

Mid Devon for FREE!

A handy guide to exploring Mid Devon without needing to splash the cash



The Great Outdoors

Mid Devon Walks

Take a walk along the historical **Grand Western Canal**. There are lots of opportunities for walking, cycling and picnics. Difficulty: Easy.

The West Exe Trail. A historic walk celebrating Tiverton's lace making and architecture. You can pick up a guide at Tiverton Tourist Information Centre. Difficulty: Easy.

Take a circular walk through the woodland and parkland at **Knightshayes Estate.** Start at the parkland carpark, boots are advised! Find a guide here: <u>Guide</u> Difficulty: Moderate

Cullompton Circular Walk No2 is an easy route to follow of track, footpath and country lanes. Dog and family friendly. Read the guide here: <u>Guide</u> Difficulty: Easy

Bampton Woods Circular, enjoy panoramic views across the town. This walk is 2 and a half miles long. Find the guide here: <u>Guide</u> Difficulty: Moderate (one steep climb and a few stiles)

Fancy a challenge? **Hemyock to Dunkeswell Abbey** is a 5 mile walk with stunning views across the Blackdown Hills. This walk is dog friendly too. Read the guide here: <u>Guide</u> difficulty: Challenging





Cycle tracks in Mid Devon

Grand Western Canal Circular

An easy family friendly flat route that follows the Grand Western Canal from Tiverton Parkway Station. Stop at the visitor centre to learn more about the history of the Canal. Find the guide here: <u>Guide</u>. Difficulty: Easy

Hemyock, Uffculme and Culmstock Circuit

> An 11 mile ride with the option to reduce to 7 miles. A picturesque cycle which will take you through the Blackdown Hills and passing Coldharbour Mill and Culmstock Beacon. Note this is less suitable for families. Find the guide here: <u>Guide</u> Difficulty: Medium-Moderate.

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National Trust Ride -Tiverton, Knightshayes and Bampton

This route is on the National Cycle Network and starts in Tiverton passing through Knightshayes and ending in Bampton, a town declared as a conversation area. Find the guide here: <u>Guide</u>. Difficulty: Challenging

Something for the kids

Westexe Tiverton and Newcombe Meadow, Crediton Paddling Pools.

Open until the end of the school holidays, perfect for when the sun is shining. Open 10am until 6pm seven days a week.

Bampton Heritage and Visitor Centre

Learn about Bampton's history, dress up, complete quizzes and enjoy an interactive video game! This is located within St Michael's and All Angels Church.

Ashculm Turbary

A nature reserve near Hemyock, maintained by Devon Wildlife Trust. Permanently wet soils provide the perfect habitat for wet heath and peat bog plants. Look out for lizards! The reserve takes around 45 minutes to walk around. The nearest postcode is: EX15 3XA.

Tiverton Adventure Playground

A designated adventure play facility in Tiverton with 3.5 acre woodland! This is located in Cowleymoor and aims to open on the 13 weeks of school holidays throughout the year. This is a charity so they rely on donations to stay open.

Exeter Museum

Heading just outside of Mid Devon but still a great free activity is Exeter Museum which holds over one million objects! Take advantage of the £2 single journey bus cap until October 2023

What's on this summer?

Summer Reading Challenge: Read 6 books to complete the challenge and collect your medal and reward. 8th July until 16th September. Each library celebrates differently, check your Crediton or Tiverton library for more details.

Summer Fun at St Paul's Church, Tiverton. Family games sessions from 2pm on the 2nd and 9th August. Indoor and outdoor games, bring sun cream!

Family Fun day at Exe Valley Farm Shop, EX5 5LZ. Bouncy castle, hog roast, animals, tractors, entertainment and best of all, free entry! 27th August from 12pm.

Devon's Best Young Landscape Artist Competition Young artists aged 18 or under have the chance to win £100 or £25 for runner up. The closing date is 30th September. Find

out more about the competition <u>here</u>

Holiday Alternatives

Nearby Beaches

- Head to Exmouth beach for two miles of golden sands and fascinating rock pools. Discover the start of the Jurassic Coast, the cliffs reveal 185 million years of the Earth's history!
- An hour north of Tiverton is Minehead beach. Another historical site where you can find fossils among the nearby cliffs.
 - Back to East Devon, Sidmouth has dramatic cliffs, a beautiful beach and a bustling town. Take a picnic and enjoy the views from the beach