

Travelling to and around the area




By bus

From Plymouth (X38 (alight Drumbridges), 39)
 From Exeter (X38 (alight Drumbridges), 39)
 From Newton Abbot (72, 173/179)
 From Torbay (172 summer only)
 Services 170, 193 and 671 also go through Bovey Tracey

Pick up a copy of the "Discovery Guide to Dartmoor by Bus and Train" for suggested walks in the area using the bus.

For all public transport enquiries in south west England call Traveline (7am to 9pm 364 days per year) on 0870 608 2 608



By Train

For information on national rail services contact the National Rail Enquiry Line on 08457 48 49 50 or visit www.thetrainline.com or www.wessextrains.co.uk

There is no direct rail link to Bovey Tracey but Newton Abbot Rail Station is a mere 6½ miles (11km) away.

By Coach

For information on National Express Coach services contact 08705 808080 or visit the National Express Coach Services website at www.gobycoach.com

Coaches from London and London airports stop at Newton Abbot Rail Station. The nearest coach and bus station is Exeter.

Climbing

A leaflet called "Climbing with moor care and less wear" is available from Dartmoor National Park Authority or Bovey Tracey TIC.

Canoing

A leaflet called "Canoing with moor care and less wear" is available from the Dartmoor National Park Authority or Bovey Tracey TIC.

Horse Riding

Riding stables and riding schools are available in this area. For further information, contact the Bovey Tracey TIC.

There are also many bridleways, green lanes and quiet country lanes which are suitable for horse riding. These are shown on the Ordnance Survey maps for this area.

Whether you are walking, horse riding, cycling or driving, take special care on country roads.

Disabled Access

A booklet called "Easy Going Dartmoor" gives details of routes accessible to people with limited mobility. This can be obtained from Dartmoor National Park Authority or Bovey Tracey TIC.

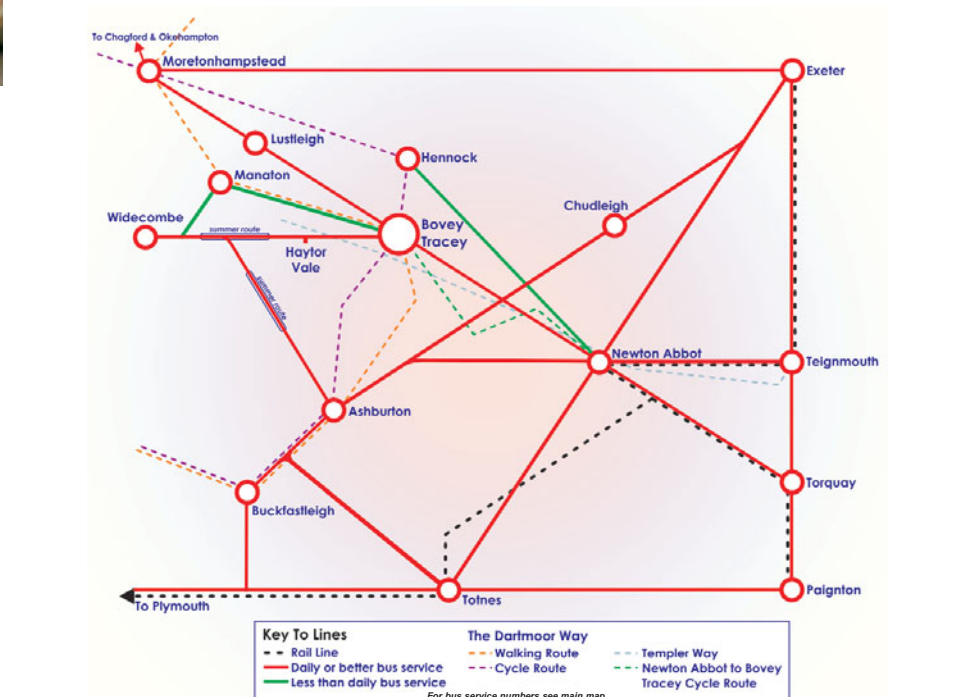
Dartmoor for All can be contacted by writing to The High Moorland Visitor Centre.

If you would like to make any comments on this leaflet or order further copies please contact:

The Dartmoor and Tamar Valley Zone Manager
 Devon County Council
 Room AB3, County Hall
 Exeter, Devon, EX2 4QW
 Telephone (01392) 382092
 Email: discovery@devon.gov.uk

MOOR CARE, LESS WEAR..... Make a difference

Get Active



Remember

Guided walks organised by the Dartmoor National Park Authority are free to those who arrive at the start point using public transport. Simply show your valid ticket to the guide. For details of guided walks, talks and events pick up a copy of the 'Dartmoor Visitor' free newspaper.

Information on walks using public transport can be found in the 'Discovery Guide to Dartmoor by Bus and Train', which also includes timetables for all the buses operating on Dartmoor.

Dartmoor Sunday Rover

Bovey Tracey is also part of the Dartmoor Sunday Rover network. Operating every Sunday and Public Holiday (except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day), the network of buses and trains offers great value for money and allows unlimited use of the entire network from Bovey Tracey to Barnstaple and Totnes to Tintagel. Ticket holders can enjoy discounts on admission prices to various attractions including Lydford Gorge, Castle Drogo and Morwellham Quay.

For a copy of the 'Discovery Guide to Dartmoor by Bus and Train', the 'Dartmoor Sunday Rover' leaflet or other DevonBus publications contact DevonBus on 01392 382800 (9am to 5pm Mon-Fri) or email devonbus@devon.gov.uk or why not visit www.devon.gov.uk/devonbus

A large print version of any timetable is available on request.

Recycling Facilities

Haylor Rocks

A 1:40,000 scale waterproof map, Dartmoor for off-road cyclists, is available from the Dartmoor National Park Authority for this area.

Remember the rules of safe cycling:

- ~ Make sure that your bicycle is in good mechanical order, especially the brakes and tyres.
- ~ Be extra vigilant of other road users on country lanes; Make sure that you can be seen easily, both in daytime and at night.
- ~ Wear a helmet and take appropriate clothing to suit the conditions.
- ~ Carry a puncture repair kit, spare inner tube and basic first aid kit.
- ~ Carry a non-alcoholic drink.
- ~ If going off-road, don't forget a map and compass

Please discard all of your rubbish wisely, there are recycling facilities in the Station Road car park in Bovey Tracey and in the Court Street car park in Moretonhampstead.

Please take your litter home and recycle where possible.

MOOR CARE, LESS WEAR



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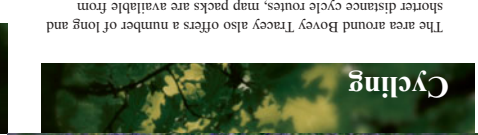
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Bovey Tracey Tourism Information Centre (TIC) can be found in the lower car park on Station Road. (01626) 832047 or visit www.boveytracy.org for more information about the town.



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Contacts

Dartmoor National Park Authority
 High Moorland Visitor Centre (Princetown)
 01822 890414 (open 7 days week)
 Main office at Parke, near Bovey Tracey (office hours)
 01626 832093 / www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk

Bovey Tracey Tourist Information Centre (TIC)
 01626 832047

Dartmoor Tourist Association (for accommodation)
 (01822) 890567 / www.discoverdartmoor.com

South Devon Tourism Association
 01647 432400

National Trust
 For details of National Trust properties contact
 01392 881691 / www.nationaltrust.org.uk

English Heritage
 For details of English Heritage properties contact
 0171 973 3434 or Launceston Castle on 01566 772365 / www.english-heritage.org.uk

Youth Hostels

Believer 01822 880227 (£1 discount for arrival by bus)
 Okehampton 01837 53916
 Steps Bridge 01647 252435 (£1 discount for arrival by bus)

Camping Bars

Aish, Poundsgate 01364 631229 (OS GR 2706.0722)
 Dartmoor Expedition Centre, Rowdon Farm, Widcombe-in-the-Moor 01364 621249 (OS GR 2699.0764)
 Forest Inn, Hexworthy 01364 631211 (OS GR 2655.0727)
 Holne Barn, Holne 01364 631544 (OS GR 2707.0694)
 Powder Mills Bunkhouse, Postbridge 01822 880277 (OS GR 2627.0769)
 Plume of Feathers, Princetown 01822 890240 (OS GR 2591.0735)
 Runnag Farm, Postbridge 01822 880222 (OS GR 2667.0792)
 Sparrowhawk Backpackers, Belgrave House, 45 Ford Street, Moretonhampstead 01647 440318 (OS GR 2752.0861)
 The Old House, Great Houndtor, Manaton 01647 221202 (OS GR 2749.0795)

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Useful Publications

The following publications are available from Bovey Tracey TIC and other centres (please note, there may be a charge for some items).

Caring for Dartmoor in a few easy steps

WALKING

Walking Trails in Devon – Making Tracks
 Moor Care Walks
 Camping and backpacking with moor care and less wear
 Walking with moor care and less wear
 Letterboxing with moor care and less wear
 Two Moors Way route leaflet
 Templer Way walk leaflet

CYCLING

Cycling With Moor Care & Less Wear
 Dartmoor for Off-Road Cyclists
 Dartmoor Way Map Packs

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Devon Bus Map
 Discovery Guide to Dartmoor by Bus & Train
 Transmoor Link Self Guided Bus Walks
 Dartmoor Sunday Rover Leaflet

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

A booklet called "Easy Going Dartmoor" is available from the Dartmoor National Park Authority

DARTMOOR VISITOR

The Dartmoor Visitor is a free information newspaper with lots of information about the National Park. Copies are available from Dartmoor National Park Authority information centres, or telephone 01822 890414. It is also available from the Bovey Tracey TIC.

Moor Care activity guides are also available for a range of activities.

If you are planning an event, a free leaflet called "Organising events with moor care and less wear" is available from the Dartmoor National Park Authority.

A Coach Drivers Handbook is also available from the Dartmoor National Park Authority on 01822 890414.

"A guide to the Archaeology of the open moor" may help you to interpret some of the features you see around you.

Information:

Maps

The following maps, showing Bovey Tracey, are available from the Ordnance Survey, Bovey Tracey TIC and bookshops

OS Landranger 191 (Okehampton and North Dartmoor) 1:50,000
 OS Landranger 192 (Exeter, Sidmouth and surrounding area) 1:50,000
 OS Landranger 202 (Torbay and South Dartmoor) 1:50,000
 Harvey (Dartmoor) 1:40,000
 OS Outdoor Leisure 28 (Dartmoor) 1:25,000
 OS Outdoor Leisure 20 (South Devon) 1:25,000
 Dartmoor National Park Authority (Dartmoor for off-road cyclists) 1:40,000

Please remember that live firing takes place on parts of Dartmoor at certain times. For further information contact the Dartmoor Live Firing Line on 0800 458 4868 or ask at a local information centre (Please note that red flags signify firing). None of the trails, routes or guided walks shown in this leaflet are in any way affected by the firing.

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