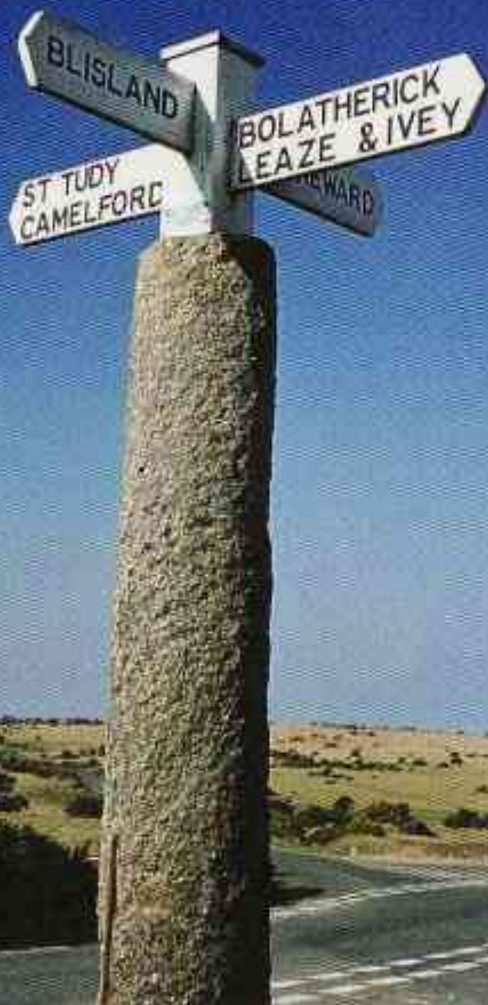


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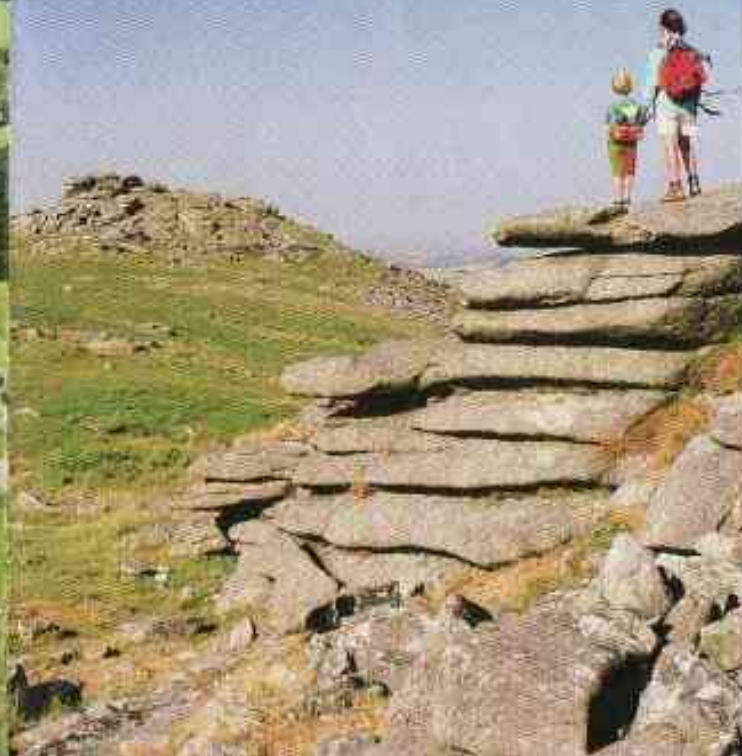
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Bodmin MOOR

Respect Protect Enjoy



Why is Bodmin Moor special?

Landscape



Bodmin Moor is a rich and varied landscape with a special character that has been shaped by millions of years of natural and human activity and natural processes. The weathered granite tors and wild moorland have a genuine sense of wilderness. It is, however, a very delicate place with many living and historical features that are easily damaged and disturbed by the unwary visitor. It is a living, working landscape upon which many people still depend for their livelihoods. Its special landscape quality has received national recognition through its designation as part of the Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), its rare plants and animals have meant that much of it is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and its mining legacy has now led to parts of the moor being inscribed as part of the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site.

Farming



The moor is a working, agricultural landscape, mostly managed by grazing. The soil here is thin and rocky, only the hardiest sheep, cattle and ponies can survive. Without vital management many of the rare plants and animals would not exist and much of the archaeology and views would be obscured by overgrown scrub and vegetation.

Nature



Rare ferns, lichens, orchids and other plants grow amongst the tors and marshes of the moor. The moor's plants may seem tough but the thin, nutrient poor soils means that many are on the edge of survival and they are extremely susceptible to disturbance and trampling. The moor also supports rare butterflies, otters and birds such as the Snipe and Golden Plover. In the spring and summer, the sound of Skylarks can fill the sky.

History



Bodmin Moor has a wealth of archaeological remains, over 2000 prehistoric sites are visible today. You can still see the remains of bronze age roundhouses and ritual monuments such as stone circles. The remains of later medieval abandoned hamlets, farms and field systems can clearly be seen. There are also a wealth of industrial remains including medieval tin streamworks, mines, engine houses, quarries, china clay works and waste tips.

Knowing where to go and what you can do on Bodmin Moor

Traditionally access on Bodmin Moor has been available via any public rights of way that exist or by permissive arrangement with landowners of the moor.

Today much of Bodmin Moor is 'Access Land' where people have a right to run, walk and climb responsibly.



It is important to remember that Bodmin Moor is a living, working landscape so please follow the Countryside Code.

Where to find out where you can go on Bodmin Moor

For the most up to date information and maps showing where you can go (please bear in mind there may be some restrictions in place - see *access restrictions* section), you should visit

www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk

You can also find information on Ordnance Survey (OS) Explorer Map 109.

- Details of any access provided on a permissive basis by landowners can be found on: <http://countrywalks.defra.gov.uk>

- Horse riding permits and other permissions are explained on the internet at www.bodminlandowners.co.uk



Access restrictions

Countryside Code

Public Rights of Way and Permissive Access

The rights to use Public Rights of Way are unaffected as a result of any new Access Land becoming available. Details of permissive access arrangements that may exist on Bodmin Moor should be checked in advance of your visit as these are sometimes subject to change.

Access land – Restrictions and Closures

Some parts of Access Land will be subject to restrictions and closures even if it appears on maps. For example this includes land within 20 metres of a dwelling or buildings containing livestock, parks and gardens, quarries or other active mineral workings, and land covered by pens in use for the temporary reception or detention of livestock.

Farmers, landowners and land managers may suspend or restrict access for up to 28 days each year, for any reason. They may also apply for additional restrictions or closures, where necessary for land management, nature conservation, safety or for the prevention of fires. Wherever possible, restrictions and closures will be shown on www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk and will be reinforced by local signs.

PLEASE CHECK BEFORE YOU GO.

BE SAFE – PLAN AHEAD AND FOLLOW ANY SIGNS

Get the latest information about where and when you can go – especially if you are taking a dog (see below). There are also areas subject to military activity so be careful. You are responsible for your own safety and that of others in your care.

LEAVE GATES AND PROPERTY AS YOU FIND THEM

A farmer will normally leave a gate closed to keep livestock in, but may sometimes leave it open so they can reach food and water. Leave gates as you find them or follow instructions on signs.

PROTECT PLANTS AND ANIMALS AND TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME

Ponies and livestock can behave unpredictably if you get too close, especially if they are with young – so give them plenty of space. Please do not feed the ponies or other livestock; it encourages them to the roadside where they can be killed or injured, and our food is not their natural diet.

CONSIDER OTHER PEOPLE

Please park considerately and do not block gates or drives and avoid damaging roadside verges. Please remember the moor is a working landscape, upon which peoples' livelihoods depend. You can also support the economy of the area by using local businesses.

PREVENT MOORLAND FIRES

Smouldering cigarette ends, discarded bottles and dropped matches can all cause uncontrolled and damaging fires on the moor – particularly during the spring and summer.



Responsible Access

Access Land is for quiet enjoyment on foot and there is **no lawful entitlement to:**

- ride a horse (unless with a permit)
- cycle
- drive a motorised vehicle
- camp (includes campervans and caravans)
- use kite buggies and landboards
- hang-glide or paraglide
- use a metal detector
- take part in organised/commercial games or activities
- swim, use boats or wind surfers in non-tidal rivers or lakes
- remove anything from the area – including stones, fallen wood or plants
- dam any rivers or streams
- play golf
- fly model aircraft
- light fires, including barbeques
- interfere with lawful activities taking place or do anything which obstructs or disrupts that activity
- engage in any operations connected with hunting, shooting or fishing
- kill, injure or disturb any bird, animal or fish

KEEP DOGS UNDER CLOSE CONTROL AND CLEAR UP AFTER THEM

The countryside is a great place to exercise dogs, but it's every owner's duty to make sure their dog is not a danger or nuisance to farm animals, wildlife or other people. **Dog mess is unpleasant and can spread infection – please clear up and dispose of it responsibly.**

By law, in the countryside you must keep your dog under close control. On Access Land, this means keeping them on a lead of no more than 2m long between 1st March and 31st July (the main breeding period for ground-nesting birds) or at any time of year when you are near livestock. Important birds such as Golden Plover, Snipe, Lapwing and Curlew rely on moorland to breed and are vulnerable because they nest and live on the ground.

Do remember that a dog attacking or threatening livestock may lawfully be shot.



MOTORISED VEHICLES

Unauthorised use of vehicles on the moor is the most damaging activity and is a great threat to its wildlife, tranquility and farming activities.

It is also illegal and drivers will face prosecution.

Offroad vehicles and motorbikes will:

- Wear away the fragile soil and peat of the moor leading to erosion, these soils have taken thousands of years to develop.
- Destroy rare plants, animals and birds by driving over them.
- Cause noise that shatters the tranquility of the moor and ruins the experience for others.
- Pollute air and water through emissions and leaks of oil and fuel.

If you suspect you are seeing illegal motorised vehicle use on the moor (or any other illegal activity), DO NOT CHALLENGE the driver(s), please call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111 or Devon and Cornwall Police on 08452 777444.



PLEASE RESPECT BODMIN MOOR. IT IS A PRIVATELY OWNED AND PRIVATELY MANAGED ENVIRONMENT.

Further information on open access and other countryside access in Cornwall can be found on the internet at www.cornwall.gov.uk or by calling 01872 222000.

