

## North Devon and Exmoor Walking Festival, Autumn 2011

30th September to 3rd October 2011

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### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

#### 30A Sandy Moonscapes Wildlife Safari

**Walk No:** 30A **Date/Start Time:** Friday 30 Sept, 10.30 **Distance:** 4 **Price:** £5.00

**Pace:** Gentle **Difficulty:** Easy **Duration:** 4 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** Mary Breeds

**Packed Lunch:** yes

**Bus Route:** 308 and walk 1 mile

**Type:** Circular, Half-day walk, Dogs welcome,

**Route Summary:** International Biosphere Reserve of Braunton Burrows

**Description:** For those who love our wild flowers and birds, here is a chance to enjoy the wonders of our unique International Biosphere Reserve at Braunton Burrows, seeing many rare plants, led at a gentle pace by one of the Burrows experts.

**Start from:** Sandy Lane car park, Braunton Burrows **Grid reference:** 180/SS 463 350

**Directions to start:** Go to A361 between Ilfracombe and Barnstaple. Go to traffic lights at Braunton. Turn towards Croyde on B3231. After 0.7 miles turn left into Moor Lane. After 0.8 miles at T-junction turn left and follow this road for 0.8 miles to car park at Braunton Burrows. The walk starts here.

**Car Park costs:** free

#### 30B The Inns and Outs of Trentishoe

**Walk No:** 30B **Date/Start Time:** Friday 30 Sept, 10.30 **Distance:** 4.9 **Price:** £6.00

**Pace:** Moderate **Difficulty:** Moderate to strenuous **Duration:** 4 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** Ione Willcock, ENPA Ranger

**Packed Lunch:** yes

**Bus Route:** none

**Type:** Circular, Short walk, Dogs welcome, Ranger led walk

**Route Summary:** Hunters Inn - Heddon Cleave - SW Coast Path - Ladies Mile - Hunters Inn

**Description:** This is a wonderfully varied walk. It starts inland climbing quickly to follow Heddon's Cleave with wonderful views across the valley and out to sea. The walk then follows the South West Coast Path before turning back inland down a steep valley to return beside the Blackmoor Water.

**Start from:** Hunters Inn, on road and NT car park **Grid reference:** 180/SS 655 481

**Directions to start:** Go to the A399 between Combe Martin and South Molton. From the Combe Martin direction follow the road through all the bends and when the road finally straightens look for the first turning on the left to Hunter's Inn. Follow this road all the way to Hunter's Inn and park in the car park opposite the toilets. The walk starts here.

**Car Park costs:** donation box

### New Walk

#### 30C Barrows to Real Ale

**Walk No:** 30C **Date/Start Time:** Friday 30 Sept, 10.30 **Distance:** 5 **Price:** £17.00, includes guided walk and lunch at Poltimore Arms

**Pace:** Moderate **Difficulty:** Easy to moderate **Duration:** 4 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** Terry Dover

**Packed Lunch:** lunch en-route

**Bus Route:** none

**Type:** Circular, Short walk, Food Festival walk, Dogs welcome,

**Route Summary:** Poltimore Arms - Five Barrows - Whitefield Down - Poltimore Arms

**Description:** This walk starts at the 13C old coaching inn still reliant on a generator for its power. True candlelit dinners are not necessarily a thing of the past. This fairly easy walk follows old tracks to visit one of the major barrow sites on Exmoor before descending Whitefield Down with good views before returning to the pub for a delightful lunch.

**Start from:** Poltimore Arms car park, Yarde Down, near Brayford **Grid reference:** 181/SS 724 355

**Directions to start:** Go to the A361 between Tiverton and Barnstaple. At the junction with the A399 to Combe Martin and the B3226 to South Molton, Aller Cross, take the A399 towards Combe Martin. In 1.4 miles bear right towards Simonsbath. In 3.9 miles turn hard left towards Brayford and the pub is now on your right.

**Car Park costs:** free

### New Walk

#### 30D Steps to Caratacus Stone

**Walk No:** 30D **Date/Start Time:** Friday 30 Sept, 10.30 **Distance:** 5.4 **Price:** £17.00, includes guided walk and lunch at Tarr Farm

**Pace:** Moderate **Difficulty:** Easy to moderate **Duration:** 4 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** Keith Davis

**Packed Lunch:** lunch en-route

**Bus Route:** none

**Type:** Circular, Short walk, Food Festival walk, Dogs welcome,

**Route Summary:** Tarr Steps - Varle Hill - Caratacus Stone - Knaplock - Tarr Steps

**Description:** This walk starts by visiting the ancient monument of Tarr Steps, the clapper bridge over the River Barle. It then gains height on to Winsford Hill to visit the ancient Caratacus Stone, crossing open moorland and probably seeing Exmoor ponies. The walk passes through an old farmstead before returning for lunch at Tarr Farm.

**Start from:** Car park at Tarr Steps **Grid reference:** 181/SS 872 323

**Directions to start:** Go to the B3223, Simonsbath to Dulverton Road. From the Simonsbath direction follow the B3223 when it turns right towards Dulverton, just before Exford. Follow this road for 5.7 miles to turn right signed to Tarr Steps. Keep on this road for 1.5 miles, bearing left at Liscombe, to reach the car park on the left. Do not go down to Tarr Steps by car.

**Car Park costs:** pay and display

### 30E Tarka's Haunt

**Walk No:** 30E **Date/Start Time:** Friday 30 Sept, 10.30 **Distance:** 7.3 **Price:** £8.00

**Pace:** Moderate **Difficulty:** Easy to moderate **Duration:** 5.5 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** David Arney

**Packed Lunch:** yes

**Bus Route:** Tarka Railway and walk half mile

**Type:** Circular, Long walk, Dogs welcome,

**Route Summary:** Eggesford church - Chenson - Chawleigh - Homeland Bridge - Eggesford church

**Description:** This walk takes in an attractive part of the River Taw valley, the other larger river of North Devon. The walk takes in both sides of this river valley, passing through open country and forestry woodland. Chawleigh village is visited about halfway.

**Start from:** Eggesford church **Grid reference:** 191/SS 687 110

**Directions to start:** Eggesford is on the A377, Barnstaple to Crediton road. Coming from Barnstaple follow this road for about 19 miles and turn right over the level crossing by the station. As the road climbs, turn left towards the garden centre and church. The walk starts by the church.

**Car Park costs:** free

### 30F Quantocks Combes

**Walk No:** 30F **Date/Start Time:** Friday 30 Sept, 10.30 **Distance:** 8.2 **Price:** £8.00. Lunch at Holford extra

**Pace:** Moderate **Difficulty:** Moderate, two steeper ascents **Duration:** 4.5 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** Andy Steele

**Packed Lunch:** lunch en-route

**Bus Route:** 23B

**Type:** Circular, Long walk, Dogs welcome,

**Route Summary:** Staple Plantation car park - Bicknoller Combe - Hodder Combe - Holford - Coleridge Way - West Hill - Staple car park

**Description:** This walk brings together the geography, murders history and wildlife of the Quantocks. It passes through several combes on the way to Holford where we stop for lunch. The walk then follows the Northern Greenway which also is the Coleridge Way. At the end we climb West Hill to get panoramic views of the whole walk.

**Start from:** Staple Plantation car park **Grid reference:** 181/ST 116 410

**Directions to start:** Go to the A39 between Minehead and Bridgwater. From Minehead direction on reaching West Quantoxhead (St Audries) pass the 30mph sign and at the oblique cross roads by the town sign, turn right along a small lane, Staple Lane. At next cross roads cross straight over into Hill Lane which becomes a track. Follow it alongside the woods on your right to the car park. The walk starts here.

**Car Park costs:** free

## Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October

### New Walk

#### 1A Heritage Trail around South Molton

**Walk No:** 1A **Date/Start Time:** Saturday 1 Oct, 11.00 **Distance:** 3 **Price:** £15.00, includes guided walk and lunch at The George Hotel

**Pace:** Easy **Difficulty:** Easy **Duration:** 3 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** Keith Davis

**Packed Lunch:** lunch en-route

**Bus Route:** 155

**Type:** Circular, Half-day walk, Food Festival walk,

**Route Summary:** Around South Molton

**Description:** This walk winds through the streets of South Molton where you will be given a fascinating insight into how the town was shaped by its history, taking you around some of the interesting parts of the town with a brief history of some 30 buildings. The walk ends with a 2 course lunch at The George Hotel.

**Start from:** South Molton car parks **Grid reference:** 180/SS 714 258

**Directions to start:** Go to the A361 between Tiverton and Barnstaple. At the junction with the A399 to Combe Martin and the B3226 to South Molton, Aller Cross, take the B3226 towards South Molton for 1.8 miles, keeping on this road through South Molton to turn right along New Road. In 0.2 miles turn right again into Mill Street. In 0.1 miles turn right and right again into the main car park. There is a cut-through to the main street from here.

**Car Park costs:** pay and display

#### 1B Tarka's Trail to Otters Delight

**Walk No:** 1B **Date/Start Time:** Saturday 1 Oct, 10.30 **Distance:** 6.6 **Price:** £6.00

**Pace:** Moderate **Difficulty:** Easy to moderate **Duration:** 5 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** David Arney

**Packed Lunch:** yes

**Bus Route:** 315

**Type:** Circular, Short walk, Dogs welcome,

**Route Summary:** Dolton - Dowland - Halsdon Woods - Iddlecott - Dolton

**Description:** This walk starts in the pretty village of Dolton and then follows rolling countryside before reaching the Halsdon Woods Nature Reserve. This is a Devon Wildlife Trust Reserve with a wonderful diversity of wildlife. The walk skirts the River Taw with evidence of otters along the banks.

**Start from:** Barfield Close public car park **Grid reference:** 180/SS 570 121

**Directions to start:** Go to the A3124 between Great Torrington and Winkleigh. If coming from Great Torrington, pass through Beaford and continue to Dolton Beacon where the B3217 crosses. Turn towards Dolton and on reaching the village take the first turning on the left, Barfield Road and then the first left into Barfield Close. Park in the public car park there. The walk starts here.

**Car Park costs:** free

### 1C Flowerpot Men, Secret Coves & Old Mill

**Walk No:** 1C **Date/Start Time:** Saturday 1 Oct, 10.30 **Distance:** 6.8 **Price:** £6.00, any food extra

**Pace:** Moderate **Difficulty:** Moderate **Duration:** 4.5 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** Dave Edgcombe, NDAONB

**Packed Lunch:** lunch en-route

**Bus Route:** 30, 301

**Type:** Circular, Short walk, Dogs welcome, Ranger led walk

**Route Summary:** Berrynarbor - South West Coast Path - Hele Corn Mill - Sterridge Valley - Berrynarbor

**Description:** Try and spot the cheeky flowerpot men working for their masters. Discover 2000 years of history along the South West Coast Path. Explore the dramatic coastline passing quiet secluded coves and enjoy a break at Hele Corn Mill tearooms (not included).

**Start from:** Berrynarbor car park **Grid reference:** 180/SS 561 466

**Directions to start:** Take the A399 between Ilfracombe and Combe Martin. Coming from Combe Martin, having left the village, at the top of the hill turn left towards Berrynarbor. Coming from Ilfracombe, at the Sawmill Inn turn right towards Berrynarbor. On reaching the church follow the sign to the car park which is the first left from Combe Martin direction and second right from Ilfracombe direction. The car park is shortly on the right, with toilets. The walk starts here.

**Car Park costs:** free

### 1D Wildlife of the Estuary, Marsh and Dunes

**Walk No:** 1D **Date/Start Time:** Saturday 1 Oct, 10.30 **Distance:** 8 **Price:** £8.00

**Pace:** Gentle **Difficulty:** Moderate, including walking on sand **Duration:** 6 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** Mary Breeds

**Packed Lunch:** yes

**Bus Route:** 3, 303, 308 and walk half a mile

**Type:** Circular, Long walk, Dogs welcome,

**Route Summary:** Velator - Horsey Island - Crow Point - Saunton beach - Braunton Burrows - Great Field - Velator

**Description:** Join Mary, the local expert on wild flora and fauna, for a fascinating walk around the heart of the biosphere reserve, giving you an insight into how it is the only reserve of its kind in the UK. You will hopefully see some unique and rare plants fresh from emerging in early Spring.

**Start from:** Velator layby **Grid reference:** 180/SS 484 354

**Directions to start:** Go to A361 between Ilfracombe and Barnstaple. Go to Braunton. If coming from Barnstaple direction, just before reaching Braunton pass a petrol station on your right as you approach a new roundabout. Turn left here to the next roundabout. Go straight across, to soon cross a hump-back bridge. A layby is soon on your left. Park here neatly. The walk starts here.

**Car Park costs:** free

## 1E Coastal Views and Wooded Combe

**Walk No:** 1E **Date/Start Time:** Saturday 1 Oct, 10.30 **Distance:** 8.2 **Price:** £10.00 includes cream tea at Brendon House

**Pace:** Moderate **Difficulty:** Moderate **Duration:** 5.5 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** John Breeds

**Packed Lunch:** yes

**Bus Route:** none

**Type:** Circular, Long walk, Food Festival walk, Dogs welcome,

**Route Summary:** Brendon - County Gate - Kipscombe Farm - Wilsham Farm - Rockford - Brendon

**Description:** This walk that gently climbs out of the East Lyn valley, giving views over the higher reaches to Doone Country. It then follows a path above the coastpath, still giving wide sea views before returning to drop down into the steep-sided East Lyn's wooded combe to return to Brendon for an award-winning cream tea.

**Start from:** Brendon village Hall car park **Grid reference:** 180/SS 764 481

**Directions to start:** Go to the A39 between Lynmouth and Porlock. From Lynmouth go up Countisbury Hill towards Porlock. At the top of Countisbury Hill pass the Blue Ball Inn continue over the brow and just the other side of the second cattle grid turn right to Brendon. Go down the steep hill and turn right over the two old bridges. Turn right in the village to follow it through to the village hall as one leaves the village, on the right. The walk starts here.

**Car Park costs:** donation box

## New Guide

### 1F Beacons, Look-outs and Coastal Combes

**Walk No:** 1F **Date/Start Time:** Saturday 1 Oct, 10.30 **Distance:** 8.6 **Price:** £16.00, includes guided walk and lunch at Hindon Farm

**Pace:** Moderate to brisk **Difficulty:** Moderate to strenuous **Duration:** 6 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** Andy Steele

**Packed Lunch:** lunch en-route

**Bus Route:** 39

**Type:** Circular, Long walk, Dogs welcome,

**Route Summary:** Allerford - Selworthy Beacon - South West Coast Path - Selworthy - Allerford

**Description:** A beautiful walk which passes through picture postcard thatched villages, over Selworthy Beacon with wonderful views. Part of the walk follows the impressive South West Coast Path and finishes through attractive woodland overlooking the Vale of Porlock.

**Start from:** Allerford car park **Grid reference:** 181/SS 900 476

**Directions to start:** Allerford is just off the A39 between Minehead and Porlock, on a sweeping bend. Turn towards the village to pass the beautiful pack horse bridge. The car park is down this road on the left. The walk starts here.

**Car Park costs:** free

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

New Walk

### 2A Deep Combes and High Cliffs

**Walk No:** 2A **Date/Start Time:** Sunday 2 Oct, 1.30 **Distance:** 4.2 **Price:** £11.00 includes guiding and cream tea at Rock House

**Pace:** Moderate **Difficulty:** Moderate to strenuous **Duration:** 3.5 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** Terry Dover

**Packed Lunch:** no

**Bus Route:** 309, 310, 300

**Type:** Circular, Half-day walk, Food Festival walk, Dogs welcome,

**Route Summary:** Rock House, Lynmouth - East Lyn valley - Countisbury - South West Coast Path - Lynmouth

**Description:** This walk follows the East Lyn river valley, soon climbing out of the valley to follow its cleave to Countisbury. The walk passes the old church there before reaching the South West Coast Path high above the cliffs. The walk then descends with excellent views of Lynton and Lynmouth before passing through the woods back to Rock House for a cream tea on the terrace.

**Start from:** Rock House, Lynmouth **Grid reference:** 180/SS 723 495

**Directions to start:** Go to Lynmouth on the A39. Park in the pay and display car parks. Rock House is over the main road towards the harbour. It is on the other side of the footbridge over the East Lyn River. The walk starts here.

**Car Park costs:** Lynmouth pay and display

### 2B Quantocks Quality

**Walk No:** 2B **Date/Start Time:** Sunday 2 Oct, 10.30 **Distance:** 4.4 **Price:** £6.00

**Pace:** Moderate **Difficulty:** Moderate **Duration:** 3 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** Paul Camp, NT

**Packed Lunch:** yes

**Bus Route:** 23B

**Type:** Circular, Short walk, Dogs welcome, Ranger led walk

**Route Summary:** Staple Plantation car park - The Great Road - Longstone Hill - Lady's Edge - Bicknoller Post - Staple car park

**Description:** Join a NT ranger over the Quantock Hills with great views, passing ancient history and archaeology plus the chance of seeing plenty of wildlife.

**Start from:** Staple Plantation car park **Grid reference:** 181/ST 116 410

**Directions to start:** Go to the A39 between Minehead and Bridgwater. From Minehead direction on reaching West Quantoxhead (St Audries) pass the 30mph sign and at the oblique cross roads by the town sign, turn right along a small lane, Staple Lane. At next cross roads cross straight over into Hill Lane which becomes a track. Follow it alongside the woods on your right to the car park. The walk starts here.

**Car Park costs:** free

## 2C Wimbleball Nature Discovery

**Walk No:** 2C **Date/Start Time:** Sunday 2 Oct, 10.30 **Distance:** 4.5 **Price:** £6.00, any cream teas are extra

**Pace:** Moderate **Difficulty:** Easy to moderate **Duration:** 4 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** SW Lakes Conservation Officer

**Packed Lunch:** yes

**Bus Route:** none

**Type:** Circular, Short walk, Ranger led walk

**Route Summary:** Wimbleball Lake tearooms - Bessom Bridge - point before West Hill Wood - boat across lake to start

**Description:** Join the SW Lakes conservation assistant on an informative walk beside the lake showing you the wildlife that lives in this man-made habitat and the projects taking place to enhance this beautiful area. The walk finishes with a short boat ride across the lake to the jetty below the tearooms.

**Start from:** main car park - tea shop, 2nd entrance on left **Grid reference:** 181/SS 965 308

**Directions to start:** Follow the A396 or B3224 to Wheddon Cross. At Wheddon Cross follow the B3224 towards Raleghs Cross and Taunton. After 7.5 miles turn right on to B3190 for 1.2 miles. Just after radio masts turn right (Robbery Gate) and follow this road for 2.7 miles to Bessom Cross just by the lake. Cross the bridge over the lake and then take the next left. Follow this small road and take the second left to the tearooms car park. The walk starts here.

**Car Park costs:** free

## 2D A Ruffle around Wills Neck

**Walk No:** 2D **Date/Start Time:** Sunday 2 Oct, 10.30 **Distance:** 6.1 **Price:** £6.00. Lunch at Triscombe extra

**Pace:** Moderate **Difficulty:** Moderate **Duration:** 4.5 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** Andy Steele

**Packed Lunch:** lunch en-route

**Bus Route:** 28 and walk 1 mile

**Type:** Circular, Short walk, Dogs welcome,

**Route Summary:** Lydeard Hill - West Bagborough - Triscombe - Wills Neck - Lydeard Hill

**Description:** This walk gives magnificent views to Bridgwater Bay, a variety of open countryside, moorland, farm land, local Quantock villages including a watering hole for an early lunch. The route up and back takes you to the highest point on the Quantocks at 1260 feet ( 384 m) at Wills Neck.

**Start from:** Lydeard Hill car park **Grid reference:** 181/ST 180 338

**Directions to start:** Go to the A358 between Williton and Taunton. Take the road to West Bagborough and follow it through the hamlet. Keep going ahead as it becomes single track climbing steeply uphill. At the T junction, Birches Corner, turn left to reach the car park. The walk starts here.

**Car Park costs:** free

## 2E Two Taw Tributaries

**Walk No:** 2E **Date/Start Time:** Sunday 2 Oct, 10.30 **Distance:** 8.1 **Price:** £8.00

**Pace:** Moderate **Difficulty:** Easy to moderate **Duration:** 5.5 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** David Arney

**Packed Lunch:** yes

**Bus Route:** none

**Type:** Circular, Long walk, Dogs welcome,

**Route Summary:** Ashreigney - Bridge Reeve - Hollocombe - Ashreigney

**Description:** This walk takes in the rolling hills of Devon, passing along tributaries of the River Taw as well as part of the main river itself. It goes through some of the Eggesford forest and follows a beautiful wooded valley upstream to reach the small hamlet of Hollocombe before returning to the start.

**Start from:** Car park near church, Ashreigney **Grid reference:** 180/SS 628 136

**Directions to start:** Go to the A377 between Barnstaple and Eggesford. This road follows the railway along the same valley, so passes each railway station. From Barnstaple pass the King's Nympton station and then after 1 mile at the next cross roads turn right towards Burrington. Cross the railway and river and then take the next left. At the next fork bear right. On reaching Ashreigney bear left towards the church and park by the church. The walk starts here.

**Car Park costs:** free

## 2F Jack Russell Country

**Walk No:** 2F **Date/Start Time:** Sunday 2 Oct, 10.30 **Distance:** 8.2 **Price:** £8.00

**Pace:** Moderate **Difficulty:** Moderate **Duration:** 5.5 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** David McRoberts

**Packed Lunch:** yes

**Bus Route:** 5, 155, 307

**Type:** Circular, Long walk, Dogs welcome,

**Route Summary:** Swimbridge - Yarnacott - Tordown - Riverton - Tower Farm - Dinnaford Copse - Swimbridge

**Description:** The Rev John Russell was parson in the most attractively set church. He was a hunting parson and introduced the feisty Jack Russell terrier. John Russell is buried in the churchyard. The walk takes you around the hills that overlook this attractive small village.

**Start from:** roadside at Swimbridge **Grid reference:** 180/SS 619 300

**Directions to start:** Go to the A361 between Tiverton and Barnstaple. Take the turning to Landkey about 1 mile to the east (Tiverton side) of Barnstaple. Follow this road through Landkey and on to Swimbridge. Park on the roadside just before reaching the village. The walk starts in the village by the church.

**Car Park costs:** free

## Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

### 3A All Things Bright and Beautiful

**Walk No:** 3A **Date/Start Time:** Monday 3 Oct, 1.30 **Distance:** 3.8 **Price:** £5.00

**Pace:** Gentle **Difficulty:** Moderate **Duration:** 3 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** Antony Brunt, Yarn Market Hotel

**Packed Lunch:** no  
**Bus Route:** 28, 399

**Type:** Circular, Half-day walk, Dogs welcome,

**Route Summary:** Dunster - Gallax Hill - Bats Castle - Dunster Park - Dunster

**Description:** This walk reveals much of this hymn which was written in Dunster in 1848 by Cecil F Alexander, possibly inspired by a verse in Coleridge's 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner'. The walk passes the Castle and gains height to oversee Dunster village, the rolling hills of Exmoor and the sea across to Wales.

**Start from:** Dunster car park **Grid reference:** 181/SS 993 438

**Directions to start:** Go to the A39 between Minehead and Carhampton. From Minehead direction, turn right towards Dunster village at the traffic lights. As you go up the hill turn left into the village car park. The walk starts at the Exmoor National Park Visitor Centre above the car park.

**Car Park costs:** pay and display

### 3B Exmoor's High Coastal Cliffs

**Walk No:** 3B **Date/Start Time:** Monday 3 Oct, 10.30 **Distance:** 5.3 **Price:** £15.00, includes guided walk and lunch at Hunters Inn

**Pace:** Moderate **Difficulty:** Moderate to strenuous **Duration:** 4.5 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** John Breeds

**Packed Lunch:** lunch en-route

**Bus Route:** none

**Type:** Circular, Short walk, Food Festival walk, Dogs welcome,

**Route Summary:** Woody Bay - South West Coast Path - Heddon Valley - Hunters Inn - Woody Bay

**Description:** This beautiful coastal walk includes some of the best coastal scenery along the South West Coast Path. The walk will pass one of the highest waterfalls along this coast, view a rock arch and take in stunning views along to Foreland Point in one direction and Watermouth in the other. There will be a lunch stop (not included) at Hunter's Inn during this walk.

**Start from:** Woody Bay lower car park **Grid reference:** 180/SS 675 486

**Directions to start:** Go to A39 between Blackmoor Gate and Lynton. Take the road signed to Woody Bay and follow it for 1.6 miles to the coast and turn right. Follow this road down hill bearing left and then zigzagging back right to lay-by car park on the right. The walk starts here.

**Car Park costs:** free

### 3C Exmoor's Variety Show

**Walk No:** 3C **Date/Start Time:** Monday 3 Oct, 10.30 **Distance:** 6.5 **Price:** £6.00

**Pace:** Moderate **Difficulty:** Moderate **Duration:** 4 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** Richard Medland

**Packed Lunch:** yes

**Bus Route:** none

**Type:** Circular, Short walk, Dogs welcome,

**Route Summary:** Combe Park - Cheriton - Lyn Cross - Beggars Roost - The Cleaves - Combe Park

**Description:** This walk has immense variety, touching on the edge of open moorland with good all-round views as well as including the spectacular Cleaves footpath with wonderful views across the wooded East Lyn valley. This walk gives a good taste of Exmoor's ever-changing scenery.

**Start from:** Combe Park NT car park **Grid reference:** 180/SS 740 477

**Directions to start:** Go to the A39 between Lynmouth and Blackmoor Gate. From the Blackmoor Gate direction (A399/A39) follow the A39 towards Lynmouth. Pass through Barbrook and now go through four hairpin bends. At the fifth hairpin continue ahead on to the B3223 towards Simonsbath. Do not cross the river bridge immediately at the start of this road but immediately turn right and immediately right again into the Combe Park car park. Coming from Lynmouth, follow the A39 past Watersmeet and at the hairpin bend turn left, immediately right and immediately right again into Combe Park car park. The walk starts here.

**Car Park costs:** free

### 3D Tarka's Home Patch

**Walk No:** 3D **Date/Start Time:** Monday 3 Oct, 10.30 **Distance:** 7 **Price:** £8.00

**Pace:** Moderate **Difficulty:** Easy to moderate **Duration:** 5 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** David Arney

**Packed Lunch:** yes

**Bus Route:** 70, 71, 118, 315

**Type:** Circular, Long walk, Dogs welcome,

**Route Summary:** Torrington - Beam Weir - Huntshaw Mill Bridge - Norwood Bridge - Torrington

**Description:** This walk is in the heart of Tarka Country, taking in part of the Tarka Trail that is close to where Tarka was born. Beam Weir is a good spot for seeing heron fishing and even otters playing. The walk then gains height to overlook the Torridge valley before returning to the common.

**Start from:** Old Bowling Green car park, Torrington Common **Grid reference:** 191/SS 485 194

**Directions to start:** Go to Great Torrington on A386. If coming from Bideford direction, pass the Puffing Billy pub and continue up the hill. At the top turn left opposite the B3227 turn to Langtree, pass the toilet block and continue ahead ignoring car park on your left, to go down to the lower car park. The walk starts here.

**Car Park costs:** free

### 3E The Smugglers Coast

**Walk No:** 3E **Date/Start Time:** Monday 3 Oct, 10.30 **Distance:** 7.2 **Price:** £8.00

**Pace:** Moderate **Difficulty:** Moderate to strenuous **Duration:** 5.5 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** Keith Davis

**Packed Lunch:** yes

**Bus Route:** 31, 303

**Type:** Circular, Long walk, Dogs welcome,

**Route Summary:** Morteheo - Damage Barton - Lee - Bull Point - Morte Point - Morteheo

**Description:** This superb walk will take you past the 15th Century Damage Barton and down to Lee Bay. The walk continues along an outstanding section of the South West Coast Path to Bull Point lighthouse along this

rugged, beautiful and treacherous coastline, continuing around Rockham Bay and Morte Point.

**Start from:** Morteheo car park **Grid reference:** 180/SS 471 449

**Directions to start:** Follow the A361 to the roundabout above Ilfracombe, called Mullacott Cross. Turn towards Woolacombe on the B3343 until reaching the turning to the right on a sweeping bend to Morteheo. Follow this road to Morteheo village and turn left into the car park. The walk starts here.

**Car Park costs:** pay and display

### 3F Chichester's Haunt

**Walk No:** 3F **Date/Start Time:** Monday 3 Oct, 10.30 **Distance:** 8.5 **Price:** £8.00

**Pace:** Moderate **Difficulty:** Moderate **Duration:** 5.5 hrs. approx.

**Guide:** David McRoberts

**Packed Lunch:** yes

**Bus Route:** 301, 30

**Type:** Circular, Long walk, Dogs welcome,

**Route Summary:** Blakewell - River Yeo - Shirwell - Blakewell

**Description:** This country walk starts at Blakewell Water Gardens and Fishery where a visit to the farm shop might be of interest. The walk follows the River Yeo upstream to reach Shirwell where Sir Francis Chichester is buried. Crossing farmland the walk gently loses height back to Blakewell.

**Start from:** Blakewell Water Gardens overflow car park **Grid reference:** 180/SS 564 357

**Directions to start:** Go to the A39 between Barnstaple and Blackmoor Gate (Lynton). At Shirwell Cross village turn towards Shirwell. In the village turn left and immediately right and park neatly by the church. The walk starts here.

**Car Park costs:** free