

Exe Valley Caravan Site

Drive ref: A : Lynmouth & the Coast Road

74 miles

Not for wide vehicles or tipsy drivers, but rewarded by views of the best of the North Devon Coast

We advise that the Toll Road is driven from East to West: if you meet another car you will be on the inside of the cliff.

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- 0.0** From campsite Turn Left (TL) as you go out of the entrance, and left again at the main road - up the valley.
- 0.7** TL to Winsford, then straight through the village and TL at B3224
- 7.1** Turn Right (TR) at Exford SignPost (SP) Porlock.
- 7.6** The road branches right taking you up onto the Moor.
Keep going on same road (Don't turn right)
You enter the Holnicote Estate, the largest estate owned by English National Trust.
Good views across the Bristol Channel to Wales and the Brecon Beacons
- 13.2** At A39 road TL.
Stop in the lay-by opposite and enjoy the view of Porlock Vale and a Styles Ice Cream
- 14.7** Culbone Stable Inn on left
- 17.7** County Gate for information and toilets. The car park overlooks the Doone Valley
- 20.8** opposite the 2nd 'cattle grid' road sign there is a car park for a walk to Forland Point and Countisbury Common for coastal views and the most northerly point in Devon
- 21.5** Blue Ball Inn is full of old fireplaces, and the food is quite good too
- 22.9** Lynmouth for shopping, and the water driven cliff railway to Lynton for your passengers
At the top, your passengers will have a few yards' walk from the top station to the road
On leaving Lynmouth, take a sharp right halfway up the hill SP Valley of the Rocks.
Go straight through centre of Lynton. Picking up your passengers en route.
- 24.5** Car park for exploring the Rocks and walking round to the seaward side
Beyond here you take the Toll Road (£1.00) to continue along the cliff road.
Narrow road with views to die for !! Do not take the Cul de Sac to Woody Bay,
At top of the cliff follow the road SP Hunters Inn.
- 28.5** A little way after Martinhoe, TR SP Hunters Inn, and descend steeply into the valley.
- 29.3** Hunters Inn (nice gardens), also National Trust Shop and toilets. TR towards Combe Martin.
Ignore the 3 minor turnings on the right over the next 2 miles: keep to the better road.
- 32.8** TR (yes right !) to the right of the 'twinning notice'.
The left side of the road is outside Exmoor National Park, but there are good views of Combe Martin (which looks much better from a distance).
- 35.3** TR in Combe Martin on the A399 towards Ilfracombe.
This coast road takes you past a yacht basin, Watermouth Castle, .
and if you are lucky, a herd of llamas
- 39.5** Enter Ilfracombe
- 40.2** At the traffic lights TL onto the B3230 SP Barnstable for the journey back.
- 41.2** At roundabout TL
- 43.7** TL onto A3123 (garage on the corner)
- 46.1** TR signed A3123 SP Dinosaur Park
- 48.9** TR A399
- 52.9** TL B3358 SP Simonsbath
- 55.7** Through Challacombe, Black Venus Inn
- 60.7** Simonsbath TR SP Exford, Forest Inn, toilets, and working water powered sawmill
- 64.9** TR SP Dulverton. Back onto moors and top of Winsford Hill. Many Exmoor ponies in this area.
- 70.2** TL SP Winsford 1 3/4 miles
- 71.9** At Winsford TR, and at the A396 TR back to Bridgetown
- 74.2** Arrive at campsite