

Dunster Estate

Where Exmoor meets the sea

Welcome..

Rolling heather moors, lush wooded valleys, diverse wildlife, coastal views and a timeless sense of peace make the Dunster Estate a very special place. Situated at the north eastern tip of Exmoor National Park, the estate's 4,000 ha (9,900 acres) surround the historic village of Dunster, and its fields, forests, follies and hill-forts provide a diverse landscape to explore.



Cultural Heritage..

With a history that dates back to 1066, the estate was largely shaped by the Luttrell family of Dunster castle. The Castle is now managed for the nation by National Trust, and the estate is owned by The Crown Estate and managed under our guiding principles of Commercialism, Integrity and Stewardship.

www.thecrownestate.co.uk

Diverse Wildlife..

Whether by 4x4 safari, or on foot, there is a wealth of varied and sometimes rare wildlife to discover including iconic Exmoor species such as Red Deer and Exmoor ponies.

Outdoor activities..

Experience the best of walking, off road cycling, horse riding, and wildlife watching, amid a backdrop of stunning views and varied landscapes. Whatever the season, whatever your age, there is always something new to see and do on the Dunster Estate.

With several waymarked walking trails, cycle trails and the Tall Trees all ability trail, there is a trail for everyone.

Tall Trees..

Walk among giants along the Tall Trees Trail, home to the tallest tree in England- a Douglas-fir that tops 60m (197ft).

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A working landscape

Farm Food - a taste of the Dunster Estate

The dunster estate has many farm food producers, providing a variety of quality produce. Among them:

- Styles Ice Cream internationally renowned for their unique ice creams.
- Briddicott Farm, a supplier of sheep's milk to local producers such as: Styles Ice Cream, Somerset Cheese Company and Naturemade Yoghurts.
- Court Place Farm a producer of fresh potatoes and asparagus.

The Dunster Estate is situated on highly productive land producing award winning food of the highest quality. For more details of all Dunster Estate produce visit our website:www.dunsterestate.co.uk



Where to stay on the estate

Farmhouse B&B's

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| Townsend Farmhouse: | 01643 822313 |
| www.townsendfarmhouse.co.uk | |
| Hungerford Farm, Washford: | 01643 640285 |
| Higher Rodhuish Farm, Rodhuish: | 01984 640253 |
| Lower Rodhuish Farm, Rodhuish: | 01984 640512 |

Camp Sites

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| Warren Farm, Watchet: | 01984 631220 |
| Home Farm, Blue Anchor: | 01984 640817 |
| www.homefarmblueanchor.co.uk | |

For details of places to eat, things to see and accommodation in Dunster go to: www.visitdunster.co.uk

The Dunster Estate is situated on the north eastern edge of Exmoor National Park, along the West Somerset coastline. The estate is easily accessible from the A39, which runs from the M5 and from Barnstaple.

Regular bus services are available to Dunster from Minehead, Bridgwater or Taunton. West Somerset Railway services run from Bishop's Lydeard to Dunster Marsh station.



For further information visit www.dunsterestate.co.uk, or contact us: info@dunsterestate.co.uk, 01643821309 Alternatively contact local Tourist Information (Minehead, 01643 702624) or National Park Centres (Dunster, 01643 821835).

explore Dunster Estate

A landscape to enjoy throughout the year

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Places of Interest - See map

1 Bats Castle

Iron Age Hill-fort on the summit of a 213m (692ft) hilltop. Spectacular 360° panoramas of Exmoor and the coast, which can be reached by a variety of waymarked trails.

2 Conygar Wood and Tower

An 18th century folly, built for Henry Fownes Luttrell of Dunster Castle, set in beautiful semi natural woods. Waymarked circular walk accessed via Dunster Steep.

3 Tall Trees Trail

Get close to the tallest tree in England, a 60m (197ft) Douglas-fir. Suitable for buggies and wheelchairs. Car parking at Nutcombe Bottom, or disabled parking at start of trail.

4 Gallox Bridge

A medieval bridge that once carried packhorses bringing wool down from Exmoor, to be sold at Dunster's yarn market. A short walk from the water mill, and the start of waymarked forest trails.

5 Black hill

Heather covered hilltop (382m a.s.l) with views of the Quantock Hills and across to the Brecon Beacons on a clear day.

6 Dunster Castle

Administrative seat of Dunster Estate from 1066, now owned by National Trust and managed on behalf of the nation. www.nationaltrust.org.uk.

7 Yarn Market

Built in 16th century for the Dunster wool trade at top of Dunster High St.

8 Withycombe Scruffets

41ha (101acre) Ancient Semi Natural oakwood, which would have been intensively coppiced until the end of 1920's, now a valuable habitat for countless species.

9 Vinegar Hill

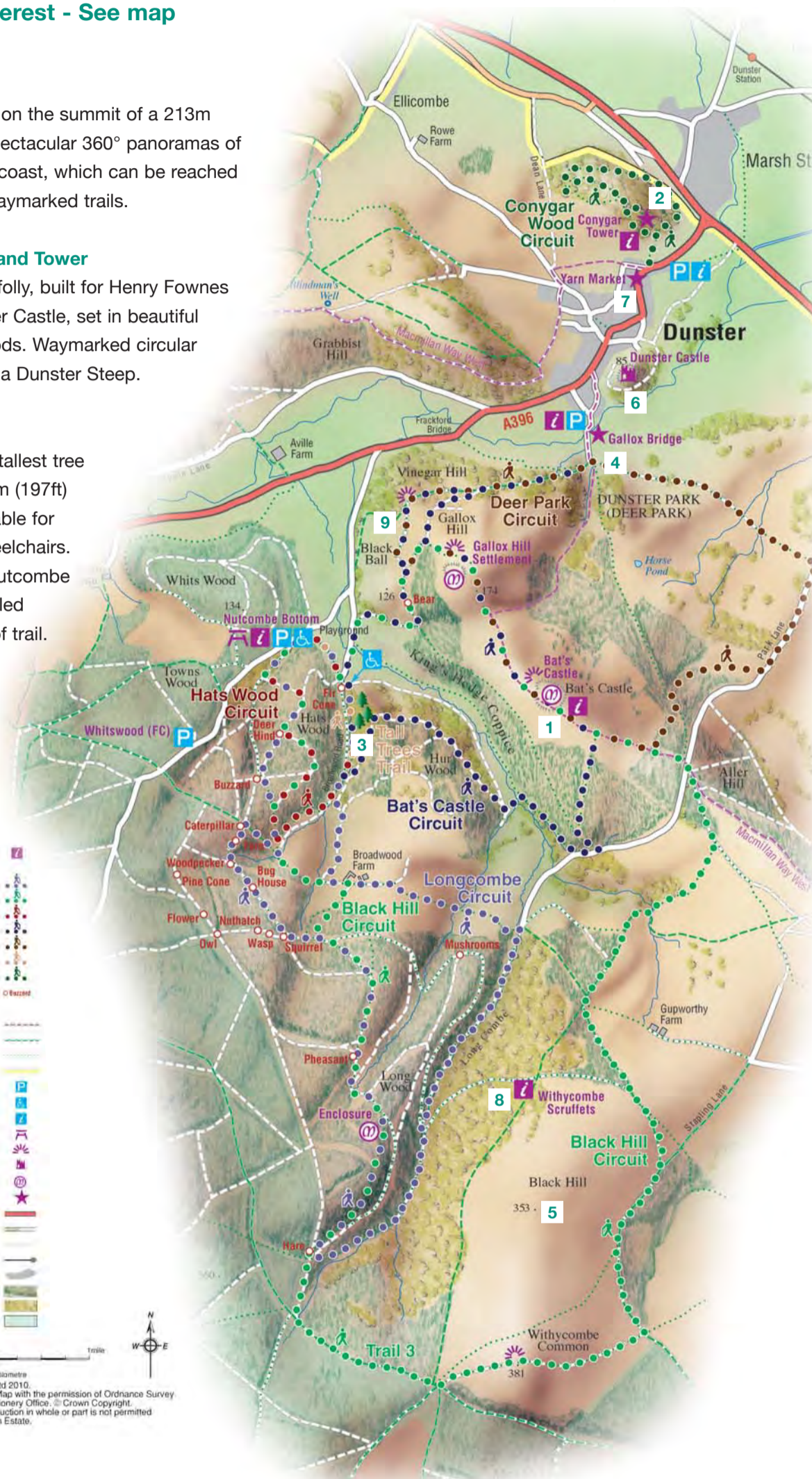
Spectacular viewpoint, giving views up Avill Valley towards Dunkery Beacon and the Exmoor Forest.

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Estate information board
Estate walks
Longcombe Circuit
Black Hill Circuit
Hats Wood Circuit
Bat's Castle Circuit
Deer Park Circuit
Tall Trees Trail
Conygar Wood Circuit
Forest sculpture / waymarks

Long distance walk/other trail
Public bridleway
Other path
National Park boundary
Car park
Disabled parking
Tourist information centre
Picnic site
Viewpoint
Castle
Archaeological site
Other place of interest
A road
Other roads
Track
Railway/station
Built up area
Coniferous plantation
Mixed woodland
Forestry Commission (FC) woodland

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Waymarked walks and trails

- Longcombe Circuit (Grey-blue), 4.5 miles (7km)
- Black Hill Circuit (Green), 6.5 miles (10.5km)
- Hats Wood Circuit (Dark Red), 1.5 miles (2.4km)
- Bats Castle Circuit (Dark Blue), 4 miles (6.5km)
- Deer Park Circuit (Brown), 3 miles (5km)
- Tall Trees Trail (Beige), 0.5mile (1km)
- Conygar Wood Circuit (Dark Green), 1 mile (1.6km)

The Countryside Code

- Be safe- plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control at all times
- Consider other people



Public rights of way, the Macmillan way, South West Coast Path and West Somerset Coast Path can all be linked with the Dunster Estate's own waymarked trails to make a longer walking break.



Your part in Dunster Estate's future...

Please respect that this is a working estate and people rely on the forests and fields to earn a living, and that a wide range of wildlife is supported by this sensitive landscape. Avoid causing damage or disturbance to the environment and respect other users of the facilities. Please follow the Country Code. Respect. Protect. Enjoy.