

Car Free Ideas for Minehead



A great car-free day out around Minehead, taking in the town and the surrounding countryside on foot with options to take the bus to local villages and attractions nearby.

Highlights

- Sandy beach
- Old harbour and the Life Boat Station
- Scenic walks from Minehead
- Steam train rides on the West Somerset Railway
- Bus ride to Allerford and walk back
- Bus ride to Dunster, Wheddon Cross or Dulverton and bus back

Explore Minehead

Minehead is at the eastern end of Exmoor with a large sandy beach, an attractive harbour with Life Boat Station and the start of the longest National Trail, the South West Coast Path. A large sculpture of a pair of hands holding a map marks this important start point.

It is also home to Butlins and a golf course following the back of the beach towards Dunster. It is also the terminus for the West Somerset Railway that runs steam trains to Bishops Lydeard most days.

North Hill overlooks the town and provides challenging walks along the coast on to Selworthy Beacon where panoramic views across the Channel and into Exmoor are your reward.

The town itself has a bustling centre with a wide range of shops, pubs and cafes. It is well-known for its floral displays making the town and seaside promenade most attractive. Blenheim Gardens on Blenheim Road between the shops and seafront give an opportunity to relax and enjoy the flowers and peace.

Explore further afield by public transport from Minehead

Using the 300 Exmoor Coastal Link from Minehead station (7 days a week April to October):

- Take the 300, an open-top double-decker bus that follows the spectacular Exmoor coast to Lynmouth and back.

Using the 39 bus service from Minehead station (all year, Monday - Saturday) :

- The 39 bus service goes to **Porlock Weir** with its harbour, pub and restaurant and aquarium.
- Take the 398 from the railway station to **Dunster** or on to **Dulverton** for a day out.

- Go to **Allerford** on the 39(or 300) bus service for a 6.8 mile, 4 hour walk back to Minehead. The walk directions are available on www.exploremoor.co.uk, and copies may be available from the visitor centre also.

Using the 399 service (all year, Monday – Saturday):

- Take the bus to **Dunster** (castle, Yarn Market, Working mill, Dovecot an church), **Wheddon Cross** (highest village on Exmoor) or **Dulverton** (riverside walk, shopping, scenic wooded valley) and return by bus.

Using the West Somerset Railway (01643 704996)

- From Minehead railway station, steam and diesel-hauled trains run regularly. Take the train to **Washford** to visit **Cleeve Abbey**, a half mile, 15 minutes walk from the station, to the 13th century monastic site. Then walk on to **Torre Cider** (free) another 15 minutes walk further along Abbey Road. Enjoy the animals and a cream tea before returning to the station. Check return train times before leaving the station.

Visitor Information

Minehead Visitor Information Centre, Warren Road, Minehead, 01643 702624

Public Transport Information

For further information, ideas and inspiration for exploring Exmoor without the car visit www.exploremoor.co.uk. For up-to-the-minute public transport information and to confirm timetables call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33.

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