

# WEEKEND IN DARTMOOR – HIKING ADVENTURE

12-14 APRIL 2019

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Our weekend will be based in Princetown, the heart of the Dartmoor National Park. Princetown is a **fascinating town** dominated by the infamous prison, **featured in The Hound of the Baskervilles**. It has direct walking access onto the moor and is within driving distance of all other major moorlands walks.

## TRUE WILDERNESS

Dartmoor is a unique environment, with large stretches of open moorland and impressive granite tors, probably the only place in Southern Britain where you can experience a **feeling of true wilderness**. It also has beautiful lush river valleys and small areas of ancient temperate rainforest, as well as a fascinating history typified by the huge Victorian prison overshadowing Princetown and significant industrial archaeology all over the moor.

The trip will be Grade 2/3 – Moderate to Challenging. It is suitable for all walkers with a reasonable level of fitness, typically exercising twice a week, and especially those wishing to go beyond everyday lowland walks without tackling high mountain terrain. We'll spend two days walking, returning home Sunday afternoon.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

We're staying in The Plume of Feathers bunkhouse (4people dorms), right in the centre of the Moor. B&B upgrade available. Costs are £100 for twin and £150 for double.

## **TRANSPORT**

Princetown can only realistically be accessed by road so we will hire a minibus for a weekend. Pickup and drop off will be in Chiswick, West London, to enable us to get underway and out of London traffic asap on a Friday evening.





## DETAILED ITINERARY:

**Day 1:** [April 12<sup>th</sup>](#), Friday

Travelling from London to Dartmoor. Arrival and check-in the bunkhouse.

**Day 2:** [April 13<sup>th</sup>](#), Saturday

### **Moorland March – 15km hike over open moorland to the North of Two Bridges.**

This is a demanding day-long wilderness walk climbing over major Moorland Tors, each in excess of 500m above sea level. The Tors are granite outcrops revealed by time after ancient intrusive volcanic activity. We will skirt around the Live Firing Ranges of Dartmoor, see remnants of the old industrial past of this area and visit a stunted Oak Woodland (think giant bonsai), now under siege by the fierce Dartmoor climate, which once covered the entire moor.



**Day 3:** [April 14<sup>th</sup>](#), Sunday

**Riverside Scramble – 8km walk along the wooded and challenging sides of the East Dart River from Dartmeet.**

This beautiful walk shows off the wonderful upper reaches of the Dart, we'll push our way through dense foliage hugging the crystal clear river. We'll make river crossings using local clapper bridges and purpose made stepping stones and we'll end up high on the moor with great views back over the river. Progress will be hard and slow but it's so worth it to see this facet of the moor at it's very best. We will be back at the minibus by 3 pm latest for the journey home.

Travelling to London.





## **COST**

£195 (applies if paid in full by [end of January](#))

£210 (applies if paid in full from [1<sup>st</sup> of February](#))

### **What`s included:**

- Accommodation
- Daily breakfasts
- All transportation (From London to Dartmoor and within Dartmoor)
- Guided hikes

### **What's excluded:**

- Food and drinks
- Other personal expenses

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