

May Coast & Moor Outdoor Festival events

Week 4 (Monday 20th to Sunday 26th May)

Monday 20 May – 10-4pm - Artisan

Open Day at Simonsbath Sawmill

A chance to visit the historic, water-powered sawmill and estate workshops at Simonsbath in the heart of the National Park and to learn about the history of this remarkable village. Free “Drop in” tours available all day.

No booking necessary but if you are coming to Simonsbath particularly to see the mill it is advisable to ring us on 01643 831202 to check arrangements. For more info: www.simonsbathsawmill.org.uk

Tuesday 21 May – Guided Walk

Hidden Porlock

A fascinating walk around Porlock village. An opportunity to visit sites of historical interest and explore hidden parts of the village's past.

Location: Porlock Visitor Centre. Booking essential – call 01643 863150. Charge: Free - donations welcome

Tuesday 21 May – Guided Walk

Exmoor's Invasive Species

Join us for a walk at Tarr Steps to learn about some of the invasive species that are we are working to control on Exmoor. We'll look for Signal Crayfish, Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam. We'll also learn about some of our native wildlife and what you can do to help. This event is brought to you by Exmoor National Park.

Location: Tarr Steps pay and display carpark. SS872323 Charge: £5. Booking essential – call 07973 727469

Tuesday 21 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 07969 243887

Wednesday 22 May - 11am - Guided Walk

Hidden Dunster

Join local walk leaders on a stroll around Dunster. Starting from National Park Centre Dunster, you will be guided through hidden parts of the village and see historical sites in Dunster.

Booking essential - call 01643 821835 Free - Donations gratefully received to CareMoor for Exmoor

Wednesday 22 May - 2pm - Artisan

Barlynch Priory Open Day

Guided walks, part self-guided, around the Barlynch Priory site. The Priory was founded in 1174-89 and dissolved c.1537. Earth works and remains of buildings are still clearly visible. Parking off the

A396 in layby or field at the Priory. Uneven ground in pasture. This event is brought to you by Exmoor National Park.

Location: On A396, one mile north of Helebridge, SS 9293 2890 No need to book - just turn up. Donations to CareMoor. Contact: 01398 322289

Wednesday 22 May – 7.30pm - Artisan

Exmoor's Extraordinary Rivers

Roger Furniss gives an illustrated talk about Exmoor's Extraordinary Rivers. His talk will be preceded by Mark Haworth-Booth's reading of 'The River in Mach' by Devon poet and fisherman, Ted Hughes. Part of the Simonsbath Festival.

Location: St. Luke's Church, Simonsbath. Booking: Booking essential – call 01643 831451. More information: www.simonsbathfestival.org.uk

Thursday 23 May - 10.30am - Guided Walk

Murder & Mystery at the Wheal Eliza

On this short walk along the River Barle, hear the history of the Knights' family, mining in this part of Exmoor and the tragic murder and mystery at Wheal Eliza. One or two short climbs but overall an easy walk along the valley. Return to Simonsbath for optional pub lunch or bring a picnic. 2.5mls

Location: Ashcombe Car Park, Simonsbath TA24 7SH. Call 01398 323335
www.exmoorsociety.com Donations welcome. No need to book.

Thursday 23 May - Active

Map and Compass Skills

One day course for those with limited map and compass skills, wanting to gain the fundamentals and techniques to give more confidence on the hills. Includes taking a bearing, planning and undertaking a route, identifying and interpreting features.

Location: Porlock. Cost £50 per person. Booking Essential via exmooradventures@gmail.com / 07976 208279 <https://www.visit-exmoor.co.uk/point-of-interest/exmoor-adventures>

Friday 24 May - 10.30am - Guided Walk

Heros, Heroines, Hunter-gatherers and Hermits

Join Rob Wilson-North for a walk over rough moorland to Badgworthy, in the footsteps of author RD Blackmore (in the 150th year since the publication of Lorna Doone); and also on the tails of hermits and hunter gatherers. This is an exploration of one of Exmoor's most iconic places. It is a longish walk (4mls) over moorland, so please come prepared. Bring a packed lunch/refreshments. Dogs on leads.

Location: Brendon Two Gates TA22 9DJ. No need to book - just turn up. Donations welcome. Call 01398 323335 www.exmoorsociety.com

Friday 24 – Sunday 26 May – Festival

Dunster Festival

Enjoy a packed programme of sublime Chamber Music in the atmospheric and charming medieval village of Dunster in Somerset. <https://www.visit-exmoor.co.uk/point-of-interest/dunsterfestival>

For places to stay in and around Dunster check [here](#)

Saturday 25 May – Active

Coasteering on Exmoor – Hele Bay

Come and enjoy a guided Coasteering trip with Exmoor Adventures around the stunning North Devon coastline. Our experienced and qualified Coasteering instructors will kit you out and take you along a section of coastline by means of swimming, scrambling, climbing and jumping into the deep water. You'll be up close and personal with a unique landscape, with the possibility of seeing such wildlife as porpoises, seals and more! Adults £40 Children aged 10+ £30.

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Saturday 25 May - 11am – Guided Walk

Trentishoe Down and the South West Coast Path

Starting on Trentishoe Down, the walk visits the delightful small church at Trentishoe before skirting along Heddon's Mouth Cleave to reach the coast path. This is followed westerly to reach The Glass Box before returning to the start by Trentishoe Down. Please bring packed lunch. 4.5mils. Dogs on leads.

Location: Car park at fork of road down to Trentishoe church SS 635 480. Call 01398 323335 www.exmoorsociety.com No need to book - just turn up. Donations welcome

Saturday 25 – Friday 31 May - 10.30am - Nature

Tremendous Tree Trail

Pick up a trail booklet from reception and start exploring the grounds at Arlington Court to find some of our terrific trees. Have a go at leaf rubbing and see if you can identify all of the trees to claim to your prize!

Location: Arlington Court Shop EX31 4LP. Cost £1 – call 01271 850296 <http://bit.ly/Arlington-Whatson>

Saturday 25 – Sunday 26 May – 12-5pm – Gardens

Brendon Open Gardens Weekend

Part of the National Garden Scheme (NGS) gardens open to the public. Lunches, teas, plants, bric-a-brac.

No need to book. Adults: £5.00 Children: Free. Location: EX356PU Call 01598741343 for details

Saturday 25 May – 2-4pm – Art

Watercolour Painting Workshop

Learn to paint in watercolour in a friendly relaxed environment at the Exmoor National Centre in Dunster TA24 6SE. Suitable for all abilities.

Booking essential, call 01398 323841 Cost £15

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Sunday 26 May – 8am - Food

Big Breakfast

Full English or something a little lighter. Cooked while you wait. Lots of choices. Location: Allerford and Selworthy Community Hall TA24 8HL.

No need to book. Call 07980 595989 <http://www.allerfordandselworthyhall.co.uk/events.html>

Sunday 26 May – 10.30am – Guided Walk

North Hill

Join local walk leader on a fascinating tour of North Hill, taking in glorious scenery and historical sites. Approximately a 3 mile walk, moderate inclines, suitable footwear is essential. Walking boots recommended.

Location: Follow signs out of Minehead to North Hill, ascend North Hill along Hill Rd, follow road until you get to a dead end, this is the car park and meeting point of your walk. Alan, walk leader will meet you here. Booking essential – call 01643 821835. Charge: Free - donations to CareMoor for Exmoor welcome

Sunday 26 May 2 – 5pm – Fun event

Charity Duck Race

A traditional fun family day out featuring 60 yellow plastic ducks in a series of water races, avoiding obstacles to be first across the line to win a place in the grand final. A quacking good time! Admission and parking are free.

No need to book - just turn up. Contact 01643 863150 for more info. Location: Sparkhayes Campsite, Porlock TA24 8NE