

Exe Valley Caravan Site

Drive ref: B : Doone Valley and Watersmeet

50 miles

Visit the place where the story of Lorna Doone unfolded, and the beautiful River Lyn valleys

Robbers Bridge is narrow, so anything wider than a car will need to detour

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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, SignPost (SP) Exford
- 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
- 14.5** TL off the A39 (unless your vehicle is wider than a car: if so, start the detour here, and carry
on for a further 2.9 miles, then TL, and meet the trail at Oare Church)
- 15.5** Parking for Weir Water Trail. Good short stroll by the river and around Robbers Bridge
- 17.2** Stop to visit Oare Church on the left.
This is where Carver Doone shot Lorna,
and some say you can still see the bullet marks in the wall....
- 18.0** Keep Right SP Brendon
Malmsmead. Car park and start of footpath up the Bagworthy River to the Doone country
- 20.4** Brendon. Good food and beer at the Staghunters Pub with small garden by the river
- 21.9** TR. SP Hallslake
- 22.5** TR, and in 20 yards TR again on A39 SP Lynmouth
- 23.2** Watersmeet. Car park on the road and path down to Waterfalls and tearooms
Your passengers can walk down the river 1.75 miles, and you meet them later
- 24.9** TR at Lynmouth, over bridge and TR again,
- 25.0** Fork right down hill towards/past Tregonwell Teas, and continue to end of road.
- 25.3** End of road, parking and turning. Stop here and stroll up the river to meet your passengers.
- 25.6** Back at Lynmouth, TL at main road, back over the bridge and TR, SP Lynton on B3234
Drive through Lynbridge
- 27.2** At Barbrook TL by filling station and over bridge SP Lynmouth on A39
- 29.6** TR (i.e. Straight over) onto B3223 SP Simonsbath
The road takes you across the remotest part of Exmoor
- 36.1** Go through Simonsbath SP Exford.
Forest Inn, toilets, and working water powered sawmill
- 40.3** TR SP Dulverton. Back onto moors and top of Winsford Hill. Many Exmoor ponies in this area.
- 45.5** TL SP Winsford 1 3/4 miles
- 47.1** At Winsford TR, and at the A396 TR back to Bridgetown
- 49.4** Arrive at campsite