

1 The Plume of Feathers

Built in 1785 by Thomas Tyrwhitt, Princetown's oldest building was first intended to house agricultural workers, but farming turned out to be too difficult in the harsh landscape.

2 DNPA Princetown Visitor Centre and Jack Wigmore Garden

Built in 1810, The Duchy Hotel was originally for war prison guards. Later, a famous guest was 'Sherlock Holmes' author, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who stayed while researching for his novel 'The Hound of the Baskervilles'.

The Jack Wigmore Garden is accessed via steps on Plymouth Hill, and has some interesting items archaeology and Dartmoor flora to see.

3 The Jubilee Lamp Post

The elegant lamppost on the corner outside the Visitor Centre is inscribed to celebrate Queen Victoria's Silver Jubilee in 1887.

4 The Old Power Stations

One of the two former power station buildings remains, identifiable by its curved roofline and the image of Zeus (with lightning bolts in hand) above the door. This power station came into operation in 1923 and was powered by 2 semi-diesel engines. The 'Pocket Power Station' (now demolished) was sited next to this building. Commissioned in December 1959, the Pocket Power Station was the country's first unmanned, remotely controlled power station (see picture).

5 The last Railway Building (Stables)

This small, derelict building is the last remnant of the old Princetown Railway 1883-1956.

6 The Primary School

Built by convicts in 1874, the school was first a school for the sons of prison guards, but as it was fee-paying, many children could not attend. The playground was originally called 'The Parade Ground'.

7 St Michael and All Angels Church

The only church in England to be built by Prisoners of War, most of the main church was built by French POW's, and completed by the American POW's in 1814. There is a section of the graveyard for convict graves, with a large memorial cross for the unnamed graves. Inside the church you can see the impressive stained glass window, installed in 1910 in memory of the American POW's.

8 Ladies' Club (site of old barracks)

This building is the last building on the site of the old barracks that housed the Militia. The building probably had several uses over time, but is seen on some contemporary maps as a 'Ladies Club'.

9 HMP Dartmoor Entrance Arch

This iconic stone arch greets arriving prisoners with the inscription 'Parcere Subjectis', which means 'Spare The Vanquished', to reflect the more merciful attitudes of the day.

10 French and American Mass Graves

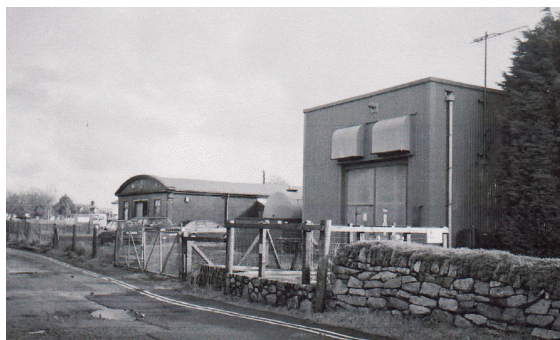
Memorial sites for French and American POW's. Many hundreds of prisoners that perished were buried here in unmarked graves. There are 2 obelisks in memoriam, with 2 large marble panels with the names of American prisoners buried there.

NOTE: THIS AREA CAN ONLY BE VISITED BY APPOINTMENT WITH MUSEUM STAFF.

11 HMP Dartmoor Prison Museum

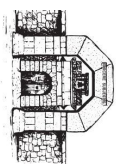
In the former Prison Dairy, the Museum houses a fascinating collection of artifacts and information about the history of HMP Dartmoor.

There is a gift shop, which also sells items that have been made by inmates of the prison. There are exhibitions dedicated to the prison's past uses, including a borstal, and as a work camp for WW1 'conscientious objectors', known as 'Conchies'.



4. The two power station buildings, the original building on the left can still be seen. The 'Pocket Power Station' has since been demolished.

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of the Museum

The trail is level, but there are 2 steps into the church, and Museum staff can assist accessing the lower level

There are also places to buy food and drink and other wonderful local businesses to visit.

you where to find them.

Princetown, known for its walks and cycle routes also has many interesting historic features, and this guide map will show



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historic sites





Note: Museum Car Park Closes at 4 / 4:30 PM



Princetown's Food & Drink

- A** The Plume Of Feathers
- B** The Fox Tor Cafe
- C** Dewerstone Coffee
- D** Post Office & Stores
- E** The Old Police Station Cafe
- F** The Prince of Wales
- G** Dartmoor Brewery Shop

Princetown's Historic 'Ball & Chain' Trail - Points of Interest

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