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Exmoor Dark Skies Festival 2022

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A night under the dark skies of Exmoor is a truly magical experience and one we hope will be encountered by all visitors to the National Park. We have some of the darkest skies in Europe and are proud to be recognised as an International Dark Sky Reserve. The low levels of light pollution here mean that thousands of stars are visible on a clear night.

Whether it's learning about wildlife, the constellations and planets, contemplating our place in the universe, or simply soaking up the tranquillity of a night on the moor; the dark autumn and winter evenings bring something special to everyone.

Whatever your age or your interests, come and discover something out of this world during this popular festival.

www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/darkskiesfestival



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Chief Executive,
Exmoor National Park

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BOOKING INFORMATION

The festival is hosted by Exmoor National Park Authority and also includes events run by partner organisations and businesses.

How to book Exmoor National Park Authority events:  **EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK**
Book online at www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/darkskiesfestival
For help with booking an Exmoor National Park event please call the Lynmouth National Park Centre on 01598 752509 (open 7 days).
All events require booking in advance unless stated otherwise.
Children: 16 and under.

How to book other organisations' events:
Please refer to the event pages in this programme, each event listing includes booking information and contact details of the organisers.
ENPA accepts no responsibility for events run by partner organisations or businesses.

Refunds & Exchanges

Exmoor National Park Authority will offer a full refund to anyone needing to cancel an ENPA event due to covid. Prior notice must be given by email to info@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk. If we need to cancel an event a full refund will be given.

Changes & Cancellation of Events

Exmoor National Park Authority (ENPA) and other organisations may make changes to the programme. If an ENPA event needs to be cancelled due to unforeseen or unavoidable circumstances outside their control ENPA will, as far as is practically possible, notify ticket holders in advance.

Covid information

Please do not attend any festival event if you have been advised to self-isolate, are feeling unwell or have any symptoms of coronavirus – see www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Please follow all guidelines at events, respect social distancing and wash/sanitise your hands regularly. Event organisers are responsible for their own events – please refer to the event organisers for guidelines and precautions at their events.

Refer to the relevant event organisers about their covid-cancellation/refund policy.



The price for some events includes a donation to 'CareMoor for Exmoor'. CareMoor is a donation scheme operated and managed by Exmoor National Park Authority. The scheme provides an opportunity for those inspired by Exmoor to contribute to the upkeep of the National Park through donations. CareMoor funds are used for valuable conservation and access projects.

Visit www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/CareMoor to read more or donate.

MAP OF EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK



International Dark Sky Reserve & Stargazing Locations

Ten years ago Exmoor National Park became the first area in Europe to be designated as a Dark Sky Reserve by the International Dark Sky Association. Whilst the whole of Exmoor can boast incredibly dark skies, the designation specifically helps us to protect the shaded areas shown on the map above. These are known as the core dark sky area and buffer zone.

For most stargazing related activities you can head to any of the more rural areas of the National Park but if you would like some further pointers and recommendations of where to go including a map then you can download a free copy of 'An Astronomer's Guide to Exmoor' from our stargazing webpage: www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/stargazing

Dark Sky Discovery Trail

If you're looking for somewhere to experience a short self-led walk at night with 360° views of the night sky above Exmoor then try our **Dark Sky Discovery Trail** near Exford. Whether it's clear or cloudy it will be a mini adventure suitable for all the family. Read more about it and watch a film at www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/stargazing or ask at our National Park Centres where a printed guide is available to buy for just £1.



EVENTS RUNNING THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

Dark Skies Discovery Hub Evenings (with optional walk) 8 **with Wild About Exmoor, Exford Bridge Tea Rooms, Exford**

- **Saturday 15 October** 6pm Special Festival opening evening
- **Thursday 20 October** 6pm Shooting Stars Special (start of the Orionids Shower from Halley's comet)
- **Saturday 22 October** 6pm Shooting Stars Special (end of the peak of the Orionids shower from the tail of Halley's comet)
- **Thursday 27 October** 6pm

On each hub event, there will be a home-cooked supper to warm you up ready for a splendid evening's stargazing in the centre of Exmoor's dark skies area. Main course is a set menu with a barbecue or supper dish such as shepherd's pie, lasagne or sausage and mash with proper local butcher's sausages. Enjoy dessert whilst we start the planetarium presentation to guide you around the constellations and deep sky objects above our heads, regardless of the weather!

We will head outside to use our telescopes and chat about available apps on iPhone, android and tablets. Weather permitting, you can then join us on an optional walk out into the dark skies area, this is a nominal extra £5 per person and can be as long or short as you wish, as it is an up and back walk. We will sit and enjoy the night sky so do bring warm clothes, hats, gloves, suitable walking footwear and torch and if you are to enjoy the evening to the full. Adults £35, Under 16s £15. Booking essential on info@wildaboutexmoor.com or 07990 521604.

Exmoor Barle Valley Wildlife Safaris - Dusk Safaris **Most dates throughout the festival**

Book an exclusive date for you and your family/group (up to 7 passengers) for £175. Meet experienced guide Daphne Brace before departing from Exford on an adventure around Exmoor in her Land Rover as the sun goes down. Hopefully see some red deer and stars (weather permitting) and hear myths and legends. Call Daphne on 07977571494.

www.facebook.com/ExmoorBarleValleyWildlifeSafaris
www.exmoorwildlifesafaris.com

EVENTS RUNNING THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

Dark Skies Owls Experience 1 **Exmoor Owl & Wildlife Sanctuary, Allerford** **Most dates throughout the festival**

Enjoy a one-hour Dark Skies Owl Experience to include three British (Exmoor) owls flown to the gloved hand in our Owl Barn. Visitors can learn about their natural history, and their individual hunting techniques in the wild and why dark skies are so important. The price will be £40 for a group of one or two participants; plus £10 per additional person - max 6 people. 10am - 11am or 11.30am - 12.30pm. Other Birds of Prey Experiences available too. www.exmoorowlhawkcentre.co.uk



EXMOOR DARK SKIES POETRY COMPETITION

This year we are inviting poets of all ages to submit a poem inspired by Exmoor's dark skies. The judges will be looking for imagination, good use of language and particular relevance to Exmoor. There will be three age groups - Under 11's, 11-16 years and 17-99 years. Prizes include a Telescope kindly supplied by Celestron, a fantastic hamper supplied by our sponsor SBA and a family ticket for the Exmoor Coaster Open Top Bus. Poems to be submitted by email to poem@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk. Please remember to add your name, age and telephone number. Closing date: 11th November.

Exmoor Dark Skies Evening with Astronomer Seb Jay 11**National Park Centre, Lynmouth****Thursday 13 October 6.30-8pm**

Popular astronomer Seb Jay will be talking about astronomy and the Exmoor Dark Sky Reserve. It will leave you fascinated by the sheer enormity of the universe and the wonders that can be seen both with the naked eye and telescope. Stargazing with telescopes if the night is clear. Tea and coffee available and the Centre will be open to browse. £5pp. See Exmoor National Park Authority event booking on page 6.

Introduction to Exmoor 'International Dark Sky Reserve' Online 12**Friday 14 October 7pm**

Join National Park staff and expert astronomer Jo Richardson online to find out why Exmoor's dark skies are so special and how you can make the most of them during a visit. Whether you are a keen astronomer or a novice family with an interest in the stars, find out the best places to stargaze and the best experiences and available resources. Free 1-hour. See Exmoor National Park Authority event booking on page 6.

Stargazing for Beginners with Moor Wild Experiences 12**Cloud Farm Campsite, National Trust, Oare****Friday 14 October 8-9pm**

In the heart of Exmoor National Park, discover Saturn's rings and Jupiter's moons through the telescopic lens. Learn the constellations and the Greek stories whilst enjoying a complimentary shortbread biscuit. Bring your own flask or buy a hot drink. Wet weather: enjoy our cosy indoor presentation. £8pp. Booking www.moorwildexperiences.co.uk/book

Details from info@moorwildexperiences.co.uk or 07505364792.

'In the Night Sky Live' Children's Online Workshop**Saturday 15 October 10.30am**

Join expert astronomer and educator Jo Richardson to learn about the stars in the night sky - discover how our ancestors would have looked at them, make some constellations and listen to the myths and legends that surround them. Ideal for KS1 and KS2 children. A resource pack will be emailed to you upon booking to help you enjoy this interactive session. £5 per family. See Exmoor National Park Authority event booking on page 6.

Dark Skies Discovery Hub Evening (with optional walk), Exford 9**Saturday 15 October 6pm**

Special Festival opening evening. For details see page 8.

An Evening & Meal with Astronomer Jo Richardson 16**The Poltmore Inn, North Molton****Saturday 15 October 7pm-late (optional overnight stay)**

A great indoor and outdoor event for all the family at this popular village inn with its amazing new observatory and telescopes. Enjoy a tasty 2-course meal, presentation and stargazing with expert astronomer Jo Richardson. Price £50pp, or £105pp including an overnight stay. Booking: contact@thepoltmoreinnnorthmolton.co.uk or 01598 740338.

Planetarium Sessions in North Devon 15**Monday 17 October**

Please visit www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/darkskiesfestival to confirm the location and timings. As an alternative, you may like to book on a planetarium session at Dunster on 29 October, see page 29 for details.

Stargazing Night Hike & Farmhouse Supper, Exford 8**Monday 17 October 6.30pm (and repeated Tues 25)**

Join us for an evening of walking under the stars. Meet at The Crown, Exford to set off at 6.30pm for a walk up an old drovers' way onto the edge of the moor. Price £45pp inc. supper, drinks and starry information. Booking essential on info@wildaboutexmoor.com or 07990 521604.

Dark Skies Adventure by Open Top Bus, Minehead 13

Tuesday 18 October 7-10pm

Meet outside Butlins and join astronomer Jo Richardson on board the amazing open-top Exmoor Coaster bus for astro facts and stargazing fun. As well as on-board commentary and star-spotting along this amazing coastal route, if the skies are clear you'll be stopping for some stargazing under guidance from Jo. There'll be a short visit to the Lynmouth National Park Centre for an indoor presentation and warming hot drink before returning to Minehead. Adult £15 Child £7.50. Book via hello@adventuresbybus.co.uk



Withypool Hill Dark Sky Walk & Supper 23

Tuesday 18 October 6.30pm

Meet at the Royal Oak for supper followed by a walk over Withypool Hill guided by Exmoor National Park Ranger Patrick Watts-Mabbott who will give a description and talk about Exmoor's dark skies. On a clear and crisp night enjoy the stunning views of the skies but even in the mist and dark the moor has an amazing atmosphere. On return to the pub, warm up with a luxury hot chocolate. Adults £20 (includes a £5 donation to CareMoor for Exmoor ) Children £10. Book via joinus@royaloakwithypool.co.uk or **01643 831506**.



Wildlife at Night, Exmoor Pony Centre, Ashwick near Dulverton 3

Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 October 5.30-7pm (repeated Wed 26, Thu 27)

Family-friendly event with Exmoor Ponies to inspire everyone to engage with their local wildlife. Hot chocolate and marshmallows. Opportunity to interact with and learn about the ponies. Adults £4, Under 16's £3. Book via info@exmoorponycentre.org.uk or **01398 323093**.



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Stargazing & Pizza Night with Moor Wild Experiences 10

Barton Farm, Kentisbury

Wednesday 19 October 7.30-9.30pm (repeated 22, 25 & 26 Oct)

Learn how to spot Saturn's rings, Jupiter and nebulae through our refractor telescopes and apps. Get cosy in our 16th Century barn crafting your own scrumptious hot stone baked pizza followed by toasting extra-large gooey marshmallows and sipping hot chocolate. Adults £27.50, 5-17yrs £15, U5s free. See Moor Wild's booking details on page 10.

Dark Skies Discovery Hub Evening (with optional walk), Exford 8

Thursday 20 October 6pm

Shooting Stars Special (start of the Orionids Shower from Halley's comet). For details see page 8.

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Exmoor Forest Inn, Simonsbath

Thursday 20 October 7.30-9pm

In the heart of Exmoor's Dark Skies Reserve, join Liz from Moor Wild Experiences to discover the planets and constellations with our refractor telescopes and learn how to use the Stellarium app. Get cosy for our interactive night sky presentation with a warming cup of hot chocolate and sweet treats. Wet weather: enjoy our interactive indoor night sky presentation! Adults £10, 5-17yrs £8, U5s £5. See Moor Wild's booking details on page 10.

Stories of the Stars, Wistlandpound Reservoir 22

Friday 21 October 6-9pm

An evening of stories of the stars with ace storyteller Alice Courvoisier (www.talesandshapes.com) with stargazing (weather-permitting), and a night time wander with the Rangers to see what wildlife we can encounter in the dark. A hearty soup and hot drinks will be provided. The stories are most suited to children over 7 but this is very much a family event and all ages are welcome. Price £4. Children under 7 free. Book via www.swlakestrust.org.uk/Event/stories-of-the-stars

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Nettlecombe Court

Friday 21 October 7.30-9.30pm

Discover the night sky in the grounds of the 11th Century Nettlecombe Court Estate with an array of telescopes! Discover Saturn, Jupiter, nebulae and learn the constellations with Liz from Moor Wild Experiences. Following an interactive night sky presentation, get cosy under the high ceilings of the Grade I listed building with a warming hot chocolate & sweet treats. Adults £15, 5-17yrs £10, U5s £5. See Moor Wild's booking details on page 10.

Dark Skies in the Forest, Nutcombe Bottom, Dunster 7

Friday 21 October 7.30-9.30pm

Join Chris Sperring MBE and James Latus Community Ranger for Forestry England for a guided evening woodland walk. Meet at Nutcombe Bottom car park - the walk should be suitable for all and your hosts will discuss astronomy and the evening wildlife associated with the woodland. This walk will take place whatever the weather as the wildlife can take centre stage. Adults £7.50, Children/OAP £5. Family ticket 2+2 £20. Booking essential. Call Forestry England on **0300 067 4800** and ask to book on the Dark Skies Walk at Nutcombe Bottom.

Space-themed Craft Session for Children 6

National Park Centre, Dulverton

Saturday 22 October 2-4pm

A free drop-in arts and crafts session; colouring, making telescopes, and designing space craft. Materials provided. Free entry (donations to CareMoor for Exmoor welcome) no need to book.



Astro Party - Family Event, Wimbleball Lake 21

Saturday 22 October 3-7pm

Kick off the half term with an exciting indoor and outdoor adventure for children and families at this Dark Sky site. There'll be plenty of audience participation in astronomer Jo Richardson's inspiring astronomy presentation then try out some fun science experiments to help you learn more about space. There'll be a campfire, marshmallows and, weather permitting, lots of outdoors activities too led by National Park staff. £6.50pp. See Exmoor National Park Authority event booking on page 6.



Dark Skies Discovery Hub Evening (with optional walk), Exford 9

Saturday 22 October 6pm

Shooting Stars Special (end of the peak of the Orionids shower from the tail of Halley's comet). For details see page 8.

Walk & Explore Dark Skies at Simonsbath (3 nights) 18

Simonsbath House Hotel, Simonsbath

Saturday 22 October

Book this activity-filled 3-night break in your individually decorated en-suite room at the historic Simonsbath House. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast, transport and guided walks and talks included. £340pp.

Booking enquiries@simonsbathhousehotel.co.uk or 01643 831250.

Stargazing & Pizza Night with Moor Wild Experiences, Kentisbury 10

Saturday 22 October 7.30-9.30pm

For details see similar event on page 15.

Dark Sky Discovery Trail: Semi-guided Experience

Larkbarrow Corner near Exford

Sunday 23 October Flexible arrival 5-6.30pm

Gain confidence on this amazing dark skies walk - staff will be on hand as you negotiate the flat 2-mile walk with 360° views of the night sky. Whatever the weather, you'll feel the excitement of being surrounded by darkness and the sounds of nature. Find out more on page 4 and from our National Park Centres. £2.50pp. See Exmoor National Park Authority event booking on page 6.



Dark Skies Astrophotography Walk in the Doone Valley, Malmsmead

Saturday 22 October 6-9pm

Join photographer Mark Johnson for a photography experience to remember. You'll learn how to make the darkness come alive with your camera, capturing the stars, moon or lights and landscape depending on conditions. You will need tripod, camera and warm clothes. No experience necessary. Enjoy a hot drink and a pasty from the Buttery Tea Room before heading out to capture the dark sky. Adult £15, Child £10.

Book online www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lorna-doone-valley

Stargazing & Sunday Roast with Moor Wild Experiences

Nettlecombe Court

Sunday 23 October 6.30-9.30pm

Dine under Grade I listed high ceilings and discover Exmoor's dark skies in the grounds of 11th Century Nettlecombe Court Estate. After a scrumptious Sunday roast, learn how to use an array of traditional and modern telescopes to spot Saturn's rings, Jupiter and nebulae. Get cosy with a cuppa for our interactive indoor night sky presentation (in wet weather). Adults £22, 5-17yrs £20, U5s£5. See Moor Wild's booking details on page 10.



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Night Walk through Valley of Rocks with Mother Moon, Lynton ¹¹ **Sunday 23 October 7-9pm (and repeated Thu 27, Sat 29 and Sun 30)**

Enjoy the peace of the valley, taking in the beauty of the night sky in a stunning part of Exmoor. Your local guide Jess Twydall of Mother Moon will meet you at Lynton Town Hall. The tour will include tales of the past and local history as you walk through the woods on Hollerday Hill and into the Valley of Rocks. Hear about the moon cycles and how they impact our moods and emotions. This is very much a walk for well-being, slowing down and enjoying the tranquillity of Exmoor. Adults £10, Children Free. Book via info@mother-moon.co.uk or 07716 223270.

Stargazing for Beginners with Moor Wild Experiences ¹² **Buttery Tea Rooms, Malmsmead** **Monday 24 October 7- 8.30pm**

Discover Saturn's rings and Orion's nebula on this unique astronomical experience in the Doone Valley. After an introduction to the Night Sky at the Buttery Tea Rooms (National Trust), tuck into a delicious hot pizza slice before heading immediately outside for our telescope experience, guided by Liz from Moor Wild Experiences. Get cosy toasting your complimentary marshmallows around our firepit with the opportunity to purchase hot drinks and sweet treats from the Buttery Tea Rooms. Adult (11+ yrs) £15 inc. pizza slice, Child (5 – 10yrs) £10 inc. pizza slice. Under 5s free. See Moor Wild Experiences' booking details on page 10.

Dark Skies in Watercolour - Painting Sessions for Children ¹¹ **National Park Centre, Lynmouth** **Tuesday 25 October 10am and 12.30pm**

Learn how to use watercolour to create amazing galaxies - all materials provided. Suitable for ages 7-11. Children must be accompanied. Two 1½ hour sessions. Child: £3. See Exmoor National Park Authority event booking on page 6.

How to See the Aurora - Supper & Talk by Dr Lilian Hobbs 16

The Poltimore Inn, North Molton

Tuesday 25 October 6.30-9pm

Dr Lilian Hobbs FRAS is a keen astronomer and astro photographer. Learn about the aurora, and view Lilian's photographs and videos of the aurora. How did she view the aurora? Where do you go to see it? Do you need any special equipment? Have all your questions answered. This event is aimed at adults and older children. Price £35pp. Details and booking via contact@thepoltimoreinnnorthmolton.co.uk or call 01598 740338.

Stargazing Night Hike & Farmhouse Supper, Exford 8

Tuesday 25 October 6.30pm

For details see similar event on page 11.

Stargazing & Pizza Night with Moor Wild Experiences, Kentisbury 10

Tuesday 25 & Wednesday 26 October 7-9pm

For details see similar event on page 15.

Wildlife at Night, Exmoor Pony Centre, Ashwick near Dulverton 3

Wednesday 26 & Thursday 27 October 5.30-7pm

See similar event on page 12 for details.

Ranger Guided Walk & Stargazing at Haddon Hill 9

Wednesday 26 October 5.30pm

Join National Park Ranger Richard Eales and astronomers from Tiverton and Mid Devon Astronomy Club on a guided night walk around this spectacular site with 360° views of the night sky. Richard will happily discuss the site, its management, the creation of Wimbleball lake, and all things ponies and deer. The astronomers will guide you through what's on view in the night sky. Adult £5, Child £3. See Exmoor National Park Authority event booking on page 6.





Walk & Explore Dark Skies at Simonsbath

Saturday 22nd - Tuesday 25 October



Saturday: After dinner enjoy a walk and talk with ESERO-UK Ambassador Jo Richardson FRAS to enjoy the spectacular display afforded to a Dark Skies Reserve.

Sunday: Guided 1/2 day walk around the Tall Trees Trail boasting the Tallest tree in England and then to Dunster to explore the castle and Medieval Village. After dinner a talk from Jo and study of the night sky through telescope.



Monday: Guided walk on the Moor then a visit to the Exmoor Pony Centre followed by an evening trip to Dunkery Beacon, the highest point on Exmoor.

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Astronomy Talk with Dr Lilian Hobbs and optional Supper ²⁰

Torre Cider Farm, Washford

Wednesday 26 October 6pm (Supper & Talk), 7.30pm (Talk only)

Hear from Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society Dr Lilian Hobbs as she talks you through the best way to see the stars. Dr Hobbs is an experienced astronomer and keen astrophotographer, so come along and find out whether you need a telescope to see the solar system and beyond, how to choose one if you are just starting out, and how to take pictures of the cosmos from your back garden. Optional Supper at 6pm (home-made soup and lasagne, inc vegan option). Talk only £8pp, Talk & Supper £17pp. Prior booking essential, email info@torrecider.farm or call 01984 640004.

Watching the Stars at 'Steam & Stars', Sampford Brett ¹⁷

Thursday 27 October 6.30pm–9pm (plus glamping option)

Join us for an evening of stargazing next to the West Somerset Railway in the beautiful Sampford Brett countryside. Trevor and Bee run a luxury glamping site and they will be joined by astronomer Jo Richardson and her astrophotographer husband Pete who will present a wonderful stargazing talk, a display of award-winning astrophotography as well as the opportunity to hopefully look at and through a selection of amazing telescopes. We will be serving hot soup over charcoal and warm drinks. It promises to be a magical evening! Maximum 12 guests - Adults £5 or free if you book to stay here! – see www.steamandstars.co.uk Book/enquire via info@steamandstars.co.uk or 07968 300 321.

Dark Skies Discovery Hub Evening (with optional walk), Exford ⁸

Thursday 27 October 6pm

For details see page 8.

Night Walk through Valley of Rocks with Mother Moon, Lynton ¹¹

Thursday 27 October 7-9pm

For details see similar event on page 21.

Ranger Guided Walk & Stargazing ¹³ with Exmoor Stargazers, North Hill, Minehead Friday 28 October 5.30pm

Join knowledgeable National Park Ranger Charlotte Wray and astronomers from Exmoor Stargazers with their portable telescope on a guided night walk around this spectacular coastal site to experience the skies above Bossington. Meet at the last car park on North Hill. Adults £5, Child £3. See Exmoor National Park Authority event booking on page 6



Stargazing for Beginners with Moor Wild Experiences ² National Trust Arlington Court, Near Barnstaple Friday 28 October 7-9pm

Discover the autumn night sky through the telescopic lens with Liz from Moor Wild Experiences. Spot Jupiter, Saturn's rings and nebulae. Use the Stellarium app to learn the constellations. Learn of the astronomical interest of Miss Chichester of Arlington Court. Enjoy a hot drink and snack. Adults £15, 5-17yrs £10, U5s £5. See Moor Wild's booking details on page 10.

Stargazing Activity Break (2-night stay), Yarn Market Hotel, Dunster ⁷ Friday 28 October

This 2-night break is led by expert Bob Mizon MBE FRAS, coordinator of the British Astronomical Association's Commission for Dark Skies: author, observer, planetarium operator. There'll be interesting talks during the weekend and Bob will also guide you through what you will see in the night skies at our stargazing site. The break includes 2 nights' full board and all activities including an immersive planetarium session. Details at www.yarnmarkethotel.co.uk/star-gazing-breaks

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Dark Skies Wildlife Walks with National Trust Rangers ¹²
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Friday 28 October 5pm & 7pm starts

Join one of two escorted walks along the Doone Valley with the National Trust ranger team. Using night vision cameras, you will get to see what incredible evening wildlife calls the valley home. On return to the Buttery Tea Room, enjoy some pizza and a hot drink. Inclusive price Adult £15, Child £10. Book via www.nationaltrust.org.uk/Lorna-doone-valley

A Walk across the Solar System plus Space-themed Activities ⁴
Bampton Heritage & Visitor Centre, Bampton
Saturday 29 October 3pm

Join Hugh Saxby for a walk through the Solar System to scale. After visiting some planets and a few of their moons, enjoy some space-themed craft activities in Bampton Heritage Centre. Suitable for children aged 7+. Children must be accompanied. Free event - although donations to Heritage Centre welcome. Book via bhvcwalkingevents@gmail.com

Planetarium Sessions ⁷ EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK
Talks & Family Fun, Tithe Barn, Dunster
Saturday 29 October from 10.30am



Book a session in the Space Odyssey mobile planetarium for a 360° immersive experience for all ages. There'll also be a series of short talks and fun children's activities hosted by Simon Holbeche of Bath Astronomers and café raising funds for **CareMoors for Exmoor**  A range of 45-minute (more suited to younger children) and 60-minute sessions from 10.30am to 6pm. Over 16 £6, Under 16 £4. See Exmoor National Park Authority event booking on page 6.

Simply Stargazing Pub Walk with Wild About Exmoor, Exford 8

Saturday 29 October 6.30pm

Enjoy a night walk with stargazing followed by optional supper in a traditional Exmoor pub. We'll walk up onto the moor as the stars come out, then back to Exford for some space exploration with our telescopes and binoculars. Price for guided walk and stargazing only: £20 adults, £15 under 16s. Book via info@wildaboutexmoor.com or **07990 521604**. Book your supper for 8.30pm with The Crown **01643 831554** or The White Horse **01643 831229** explaining that you are stargazing with Wild About Exmoor.

Stargazing & Presentation with Astronomer Jo Richardson 5

Holworthy Farm, Brompton Regis

Saturday 29 October 6.30pm-9pm

An amazing experience with a presentation and stargazing with Jo Richardson FRAS and ESERO-UK Space Ambassador. Evening £25pp (adults only) includes hot refreshments. Why not make a weekend of it and stay here on the edge of Wimbleball Lake? See www.holworthyfarm.co.uk. Book via holworthyfarm@aol.com or **01398 371244**.

Stargazing & Pizza Night with Moor Wild Experiences, Kentisbury 10

Saturday 29 October 7-9pm

For details see similar event on page 15.

Moonlit Meadow Run, French Weir Park, Taunton 19

Saturday 29 October 6pm

Dust off your headtorches and join in the fun running around our trail run in French Weir Park in the dark. Children aged 8 and upwards most welcome when accompanied by a parent - 5k and 10k options available. Price £19.50. For more information, see www.channelevents.co.uk/night-run-series

Night Walk through Valley of Rocks with Mother Moon, Lynton 11

Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 October 7-9pm

For details see similar event on page 21.



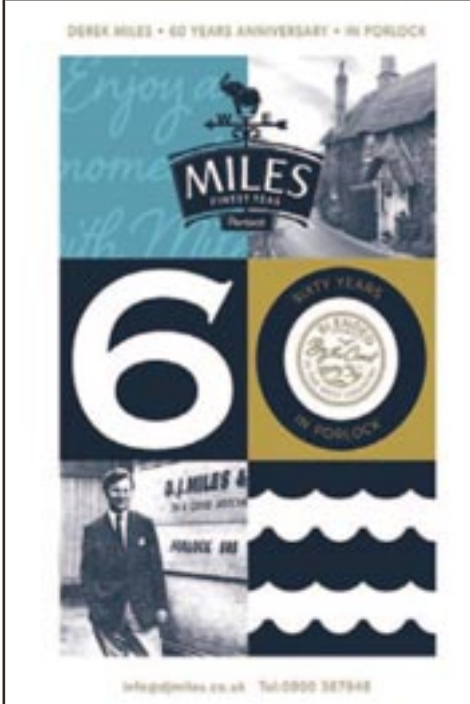
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