

Proud to support the South West Coast Path



The South West Coast Path (SWCP) is 630 miles long and is the longest established National Trail in the country. Starting at Minehead in Somerset it runs along the coastline of Exmoor, continuing along the coast of North Devon into Cornwall. It follows the entire coastline of Cornwall, goes across the mouth of the River Tamar and continues into Devon. After running along the south coast of Devon it then follows the Dorset coastline before finally ending at Poole Harbour.

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Exmouth Museum and Heritage Centre is proud to be a **WAY MAKER** on the **South West Coast Path**. We are a **South West Coast Path Passport Stamping Venue** and are well placed at the start of the Jurassic Coast, in the heart of East Devon and close

to South Devon. There are **other Way Makers within Exmouth, including the TIC, Exmouth NCI, The Dolphin Hotel, The Pavilion and Ocean**. We are close to the Estuary, the Sea Front, the beaches, the South West Coast Path, the Jurassic Coast, the shopping centre, the Strand (Town centre area), The indoor Market, The Library, the local and East Devon Bus Stops and Exmouth Railway Station with great links along the estuary and around the South West Coast Path.

Exmouth Museum & Heritage Centre is close to local cafes, restaurants and pubs. We are located right next to the Salvation Army in Sheppard's Row, The Exmouth Arms and Glenorchy Church and Exmouth Chapel on Exeter Road. The museum has three galleries, all relating to Exmouth and the galleries are The Stables, The Cottage and the Hayloft, all housed in an original Stable and Stableman's Cottage that once provided horses for Exmouth Urban District Council.

You will find displays and exhibits on the history of the Museum, the Docks, the Industries of Exmouth, Victorian Exmouth, 1930's/40's Exmouth, World War II, The Estuary, the development of Exmouth (the 5th largest town in Devon and the oldest seaside resort), the Famous and Infamous women of Exmouth, Lace Making, The Royal Marine's, The flooding of Exmouth in the 1960's, The Railway and much much more. There are guest displays this year for the Salvation Army and Citizens Advice. Marking the year of the Anniversaries of VE Day, VJ Day and Battle of Britain Day, we have a display featuring models of the Battle of Britain planes and the actions of the RAF from RAF Exeter during World War II (in partnership with The Salvation Army, the Royal British Legion, the Royal Airforce Association and the Battle of Britain Model Project 2025-2040) and will also present a series of talks based on the displays.

Exmouth is an interesting vibrant town with many attractions and a town of maybe two or more centres. There is the sea front with its miles of golden beaches and marvellous views across the Exe to the Halden Hills and towards Dartmoor; fantastic views around Lyme Bay along the South Devon and Torbay Coast towards Berry Head. There is the Exe Estuary, a beautiful area with a nature and maritime reserve and fantastic walks along the river towards Lympstone and beyond towards Exeter. The Duck Pond (the area of shallow water closest to the railway station) often hosts Power Boat Racing and you will usually see Kite Surfers enjoying the waves and wind in the relatively safe waters of the Duck Pond. A grassy headland sticks out into the estuary and here on the Imperial Ground, a grassy area between the sea and the Rugby Ground (home of Exmouth's Cockles Rugby Team) is an area, with a small play park, where public events take place and visiting Circus's are based. Around the Imperial Ground there is access to the river, there is a small inlet known as The Gut' and then some lovely beach areas, enjoyed especially by the locals, called Shelley Beach and Pirate Cove. The modern buildings of the Marina, Exmouth Quay are skirted by older houses, the homes of sail makers and rope makers and the marina is still a busy harbour for local fishing vessels, ferries and pleasure boats. There are shops and cafes and bars around The Point which make is an interesting and exciting area to visit. A ferry across the estuary to Starcross, water taxi's to Dawlish Warren and lots of opportunities for water sports on both the estuary and out in the bay, are available from The Point and in the summer season there is a ferry that will take you

to the River Café, an interesting and renowned restaurant on a barge in the centre of the estuary, only accessible by boat (booking is essential!). There is the town centre, focused on The Strand, where there is an Indoor Market, a Cinema, open spaces and lots of shops, restaurants, bars and cafes, often street musicians and the area is often used for public events and festivities.

Adjacent to the Strand is the Magnolia Shopping Centre (Sir John Colleton brought Magnolia's from South Carolina to England around 1777 and these were developed by him at his house (Rill Court) and became Magnolia Grandiflora Exmouthiensis which is now incorporated into the town's coat of arms. Magnolia Walk and the Magnolia Centre are derived from this). There is a wide selection of shops, both local and national. The town also has some lovely parks: Phear Park, Manor Gardens, King George's Field etc and is home to Football and Rugby Teams. The town boasts two Theatres, the Pavilion and The Blackmore and lots of the local pubs and venues host live music, quizzes and sport coverage. There are lots of restaurants catering for all tastes and some of the large hotels have bars that are open to the public. The town has a small hospital and several indoor swimming pools and sports centres. Along the seafront there is a lovely long walk past The Pavilion Theatre, Queen's Drive Open Space to Ocean (a multivenue activity centre with Ten Pin Bowling, Bars, a Soft Play area and restaurants), Sideshore (where you will find Heydays, a Bakery Deli, Water sports Shops, Gift and Artisan Shops and Hangtime Bar/Cafe), to your left is the Maer (a nature reserve) and you will pass the Lifeboat Station and reach Orcombe Beach, walking up the zig zag path to the top of Orcombe Point you will reach the Geoneedle marking the start of the Jurassic Coast. There are breath taking views from the Higher Land of Orcombe down towards Sandy Bay and towards Portland Bill, back towards Berry Head, across Lyme Bay and inland, up the Estuary of the Exe (or Isca as the Roman's called it) to Exeter. The view really shows the power of the sea and the river, the constant movement of the sands (Pole Sands and Dawlish Warren) and the richness of the red soiled land. You can see how large the town of Exmouth is and smile as you see the green fields and red sandstone cliffs meeting the sea and the Exe.

Exmouth is well served by the GWR from Exmouth Station. The line from Exmouth to Exeter Saint David's is called the Avocet Line, the Avocet is the symbol of the RNIB and travelling up the side of the estuary you will see lots of Avocets, Curlew, Oyster Catchers, Egrets and other water fowl, you will pass Powderham Castle (the home of the Earl of Devon) and pass Nutwell Court, Lympstone Village, Lympstone Manor and pass the Royal Marine Commando Training School and Base at Lympstone Commando, passing on via Exton and then historic Topsham and on towards Exeter; alight at Newcourt for Sandy Park (the home of Exeter Chiefs), Exeter Saint James' Park (for Exeter City – the Grecians) and Exeter Central for the City of Exeter. The train descends towards Exeter Saint David's where you can change to the Tarka Line towards Barnstaple via Newton St. Cyres, Crediton, Yeoford, Marchard Road, Lapford, Eggesford, Kings Nympton, Portsmouth Arms, Umberleigh and Chapeltown or take a train to Okehampton on the Dartmoor Line. From Saint David's you can also join the main Great Western Line towards Taunton, Bridgwater, Bristol, the North or towards London or stay on the train to travel along the Riviera Line down the opposite

side of the Exe via Starcross, Dawlish Warren, Dawlish, Teignmouth then up the river Teign towards Newton Abbot and then down via Torre and Torquay to Paignton, from where you can join the Dart Valley Railway (Steam sometimes), via Goodrington Sands, Breadsands, Churston, Greenway Halt (Greenway, the former home of Agatha Christie), Kingswear and then via the Dartmouth Passenger Ferry to Dartmouth. From Exeter Central you can also change to the London Waterloo services serving Pinhoe, Cranbrook, Whimble, Feniston, Honiton, Axminster, Crewkerne, Yeovil Junction to Salisbury

Exmouth is an ideal base for travelling on foot, along the South West Coast Path or any of the well sign posted walks around East Devon; travel by bicycle or tricycle (there are hire shops in Exmouth) along the cycle tracks to Exeter or towards Sidmouth via Budleigh Salterton (via the cycle track). Train connections are fantastic, half hourly from Exmouth (roughly 10 to and 20 past the hour) and local buses run frequently around East Devon towards Otterton (on the River Otter, for Otters, Beavers and lots of bird life), East Budleigh (birthplace of Sir Walter Raleigh), Bickton (for Bickton Park Gardens), Budleigh Salterton, Newton Poppleford and Sidmouth. There are lots of different types of accommodation in and around Exmouth from 5* Hotels (Lympstone Manor), Caravan/Camping Parks (Pratthayes, Exmouth Rugby Club, Pooh Cottage [Budleigh Salterton] and Woodbury Common), Holiday Parks (Haven Devon Cliffs) Sandy Bay, Hotels (Dolphin, The Imperial, Premier Inn), Bed & Breakfasts (The Swallows), Air B&B's and lots more. There are fantastic Golf Courses at Woodbury Park and East Devon (Budleigh Salterton) and there are visitor attractions locally. e.g. Crealy Park, World of Country Life, Darts Farm, Greendale Farm, Stuart Line Cruises, The Donkey Sanctuary Sidmouth, Seaton Tramway, Beer Quarry Caves, Exeter Tunnels, A La Ronde (Exmouth), Seaton Jurassic Discovery, Exeter Cathedral, RAMM (Exeter Museum), Exmouth Water Sports & Redrock Leisure, Seaton Wetlands, Powderham Castle, Edge Watersports (Exmouth), Exmouth Escape Rooms, Dartmoor, Castle Drogo, Escot Park Wildwood Bear Park (Feniston), Bickton Gardens, Babbacombe Model Village, Cockington Village/Manor/Forge, Splashdown Quay West Goodrington, Oddicombe/Babbacombe Cliff Railway, Babbacombe Bygones Museum, Paignton Zoo, Kents Cavern Torquay.

During the main holiday season an open top Bus runs every 30 minutes from the swimming pool/leisure centre, via the Strand and along the sea front and to Devon Cliffs at Sandy Bay. The Open Top Bus returns along the sea front right down to the Point and back via Victoria Road to the swimming pool. There are also Museums close to us: A La Ronde (NT), Topsham, down on the Quay (The Strand), Budleigh Salterton-Fairlynch Museum (Fore Street), Sidmouth Museum (Sid Vale) Church Street, Sidmouth Toy & Model Museum Old Chapel Street, Seaton Museum (Axe Vale) Town Hall, Seaton Museum Fore Street, Axminster Museum and Heritage Centre Silver Street, Honiton Museum All Hallows Museum of Lace and Local Antiquities High Street, Teignmouth & Shaldon Museum French Street, Dawlish Museum Barton Terrace, Torquay Museum Babbacombe Road, Whimble Heritage Centre Church Lane – all of these museums details are on the Devon Museums Group site: www.devonmuseums.net