

Visiting Dartmoor



Dartmoor National Park covers an area of 954 square kilometres (368 square miles) and contains the largest area of open countryside in the South of England. Due to Dartmoor's outstanding natural beauty, it is one of the National Parks of England, Wales and Scotland. It's home to beautiful scenery, stunning landscapes, a variety of wildlife and picturesque villages.

How do I get there?

Due its size and rural location, there are limited ways of seeing Dartmoor, but in summer months, Country Bus run a hop on/hop off-bus bus service starting and finishing at Newton Abbot Railway Station (easy to get to by train or bus from Torbay and Exeter). Known as the 'Haytor Hoppa', the 271 bus stops at key points of interest, including Haytor rocks, Widecombe Village and Becky Falls nature park.



Cost: £5 (Stagecoach bus passes not accepted)

Timetable: The bus only runs on Saturdays, from 26th May – 15th September 2018

Country Bus 271 Haytor Hoppa

Newton Abbot Railway Station	08:55	10:55	13:40	16:10
Newton Abbot Sherborne Road	09:00	11:00	13:45	16:15
Drumbridges Roundabout	09:10	11:10	13:55	16:25
Bovey Tracey Union Square	09:20	11:20	14:05	16:35
Haytor Moorlands House	09:30	11:30	14:15	16:45
Widecombe Car Park	09:41	11:41	14:26	16:56
Widecombe Car Park	09:46	11:46	14:31	17:01
Swallerton Gate	09:53	11:53	14:38	17:08
Manaton Bus Shelter	10:03	12:03	14:48	17:18
Becky Falls	10:06	12:06	14:51	17:21
Edgemoor Hotel	10:14	12:14	14:59	17:29
Bovey Tracey Union Square	10:18	12:18	15:03	17:33
Drumbridges Roundabout	10:27	12:27	15:12	17:42
Newton Abbot Sherborne Road	10:35	12:35	15:20	17:50
Newton Abbot Railway Station	10:40	12:40	15:25	17:55

Where to stop?

The scenic bus journey takes around 1 hour 45 minutes and it's possible to make 1, 2 or 3 stops depending on how much you would like to explore! Here are some recommendations on where to stop:

Haytor



Haytor is arguably Dartmoor's most famous landmark and offers amazing views of the surrounding area and coastline. It's also a great place to see the famous Dartmoor ponies and take a countryside walk. Haytor is quite exposed but there is a visitor centre and café if you need to take shelter while waiting for the next bus!

Widcombe Village

Widcombe-in-the-Moor is a small, pretty and traditional village, making it another popular destination for visitors on Dartmoor. Visitors can explore the historic church, do some gift shopping in the local shops and stop for lunch at one of the pubs/café's (perfect to try a pasty or cream tea if you haven't already!)



Becky Falls

Becky Falls is another great place to visit for anyone looking to experience the natural beauty of Devon. There are a number of signed walking routes through the forest with views of the waterfalls but please note there is a charge to enter the park (also includes animal collection, displays and encounters). The current price for students is £7.25.

www.beckyfalls.com

Please keep in mind that Dartmoor National Park is exposed and weather can be very different to the rest of Devon, so it's best to pack lots of layers of clothing. It's also good to have the bus timetable with you and allow plenty of time before it departs – a taxi ride back would be costly! For lots more information on Dartmoor, please visit www.visitdartmoor.co.uk