

# Car Free Ideas for Porlock



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

## Highlights

- Porlock Village and Vale of Porlock
- Porlock Marsh and shingle ridge
- Greencombe Gardens
- St. Dubricius church
- Scenic walks around Porlock
- Open-top bus ride to Lynmouth or Minehead and bus back
- Bus rides to local attractions

## Explore Porlock

Porlock and its neighbouring villages of Bossington, Allerford and West Luccombe nestle in the wide Vale of Porlock, protected on either side by Porlock Hill and Bossington Hill. Porlock Weir is tucked under Porlock Hill giving a sheltered harbour in a picturesque location.

A walk along the village High Street will take you back in time with unique individual shops and inns, an attractive church with its unusual truncated spire and wagon-roof and an interesting museum at dovery Manor. At the beginning of the road to Porlock Weir you will find the excellent Visitor Centre with the most welcoming staff and lots to browse around telling stories of the area. This also marks the end (or beginning) of the long-distance path from (or to) Nether Stowey in the Quantock Hills, called the Coleridge Way. This 36 mile walk normally takes about four days staying in B&B's along the way. It was named after Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772 -1834) who lived for a while in this area and was inspired by the stunning scenery which was reflected in his writings.

Apart from this walk, Porlock is blessed with a wide selection of walks in all directions. A fairly easy walk takes you across the vale to visit the other villages and Porlock Marsh. The marsh is now a salt marsh since the shingle ridge was breached in 1996. For the more adventurous a walk into Exmoor brings beautiful oak woodlands and rivers rushing towards the sea. These follow a myriad of winding footpaths, so it is quite easy to make a walk that fits your stamina.

## Explore further afield by public transport from Porlock

**Using the 300 Exmoor Coastal Link from opposite the church** (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.

- Take the 300 service to the top of Porlock Hill for a 2.6 mile, 1.5 hour easy walk back to Porlock. Walk description available from [www.exploremoor.co.uk](http://www.exploremoor.co.uk). The visitor centre may be able to provide a copy also.

**Using the 39 bus service from Porlock Visitor Centre** (all year, Monday - Saturday) :

- The 39 bus service goes to **Porlock Weir** with its harbour, pub and restaurant and aquarium.
- Visit the delightful thatched National Trust village and church at **Selworthy**.
- **Allerford Museum of Rural Life** (01643 862529). This museum will take you back in time, showing objects collected mainly from the Exmoor area. Based in the old schoolhouse, there is also an exhibit of the old Victorian school classroom.
- **Exmoor Falconry**, Bossington (01643 862816). An all-weather attraction in an old NT farmhouse. You will see owls and birds of prey giving displays, or join in an alpaca walk or horse-riding.
- **Greencombe Gardens**, West Porlock (01643 862363). These gardens are a delight to wander around among the attractive natural planting. The gardens are on the 39 bus route or are an easy half mile walk along the Porlock Weir road.

## Visitor Information

Porlock Visitor Centre, West End, Porlock, 01643 863150

## Public Transport Information

For further information, ideas and inspiration for exploring Exmoor without the car visit [www.exploremoor.co.uk](http://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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