Top tips for enjoying cycling on Dartmoor

For your own safety:
- know your bike’s capability and your ability;
- carry a map and compass;
- wear appropriate safety gear including a helmet and appropriate clothing;
- make sure your bike is in good working order;
- carry spares for trailside repairs;
- inform someone where you are going and when you expect to be back.

Ride responsibly:
- give way to other users;
- ride in small groups;
- be aware of your potential impact on livestock and wildlife;
- think about how you ride and the impact this has on the route;
- avoid riding over or heavy braking on wet ground;
- keep to existing paths and avoid widening routes.

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Just a word of caution ...
Please be aware that you may find this cycling route challenging and that you should take care to exercise within your own limitations. Please remember that you cycle all routes on Dartmoor at your own risk. You should always wear suitable clothing, protective equipment and carry a good map (Ordnance Survey or equivalent) and compass. This leaflet is not suitable as your only means of navigation.

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GRANITE & GEARS
Princetown Railway
Mountain Bike Routes

Mostly traffic free following cycleways and minor roads
Short Route: 10km
Long Route: 30km
Grade: Intermediate

Continue along the track until you reach the gates at the boundary between the moor and field systems.
Follow the route through the fields, ride over the bridge.
After crossing the bridge, the track continues into Preekhill Plantation above Burrator Reservoir. Continue on the railway until you reach a minor road.
Turn left and follow the road for 1.5km until reaching a T junction.
Turn left and follow the road around Burrator Reservoir. At the next T junction, turn right and follow the road, crossing the dam at the end of the reservoir.
At the T junction at the end of the dam, turn right and after 250m turn left up a track.
Follow this track for 500m.
The track then turns sharp right and becomes the end of the disused railway.
Follow the disused railway back to Princetown.
CYCLING ON DARTMOOR

There are plenty of cycling opportunities along designated cycle tracks, public roads, byways and bridleways - the only place that's off limits is the open moor. To help you plan more great rides, the Dartmoor and surrounding area for cyclists map is available to purchase from Dartmoor National Park Authority Visitor Centres.

MOUNTAIN BIKING ROUTES

Short Route - King's Tor loop 10km

Long Route - Princetown Railway and Burrator loop 30km

Mountain bike route following the former Princetown Railway and minor roads

1. Turn left out of the main car park onto Station Road, just after the fire station turn left again past the old station stables. Follow this path onto the disused railway line.

2. For the short route turn left onto the bridleway and after 600m, rejoin the Princetown cycleway at point 3. Turn right and follow the cycleway around King’s Tor, returning to point 2. From here, retrace your route back to Princetown.

3. For the long route continue along the main track, looping around King’s Tor, until reaching point 3.