

Car Free Ideas for Wheddon Cross



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

Highlights

- Snowdrop Valley (February and March each year)
- St John's church, Cutcombe
- The clockmakers sundial
- Scenic walks in the surrounding countryside
- Bus rides to local villages and attractions in season

Explore Wheddon Cross

Wheddon Cross is the highest village on Exmoor, affording it some excellent views across the moor and to Dunkery Beacon, the highest point on Exmoor. The village has grown around an important cross roads which effectively join all parts of the moor together.

When you stop-over at Wheddon Cross you can see the old sundial looking down on the main road, placed there when the house was owned by a watchmaker so he could set his clocks to the right time. The Rest and Be Thankful pub offers a wide range of refreshments and was once the staging post for the coaches that followed this road from Tiverton, over Exmoor to Minehead. The pub's name must be most apt, as whichever way they arrived on that route, the horses would have been exhausted.

Next to the pub and free car park is the recreation ground. A children's play area is provided and cricket is played during the summer months. Wheddon Cross, although small, plays a vital role within Exmoor hosting one of the only livestock markets within the National Park.

The neighbouring village of Cutcombe has a delightfully positioned church, recently restored and the first church in the south west to have solar panels fitted. It is also the highest positioned church on the moor.

An enjoyable 3 mile walk starts from the car park and bus stop, passing through Cutcombe and going into the woodland and River Avill valley. North Hawkwell Woods has an easy walk along a permissive right of way beside the river. This woodland is renowned for its spectacular display of snowdrops in the wintertime, when a minibus service provides transport from Wheddon Cross to these woods. The walk then continues through West Wood returning past Cutcombe church back to the car park and bus stop. Walk description available from www.exploremoor.co.uk.

Explore further afield by public transport from Wheddon Cross

Using the 400 Exmoor Explorer bus service from Wheddon Cross (Mid May - September. Saturday, Sunday plus Tuesday & Thursday during August only):

- Enjoy an **open top bus ride** on a vintage vehicle following a circular route calling at Exford, Porlock, Minehead and Dunster.
- Go to **Exford** on the 400 bus for a 7 mile, 3.5 hour walk back to Wheddon Cross. Walk description available from www.exploremoor.co.uk.

Using the 399 bus service from Wheddon Cross (all year, Monday – Saturday) :

- Take a trip south to Dulverton to enjoy boutique shopping, riverside and woodland walks and plenty of opportunities for refreshments,
- Head north to Dunster to explore one of the best medieval villages in the country with castle, yarn market, dovecot, working mill and more.

Visitor Information

Local Information Point at the garage.

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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