

Exmoor celebrates 15th Annual Walking Festival

Walk on Exmoor, Sleep in comfort

The 15th annual Exmoor Walking Festival takes place 2- 9 May 2015 amongst glorious North Devon & West Somerset countryside just waking up to welcome the spring. Beginning in Ilfracombe, and including a trip to beautiful Lundy Island, this guided walking extravaganza wends its way over hills, forests, coast and moors, to finish amongst the pretty villages in Somerset.

Keen walkers wishing to take part in this much-loved event will enjoy staying at medieval [Cross Lane House](#), where ancient walls encompass comfortable guest rooms, and sumptuous beds welcome aching legs. The acclaimed restaurant provides delicious and rejuvenating meals for those who have enjoyed the outdoors, and much of the food cooked is from local suppliers. Packed picnic lunches can be ordered the night before, and massages can also be booked at the hotel.

The starting point for the festival's guided walks are all less than an hour from Cross Lane House with many much closer. *"High Beacons & Cairns"* (5 May) meanders up Dunkery Beacon, offering magnificent views from Exmoor's highest point. *"Talking Trees"* (6 May) is a shorter walk in Horner Woods behind the hotel, and is said to contain the UK's largest area of ancient oak woodland. Guests will enjoy the expertise of a National Park Ranger during the *"Birdsong Around Selworthy"* a charming stroll through villages stuffed with thatched cottages to identify the local birdlife. Or maybe *"Orienteering for Fun"* a full day up and around Porlock with tips and advice on map reading thrown in (both 9 May).

There are over 25 guided walks to choose from, and each walk is described by length, pace, time and difficulty and there is something for all ages and abilities. For more information on the Walking Festival see www.exmoorwalkingfestival.co.uk

To stay at Cross Lane House visit www.CrosslaneHouse.com or call 01643 863276. *Bed & Breakfast from £150 or Dinner, Bed & Breakfast from £212 for two people.*

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