



Welcome to historic Princetown

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Foggintor quarry

supplied granite for many of London's buildings including Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square, completed in 1843



The traditional method of splitting granite

Church of St Michael & All Angels

was constructed of local granite by French and American prisoners of war



A horse drawn tramway, the Plymouth and Dartmoor Railway, which later became part of the Great Western Railway, linked Princetown to the rest of the country until the line closed in 1956



Arthur Conan Doyle was inspired to write his famous Sherlock Holmes story *The Hound of the Baskervilles* whilst staying in the Old Duchy Hotel, Princetown, 1901 (now the Visitor Centre)



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Plymouth

Meet Sherlock Holmes and hear Conan Doyle talking about his experiences on Dartmoor at the Visitor Centre

Dartmoor Prison Museum

Tavistock

Dartmoor Prison

The prison was built to house French and American Prisoners from the Napoleonic war and 1812 war with America



Community Centre

Post Office

car park

you are here

Plume of Feathers Inn

is one of the oldest buildings, 1785



Thomas Tyrwhitt

lived at Tor Royal, south of Princetown. It is still part of the Duchy's Dartmoor Estate, which covers around one third of the National Park area

Princetown owes its existence to the vision of one man - Thomas Tyrwhitt. He was Lord Warden of the Stannaries and Private Secretary to the Prince of Wales.

By the end of the 18th century Tyrwhitt had established Tor Royal Farm and a vision to tame and cultivate the open moor, founding a small settlement called Prince's Town.

Although livestock farming has always been an important part of Dartmoor life, Tyrwhitt's arable farming dream failed, due largely to the harsh environment. But he came up with other schemes to revitalise this moorland community, including the building of the prison in 1809 to house at first French, then American, prisoners of war. Today HM Prison Dartmoor is still in use with up to 600 prisoners.

Tyrwhitt was also responsible for the development potential of granite quarrying in the area and the Plymouth and Dartmoor Railway that linked the high moor to the sea. The line closed in 1956 and is now a great track for walking and cycling. To discover more about the *Dartmoor Story* call into the Visitor Centre.

Two Bridges



Railway Route
Short Route: 10km
Long Route: 30km
Grade: Intermediate

Burrator Route
Distance: 20km
Grade: Intermediate to Difficult

There are two **Granite & Gears** walking and cycling trails that start from outside the National Park Visitor Centre Princetown. Pick up copies of the route leaflets from the Visitor Centre or from Fox Tor Cafe. Cycling is one of the best ways to explore Devon. The county has many miles of traffic free trails, offering scenic views and routes to suit all ages and abilities. For more information and to download cycle maps visit

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