Exe Valley Caravan Site

Drive ref: C : The Moors, Porlock, Sellworthy & North Hill

51 miles

Wild deer on the moors, two beautiful Exmoor villages, and the very best views of the Bristol Channel

Check that your driver can cope with narrow roads, or he/she will be grumpy

miles Set your milometer to nil

0.0 From campsite Turn Left (TL) as you go out of the entrance, and left again at the main road - up the valley.

- 4.3 TL at Wheddon Cross onto the B3224
- **5.0** At Blagdon Cross the B3224 bends left but go straight across, SignPost (SP)Dunkery Beacon
- 6.6 At cattle grid you enter the Holnicote Estate, the largest estate owned by English National Trust
- 7.7 At top of hill, park on right for an easy walk to Dunkery Beacon.

Your first views of the Bristol Channel, Severn Estuary, and Wales

- **9.0** Very sharp left turn at Webbers Post. It is easier to cut through the car park just before the turn.
- 10.8 A mile after you ford this narrow road, stop on the left. Take out your binoculars

Can nearly always see deer on the hillside opposite, from here or from further up the road

- 11.0 Over cattle grid Turn Right (TR). SP Stoke Pero.
- 12.3 Open farm gate, and go through the farmyard
- **12.7** TR at the junction
- 15.1 TL, SP Porlock
- 15.7 TL at Porlock. There is a car park on the left with toilets and several eating places in the village
- 16.0 Fork right SP Porlock Weir
- 17.7 Porlock Weir is a beautiful and colourful hamlet with a few eating places.

Turn round here and follow the same road back to Porlock.

- 19.4 Join the A39 road, and go straight on towards Minehead (not up the notorious Porlock Hill).
- 21.5 TL, SP Selworthy
- **22.2** Selworthy Church. Park here opposite the church.

Walk back to the War Memorial, and take the gate on its right

If you haven't been to England before, you are now about to enter the real thing!!

Their tea rooms have been recommended, so a cream tea is in order.

Back to the car and return back down to the A39 road again.

- **22.9** TL again towards Minehead.
- 25.6 TL. SP Minehead.
- 26.8 TL into Park St
- 26.9 At the busy road junction, go straight on into The Parade
- 27.0 TL into Blenheim Rd SP North Hill Hotels, and in 50 yards TL again into Martlet St.

There is a sharp left by the War Memorial. The road climbs up onto North Hill with superb views of Minehead, the Bristol Channel, and Exmoor. It feels like the top of the world.

There are many stopping places along the road, and footpaths going in every direction

- **31.9** End of the road, with views of Porlock Bay, and along the north Somerset & Devon coast Turn round and return to Minehead
- **36.6** Back at The Parade, TL into The Avenue and to the sea front

At the sea front follow the road, bearing right with the sea on your left.

37.3 At roundabout TR

Cross the West Somerset Steam Railway lines

- 38.4 At roundabout TL on the A39 road
- **39.2** TR onto the A396 road through Dunster.

See the old Yarn Market building by the road, and the Castle on the hill in front Follow the A396, via Wheddon Cross, back to Bridgetown

50.5 Arrive at campsite