The Granite Way

The Granite Way is a truly spectacular cycle and walking route between Okehampton and Lydford. The trail is ideal for families and those new to cycling, and a great way to enjoy this beautiful part of Devon.

The latest route section between Southerly and Bridestowe Station has recently been completed, which means the trail is now mainly traffic-free for its entire nine miles between Okehampton and Lydford.

The trail is wheelchair accessible, although there are gates and a ramp at the A30 underpass near Meldon Quarry. Tramper Buggies are available to hire along the trail. Countryside Mobility South West hold an up to date record of places of hire.

Feedback

For any suggestions, comments or to report faults on the cycle routes please contact:

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The Granite Way is part of EuroVelo 1. EuroVelo is the European cycle route network. It is a project of the European Cyclists’ Federation (ECF) that aims to develop a network of high-quality cycling routes that connect the whole continent. For more information on EuroVelo visit www.eurovelo.org.uk

The Granite Way is also part of the Velodyssey cycle route, a 1400km route stretching from north Devon down to the Pyrenees. To plan your journey visit www.velodyssey.com

The Granite Way also features part of the Tour de Manche cycle route between Axminster and Plymouth. The route offers a unique maritime perspective over 1200km of varied landscapes either side of the English Channel. To plan your journey visit www.tourdemanche.com

Places to see along the way

The Granite Way is mostly built along the course of the former Southern Region railway line. Between Okehampton and Meldon, the original railway line still exists, with the cycle route running alongside it. A seasonal train service is operated by the Dartmoor Railway Association.

Meldon viaduct is a stunning 90ft high iron railway bridge, constructed in 1872. From the viaduct, you will be rewarded with wonderful views over Meldon Dam and Dartmoor beyond.

Lydford Castle is worth a visit. It is a medieval site, which has an imposing keep which was a former jail.

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The Granite Way between Okehampton and Lydford forms part of NCN route 27 which is also known as the ‘Devon Coast to Coast’.

The ‘Devon Coast to Coast’ is a 102 mile cycle/walkway between Lifcombe and Plymouth, much of which is traffic-free.

The Dartmoor Way is a 95 mile (mainly on road) circular cycle route around Dartmoor National Park. The route follows various NCNs, including the Granite Way.

www.dartmoorway.co.uk

Other cycling guides

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Pocket sized maps of the National Cycle Network for South Devon and North Devon are available through Sustrans.

Visit www.sustrans.org.uk for a great range of cycle maps, guidebooks, and a variety of cycling merchandise.

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