including harnesses, helmets and instruction. We'll teach you all you need to know including climbing skills and techniques, belaying and knot tying.

Location: Valley of Rocks, Lynton, North Devon. You'll have the opportunity to test your nerve on a range of different climbs, at the scenic Valley of Rocks.

Cost - £40 adults, £30 children. A family of 4, only £110! Booking Essential via [exmooradventures@gmail.com](mailto:exmooradventures@gmail.com) / 07976 208279 <https://www.visit-exmoor.co.uk/point-of-interest/rock-climbing-activity-day>