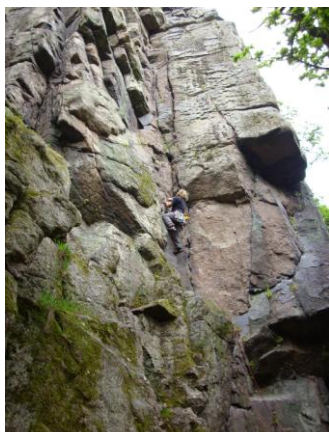


Easter Meet – Dartmoor

Dates: Easter Weekend: 10th – 13th April 2009

Meet Leader: Emma Bastock

Accommodation: The Plume of Feathers, Princetown, Yelverton, Devon, PL20 6QG Tel: 01822 890240



John climbing at the Dewerstone

Following feedback from last year's trip that the pub was too far away, this year I thought we'd camp at the pub!

Based in the heart of the **Dartmoor National Park**, Dartmoor's granite tors are a magnet for climbers and boulderers. Set amongst some of the most dramatic scenery in the West Country they offer interesting and demanding climbs for all abilities.

Campsite: Toilets and showers. £6.50 per night adults. The pub serves a selection of real ales and has an excellent reputation for food. See www.theplumeoffeathers.co.uk for further info.

Climbing: Limestone, Sea cliff and granite trad routes with famous locations such as Hay Tor, Hound Tor and Dewerstone less than 10 miles from the campsite. Classic climbs include:

LIMESTONE: Chudleigh Rocks:- Oesophagus E1 5b **, Sarcophagus VS 4a 4b **, Inkerman Groove VS 4c ***, Anstey's Cove HVS 5b 5a ***, St Gregory the Wonder Worker S 4b *. **Daddy Hole:-** Diamont Rib HS 4b *, Gates of Eden HS 4b 4a ***

GRANITE: Haytor/Lowman:- Haggis HVS 5a *, Raven Gully S 4a **, **Hound Tor:-** Suspension Flake VS 4c ***. **Sheeps Tor** (plenty of low grade routes):- Wind Wall HVS 5a ***, Crack & Chimney S *, Mushroom Wall VS 4c **. **Dewerstone:-** Needle Arete VD **, Central Groove HS 4b 4b ***, Tower Crack VS 4b **, Climbers Club Direct HVS 5a 4c ***. **Leigh Tor:** ideal for children with 5 M grades

Bouldering venues include Chudleigh (3 star), Bonehill Rocks (3 star), Hound Tor (2 star) and Vixen Tor (2 star) again all within easy reach by car from the farm.

Sports routes from 6a to 7c can be found at Torbryan Quarry and some other selected quarries in the region.

Directions: Approx 45miles from Jn 31 of M5. For full details, please email emma_bastock@yahoo.co.uk

Maps/Guides: Ordnance Survey OL28 Dartmoor, Explorer 110 Torquay & Dawlish, Newton Abbot. South Devon & Dartmoor Climber's Guide.

Walking: Walking on Dartmoor is excellent. For the less demanding walker there are car parks from which brief, pleasant excursions can be made. For the more hardened explorer many miles over hard ground can be tramped in challenging conditions. Sources for walking routes: www.richkni.co.uk/dartmoor or why not walk some of The Templer Way - 18 miles between Haytor on Dartmoor and Teignmouth on the south coast; the Way traces the route by which granite was exported from Dartmoor via the unique Haytor Granite Tramway and the Stover Canal.

Cycling: A map of graded mountain bike routes is available from the park authority at www.dartmoor-nga.gov.uk. There are plenty of cycling opportunities including a 14.6m moderate ride out of Postbridge, the Hound Tor Route 20m graded Moderate or a 17mile Easy ride starting from Meavy. Other routes can be found in the guide book from www.bikemaps.co.uk

Area Info: Visit www.discoverdartmoor.co.uk

If you need any further information or have any questions, please contact Emma on 07841 482469. Hope to see you there.