

**MINEHEAD - Dunster - Exford - Porlock - MINEHEAD  
OPEN-TOP VINTAGE BUS SERVICE**

From Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 27th September 2009 Inclusive

**SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ONLY**

Porlock, Doverhay Car Park.....	1025	.....
MINEHEAD, Promenade ♀ Arr.....	1042	.....
MINEHEAD, Promenade ♀ Dep.....	1100	1415
MINEHEAD, Butlins .....	1103	1418
MINEHEAD, WSR Station ♀▲.....	1105	1420
MINEHEAD, Bancks Street .....	1107	1422
Dunster, High Street .....	1115	1430
Timberscombe .....	1122	1437
Wheddon Cross, Car Park ♀.....	1137	1452
Exford, Bus Shelter .....	1157	1512
Porlock Village Hall .....	1232	1547
Porlock, High Street .....	1238	1553
MINEHEAD, The Parade .....	1253	1608
MINEHEAD, Promenade ♀.....	1255	1610
Dunster Steep * .....	1615	.....

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From Thursday 23rd July to Thursday 27th August 2009 Inclusive

**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS ONLY**

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Key: \* - stops for passengers already on the bus at Porlock ONLY.

See also [www.somerset.gov.uk/400exmoorexplorer](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/400exmoorexplorer)

- ♀ Bus Stops with access to the Coleridge Way
- ♀ Bus Stops with access to the South West Coast Path
- ▲ Bus Stops with access to the West Somerset Coast Path

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**£6 Adult • £3 Child (5-16 yrs)**  
**£3 Senior Citizens**  
**£12.00 Family Ticket**  
 (Up to 2 adults & 2 children)  
**ENGLISH NATIONAL  
 CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL  
 SCHEME PASS HOLDERS  
 TRAVEL FREE.**



Please note that single or double-deck closed top buses will be substituted in inclement weather.

These fares cover one complete round trip on Service 400. You may break your journey anywhere along the route and rejoin the service on the next trip. FirstDay SouthWest Explorer tickets are also valid for travel on this service.

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**transport@somerset.gov.uk**  
 or contact  
**Quantock Motor Services**  
 on 01823 251140

**www.quantockmotorservices.co.uk**  
**sales@quantockmotorservices.co.uk**



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**Service 400**

**Exmoor Explorer**

**Ride the 400 on board  
 a vintage double decker**



Summer 2009



The route continues back to Minehead, past the villages of Allerford and Selworthy on the left. Allerford boasts a much-photographed Packhorse Bridge, which allowed wool-laden mules, donkeys or horses to traverse the River Aller; it is said to be from the 18th Century. Selworthy is famed for its lime-washed Church and thatched cottages that were built for the retired workers of the Holnicote Estate.

The Route terminates in Minehead, the end to a super journey on board the 400 Exmoor Explorer.

Your round trip begins and ends in Minehead, the Gateway to Exmoor. The popular holiday resort has a superb setting between the Exmoor National Park and the coast. The town is sheltered by North Hill on which stands the beautiful church of St Michael's within one of the older parts of town where thatched cottages and narrow alleyways survive. The historic harbour is home to cosy cottages and the old stone pier is the landing stage for Bristol Channel cruises.

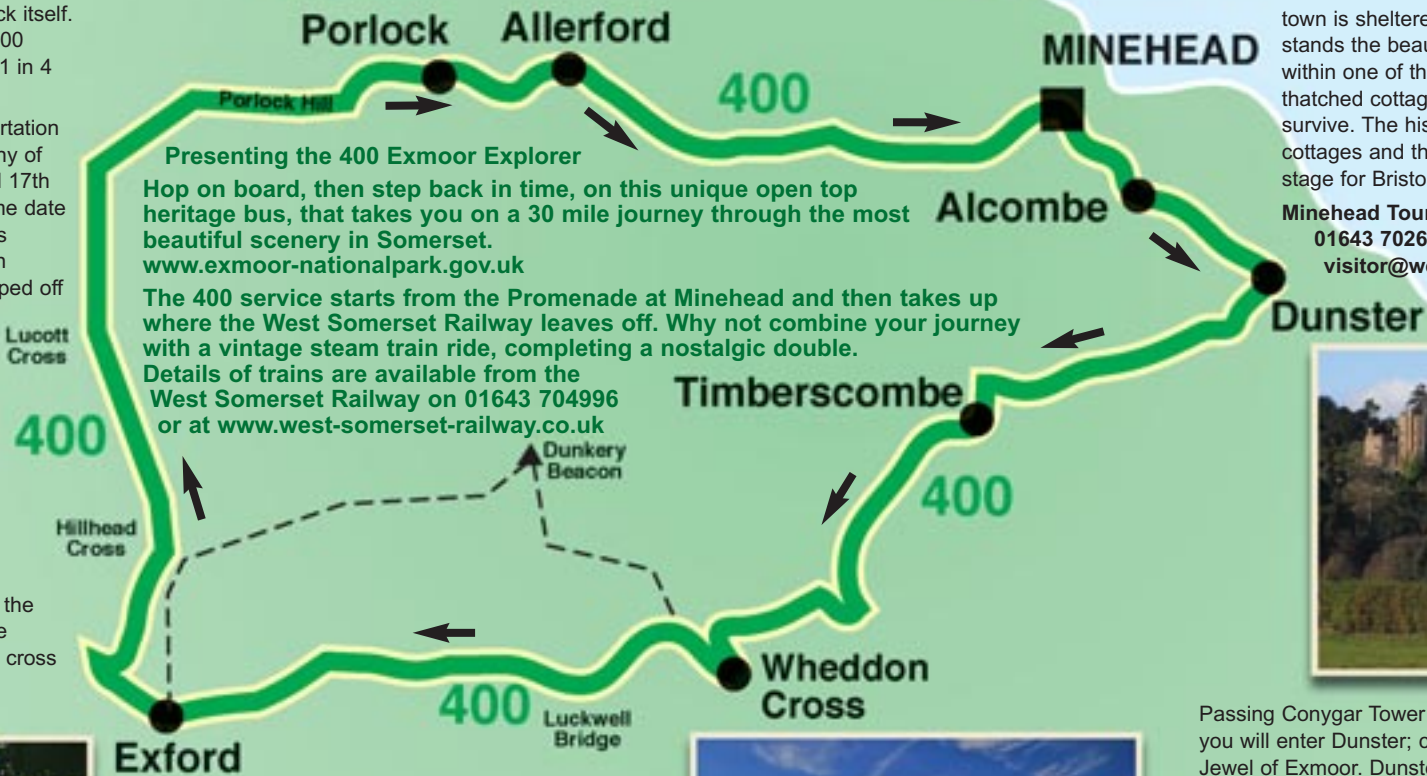
**Minehead Tourist Information Centre**  
01643 702624.  
visitor@westsomerset.gov.uk

A highlight of the 400 Route is descending the famed Porlock Hill into the village of Porlock itself. The road on the hill drops approximately 400 metres in under 2 miles with a gradient of 1 in 4 and hairpin bends.

Porlock was once the home to the transportation of wool from the moorland sheep, and many of the houses here date back to the 16th and 17th Centuries, when this trade prospered. Some date back further to the 12th and 13th Centuries including the Church of St Dubricius, which legend has it, had the top of its spire snapped off by a giant!

**Porlock Visitor Centre**  
01643 863150.  
porlockci@somerset.gov.uk  
www.porlock.co.uk

The next stop is Exford, one of the most picturesque Exmoor villages, nestling beside the river Exe. There are shops, tearooms and the ancient church of St Mary's with its medieval cross and beautiful screen.



**Presenting the 400 Exmoor Explorer**

**Hop on board, then step back in time, on this unique open top heritage bus, that takes you on a 30 mile journey through the most beautiful scenery in Somerset.**  
[www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk](http://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk)

**The 400 service starts from the Promenade at Minehead and then takes up where the West Somerset Railway leaves off. Why not combine your journey with a vintage steam train ride, completing a nostalgic double.**  
Details of trains are available from the West Somerset Railway on 01643 704996 or at [www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk](http://www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk)

Following into the Avill valley to Timberscombe and Wheddon Cross, which grew around the important crossroads. Wheddon Cross is the highest village on Exmoor at 980 feet above sea level, and Dunkery Beacon (the highest point in Somerset) is approximately 2.5 miles away. The views from here are stunning, taking in Porlock Bay and down into the Valley of the River Exe; it is well worth the walk.

Passing Conygar Tower erected in the 18th Century you will enter Dunster; commonly referred to as The Jewel of Exmoor. Dunster Castle dominates the landscape; mentioned in the Domesday book and home to the Luttrell family for 600 years, it is now in the care of the National Trust and is well worth a visit. The beautiful village was built around the wealth brought in by the wool industry and, as well as the famous Yarn Market built in 1609 (pictured), boasts an old packhorse bridge, thatched cob cottages, medieval dovecot, tithe barn and working watermill.  
**Dunster National Park Centre 01643 821835.**  
npcdunster@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk

