

# DARTMOOR explorer

a scenic ride  
across Dartmoor  
that will take your  
breath away

SUMMER 2021  
from 3 July

hop off wherever  
takes your fancy  
or enjoy the  
whole ride



## Plymouth Tavistock Dartmoor Moretonhampstead Exeter

daily

Plymouth Royal Parade Theatre Royal stop A8	1000		
Plymouth opp Barcode Centre	1003		
Plymouth opp rail station	1009		
Milehouse St Bartholomew's Church stop LC3	1012		
Crownhill Fort opp Future Inn	1019		
George Junction park & ride Travelodge	1022		
Roborough Lodge	1025		
Yelverton roundabout	1032		
Horrabridge Manor Garage	1035		
Tavistock bus station arrive	1045		
depart	0950	1050	1300
Tavistock opp Bedford Hotel	0952	1052	1302
Merrivale The Dartmoor Inn	1001	1101	1311
Princetown opp Dartmoor Visitor Centre	1012	1112	1322
Two Bridges opp Two Bridges Hotel	1016	1116	1326
Powder Mills pottery	1019	1119	1329
Postbridge National Park Visitor Centre arrive	1024	1124	1334
stay on bus - no need to change			
Postbridge National Park Visitor Centre depart	1025	1125	1335
Postbridge Warren House Inn	1029	1129	1339
The Miniature Pony Centre opp	1039	1139	1349
Moretonhampstead Court St bus stop arrive	1045	1145	1355
depart	1050	1150	1400
Doccombe phone box	1102	1102	1412
Dunsford Meadhay	1112	1112	1422
Longdown The Lamb	1124	1124	1434
Exeter St Thomas rail station	1134	1134	1444
Exeter St Davids rail station stop B	1139	1139	1449
Exeter Central rail station	1142	1142	1452
Exeter South Street for cathedral	1145	1145	1455

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Exeter St Davids rail station stop B	1000	1350	
Exeter Central rail station	1003	1353	
Exeter South Street for cathedral	1006	1356	
Exeter St Thomas rail station	1010	1400	
Longdown opp The Lamb	1020	1410	
Dunsford Meadhay	1032	1422	
Doccombe Great Doccombe Farm	1039	1429	
Moretonhampstead Court St bus stop arrive	1050	1440	
depart	1057	1247	1447
The Miniature Pony Centre	1104	1254	1454
Postbridge opp Warren House Inn	1114	1304	1504
Postbridge opp National Park Visitor Centre arrive	1119	1309	1509
stay on bus - no need to change			
Postbridge opp National Park Visitor Centre depart	1120	1310	1510
Powder Mills opp pottery	1123	1313	1513
Two Bridges Two Bridges Hotel	1127	1317	1517
Princetown Dartmoor Visitor Centre	1135	1325	1525
Merrivale The Dartmoor Inn	1143	1333	1533
Tavistock Bedford Hotel	1153	1343	1543
Tavistock bus station arrive	1155	1345	1545
depart	1348		
Horrabridge Manor Garage	1358		
Yelverton roundabout	1403		
Roborough Lodge opp	1409		
George Junction park & ride opp Travelodge	1413		
Crownhill Fort Future Inn	1416		
Milehouse stop LC4	1422		
Plymouth rail station	1426		
Plymouth Barcode Centre	1432		
Plymouth Royal Parade Theatre Royal stop A8	1437		

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## EXETER

The story of the city goes back to pre-Roman times and, despite being bombed heavily during the Second World War, much of that history is still there to be experienced.

There are fascinating attractions, like its unique underground passages, free Red Coat guided tours to go on, the remains of an imposing Roman wall and a historic Quayside. You can learn more about the history of Exeter in the award-winning Royal Albert Memorial Museum and get a grandstand view of the city from our open-top Exeter Tour bus ride - just hop on and off wherever takes your fancy.

Perhaps Exeter's crowning glory is its magnificent cathedral with a breathtaking vaulted nave that is poetry in stone. The Cathedral Green surrounding it is a peaceful oasis in this busy city.

Exeter has excellent shopping with many favourite High Street names, but head to the West Quarter or the cobbled Gandy Street to discover some great independent cafés.



## PLYMOUTH

Known as Britain's Ocean City, Plymouth has a seafaring heritage going back centuries. Wander along to Plymouth Hoe to see the iconic Smeaton's Tower lighthouse and where Sir Francis Drake played bowls before setting off to quash the Spanish Armada.

Head down to the Barbican, where a bustling array of specialist shops, restaurants, cafés and great attractions are set against the backdrop of Plymouth's picturesque harbour. Or go to Sutton Harbour to visit the famous Plymouth Gin Distillery or the National Marine Aquarium.

The modern city centre is spacious and pedestrian friendly, and lined with shops of all descriptions.





Dartmoor is a magical landscape where sweeping panoramas rise up to the sky and breathtaking views stretch all around. The colours change as the light and the seasons change, and when the gorse and heather burst into bloom it is streaked with gaudy mauves and yellows.

And those dramatic skies - where clear cerulean blue can be dotted with towering white clouds, or a sudden change can bring scudding greys drifting over the jagged tors.

Our Dartmoor Explorer is the best way to enjoy the majesty and grandeur of this amazing place, with grandstand views all around from the top deck.

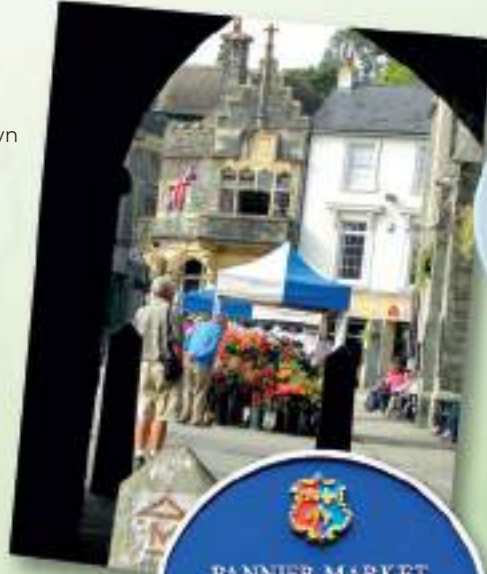
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## TAVISTOCK

Get to know this friendly market town where a range of lovely independent shops and cafés await you. It's said the cream tea was invented in Tavistock.

Take a look at the town's famous pannier market, where you'll find everything from unusual gifts and crafts to hats, hammers and nails. It's truly an Aladdin's Cave!

Then there are riverside and heritage walks to enjoy, impressive buildings like the fine town hall and St Eustachius' Church, and not forgetting the town museum run by enthusiastic volunteers.



**PANNIER MARKET**  
Along with the Town Hall, this market building was the central feature of the redevelopment of the town which started in the 1860s at the behest of the young Duke of Bedford.

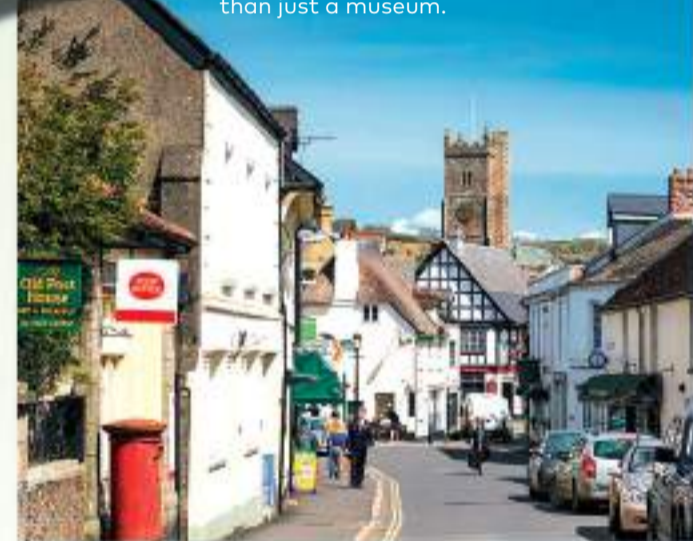


## MORETONHAMPSTEAD

The gateway to the High Moor - you can see the moor from the town - Moretonhampstead has a history stretching back to Saxon times, and in the 18th century became a major coaching stop for travellers between Exeter and Plymouth.

Take the town trail to discover fine buildings such as the Alms Houses and the Parish Church of St Andrew. And pop into the several studios and galleries to see works by local artists and craftsmen.

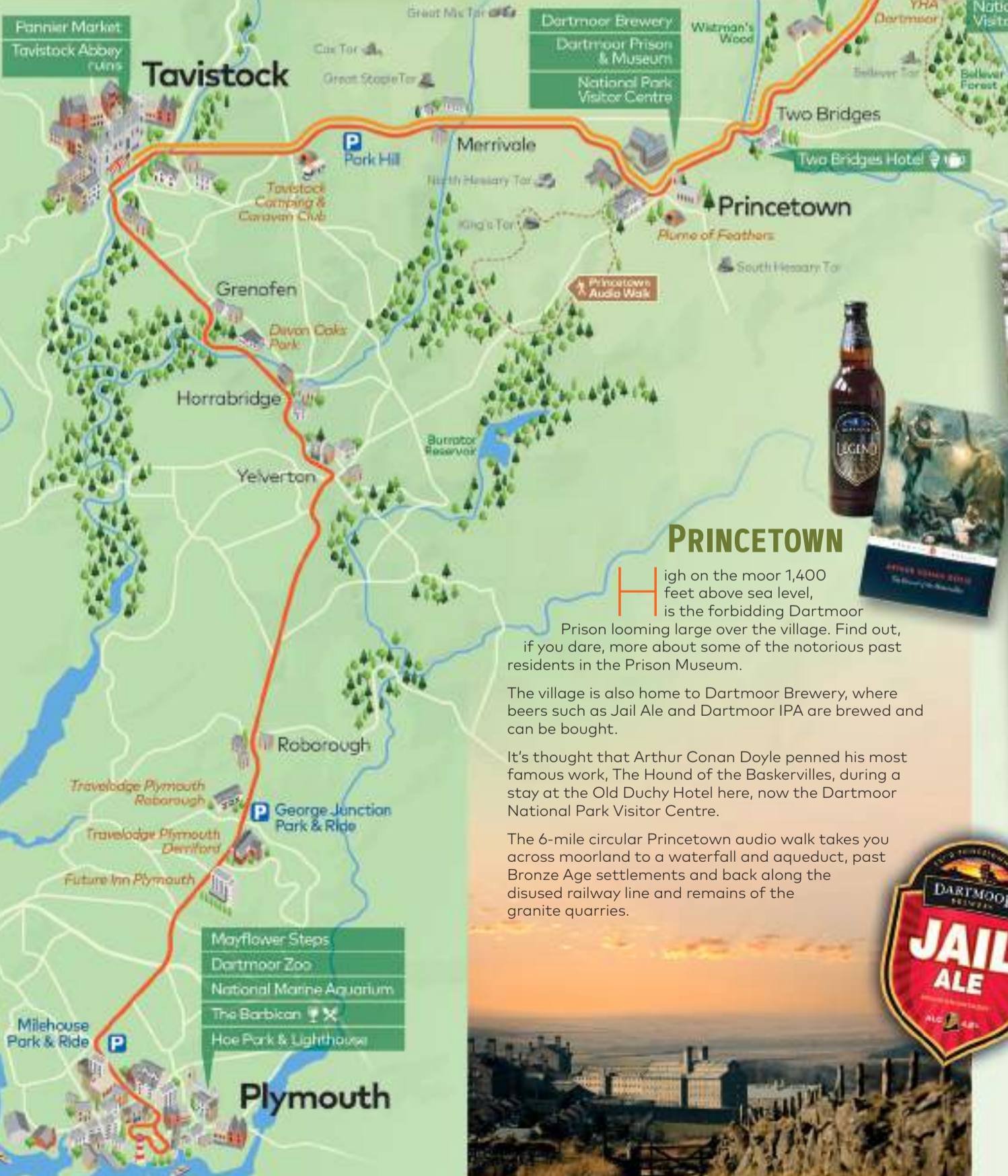
You'll find the arts and heritage centre in the former primary school and what used to be the bus depot in the town is now a motor vehicle museum with over 150 vintage and classic vehicles. The viewable restoration workshop makes it more than just a museum.



## best foot forward

Dartmoor is wonderful if you fancy striding out and getting some of that sparkling fresh air in your lungs.

Walk up to the tors and be rewarded with views far and wide that will simply take your breath away... marvellous!



## PRINCETOWN

High on the moor 1,400 feet above sea level, is the forbidding Dartmoor Prison looming large over the village. Find out, if you dare, more about some of the notorious past residents in the Prison Museum.

The village is also home to Dartmoor Brewery, where beers such as Jail Ale and Dartmoor IPA are brewed and can be bought.

It's thought that Arthur Conan Doyle penned his most famous work, The Hound of the Baskervilles, during a stay at the Old Duchy Hotel here, now the Dartmoor National Park Visitor Centre.

The 6-mile circular Princetown audio walk takes you across moorland to a waterfall and aqueduct, past Bronze Age settlements and back along the disused railway line and remains of the granite quarries.



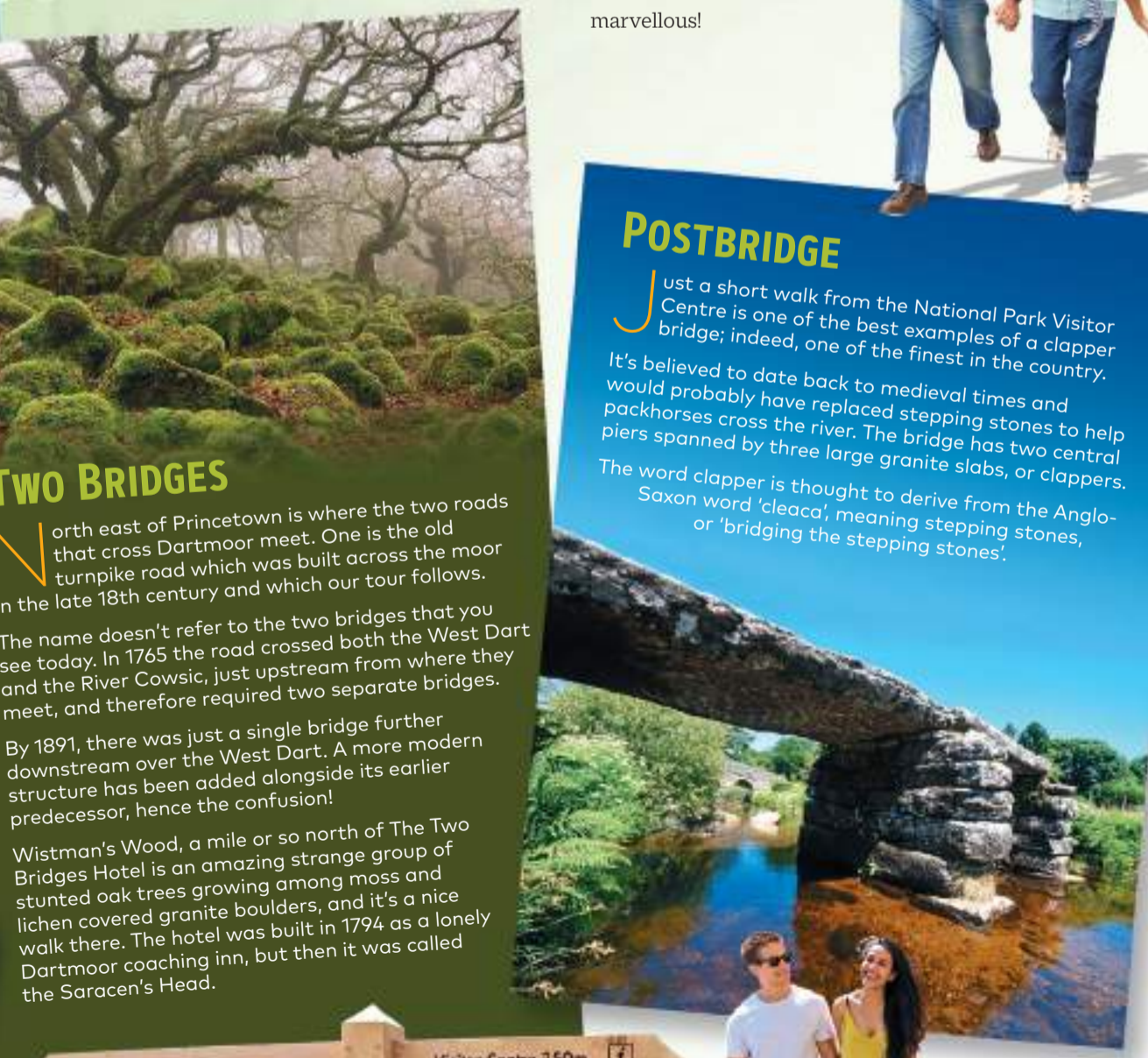
## TWO BRIDGES

North east of Princetown is where the two roads that cross Dartmoor meet. One is the old turnpike road which was built across the moor in the late 18th century and which our tour follows.

The name doesn't refer to the two bridges that you see today. In 1765 the road crossed both the West Dart and the River Cowsic, just upstream from where they meet, and therefore required two separate bridges.

By 1891, there was just a single bridge further downstream over the West Dart. A more modern structure has been added alongside its earlier predecessor, hence the confusion!

Wistman's Wood, a mile or so north of the Two Bridges Hotel is an amazing strange group of stunted oak trees growing among moss and lichen covered granite boulders, and it's a nice walk there. The hotel was built in 1794 as a lonely Dartmoor coaching inn, but then it was called the Saracen's Head.



## POSTBRIDGE

Just a short walk from the National Park Visitor Centre is one of the best examples of a clapper bridge; indeed, one of the finest in the country.

It's believed to date back to medieval times and would probably have replaced stepping stones to help packhorses cross the river. The bridge has two central piers spanned by three large granite slabs, or clappers.

The word clapper is thought to derive from the Anglo-Saxon word 'cleaca', meaning stepping stones, or 'bridging the stepping stones'.

## tales of the unexpected

When thick mists suddenly roll across the moor, when mires appear dark and bottomless and brooding granite tors look menacing on the horizon, it's no wonder the sweeping lonely landscapes of Dartmoor stir the imagination. Then legends have substance and the blood can run cold.

Stories of pixies, ghosts, witchcraft and weird happenings have been passed down over the centuries. Some are explained away quite easily while others still remain a mystery to this day.

