



Front cover pic: High on Exmoor



Bennett's Cross

The Route

The **Two Moors Way** is a long-distance walking route between Ivybridge on the southern edge of Dartmoor and Lynmouth on the North Coast of Exmoor. It has a total length of 102 miles (163 km), making it an ideal week's walk.

The Way links the only two National Parks in southern England, and crosses both of them north-south. Not surprisingly, it passes through landscape of exceptionally high quality. Not only does this include the high moorland of some of the Dartmoor and Exmoor sections, but also the deep and wooded valleys of the moorland edges and between the moors, unspoilt rural scenery with a remote and tranquil feel difficult to find elsewhere in modern times.

Further Walking Links

The **Two Moors Way** is the major north-south walking route across Devon. At Ivybridge, the southern end of the route, it links with the **Erme-Plym Trail** to Wembury on the south coast. This creates a superb coast to coast route crossing the whole of Devon. An information pack on the Erme-Plym Trail is available.

In addition, Devon has a whole network of walking routes, some of which link to the Two Moors Way.

The map shows some of the other links, but a free leaflet, 'Making Tracks - Walking Trails in Devon' is also available and shows how they all connect. This leaflet may be obtained from the Devon Tourist Information Service, PO Box 55, Barnstaple EX32 8YR, telephone 0870 60 85 531.



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Public Transport

The ideal way to walk the Two Moors Way is to leave the car at home and use public transport to access the route. Bus services may be used to reach both ends of the route, Ivybridge and Lynmouth. Ivybridge may also be reached by train from Plymouth.

Lynmouth may be reached by bus from Taunton; alternatively by bus from Barnstaple, itself on a branch railway line from Exeter.

In addition, Morchard Road, at the centre of the route, is on the Exeter-Barnstaple branch rail line.

Various other locations along the route may also be reached by less frequent bus services.

Bus information for most of the route can also be obtained from Traveline, telephone 0870 608 2 608.

Train information is available on the National Rail Enquiry line, telephone (08457) 484950.



River Erme, Ivybridge



More Information

An official guide has been published by the Two Moors Way Association. This details the entire route at an approximate scale of 1:18,000 with accompanying instructions where clarification is required. This book is available in local shops and Tourist Information Centres, price £4.95. Alternatively it may be purchased from the Two Moors Way Association, "Coppins", the Poplars, Pinhoe, Exeter, EX4 9HH, or from Devon Tourist Information Service, PO Box 55, Barnstaple EX32 8YR, telephone 0870 60 85 531, price £4.95 including p&p.

The Two Moors Way Association also maintains an updated list of accommodation on or near the route. **Details of a packhorse service for luggage carrying are also available.** A copy of the most recent list may be obtained from the above address, price 50p plus a stamped addressed A5 envelope.

A guide book for the Two Moors Way, by John Macadam, has been published by Aurum Press in association with the Ordnance Survey, price £12.99. The publication is available from most good book shops (ISBN 1 85410 458 6).

The following Information Centres carry information about the route:

Exmoor National Park Visitor Centre, Lynmouth, Devon EX35 6EQ. Telephone (01598) 752509 (seasonal).

Lynton Tourist Information Centre, Town Hall, Lynton, Devon EX35 6BT. Telephone (01598) 752225.

High Moorland Visitor Centre, Old Duchy Hotel, Princetown, Yelverton, Devon PL20 6QF. Telephone (01822) 890414.

South Dartmoor Tourist Information Centre, Leonards Road, Ivybridge PL21 0SL. Telephone (01752) 897035.

An information pack on the Erme-Plym Trail is available from South Dartmoor TIC or from the Devon Tourist Information Service (address overleaf), price £1.40.

Maps

Relevant OS maps

For an overview of the route, the Ordnance Survey's 1": 1 mile scale Touring Maps covering Dartmoor (Touring Map 1) and Exmoor (Touring Map 5) between them cover the whole of the Way.

The route is covered at a scale of 1:25,000 by the following maps:

Outdoor Leisure no. 20 South Devon

Outdoor Leisure no. 28 Dartmoor

Explorer no. 113 Okehampton

Explorer no. 114 Exeter and the Exe Valley

Explorer no. 127 South Molton and Chulmleigh (1 km only)

Outdoor Leisure no. 9 Exmoor.

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