



Buses and trains

The following is a list of all the bus and train services in the area that are useful for walking. Buses have been cut heavily in recent years, and those that are left are subject to change year-by-year. For up-to-date timetables consult Traveline South West for buses and the West Somerset Railway site for trains – or call into a tourist information or National Park centre. The number after the place name is the approximate time in minutes from the first-named terminus. The number of buses daily is in each direction.

Some rural and once-daily buses are small or are intended mainly for college students, and they can get full particularly as they get nearer to their destinations. Don't rely on them if you are travelling as a group: use a pre-booked minibus.

At bus stops there is often an 8-letter code (e.g. sotadjag). Text this to 84268 for the (timetabled) times of the next three buses.

West Somerset Railway. Bishops Lydeard – Crowcombe Heathfield (15) – Stogumber (25) – Williton (37) – Doniford (41, request) – Watchet (49) – Washford (57) – Blue Anchor (55) – Dunster (63) – Minehead (70). Runs most days in **April-October**, limited services outside these months. Between four and seven daily, first departures around 10.15 from Minehead and 10.30 from Bishops Lydeard, last between 4 and 5pm; a few evening specials. Minehead station's phone number is 01643 704996. See also Bus 28 which follows a similar route.

Exmoor Explorer (formerly Coaster; First Bus). Blue Anchor (not Sundays) - Carhampton - Dunster - Minehead (15) - Allerford - Porlock (50) - County Gate - Countisbury - Lynmouth (85) - Lynton (100) - Barbrook - Woody Bay - Blackmoor Gate - Combe Martin (125) - Watermouth - Hele - Ilfracombe (155). **June, July and August.** 3-4 buses daily, more in school holidays.

10 (Atwest/Ridlers). Minehead – Selworthy Turn (15) – Allerford (17) – West Luccombe for Horner (19) – Porlock (22) – Porlock Weir (30). Currently 5-6 buses per day, weekdays and Saturdays.

15 (Buses of Somerset). Minehead – Dunster (8) – Carhampton (11) – Watchet (27) – West Quantoxhead (35) – Holford (46) – Nether Stowey (55) – Bridgwater (92). One bus daily, weekdays in college term time, out from Minehead early morning and return late afternoon. There is currently also a weekday **EDF community bus** (white bus) that provides three extra buses in each direction using the same route: see the EDF Energy website for details.

21 (Stagecoach). Ilfracombe - Barnstaple (60) - Bideford (100, may require change at Barnstaple). Frequent daily service.

21C (Stagecoach). Barnstaple - Braunton (15) - Saunton (27) - Croyde (32) - Georgeham (45). Frequent service Mon-Sat, not all buses continue to Georgeham.

23 (Hatch Green Coaches). Taunton – Taunton station – Kingston St Mary (15) – Bishops Lydeard (35). 3 daily, weekdays.

23B (Hatch Green Coaches). Williton – Watchet (5) – West Quantoxhead (10) – Nether Stowey (37) The Pines (54) – Kingston St Mary (67) – Taunton (100). One daily, weekdays, out from Williton early morning and return afternoon.

25 (Buses of Somerset/Somerset Council). Taunton – Taunton Station (7) - Wiveliscombe (50) – Waterrow (56) – Bampton (71) – Dulverton (90). 5 buses daily do the complete route Monday to Saturday, (three involve a change at Wiveliscombe) two extra to Wiveliscombe only.

28 (Buses of Somerset). Taunton – Taunton station (8) – Bishops Lydeard (25) – Combe Florey (28) – Bicknoller (40) – Williton (46) – Watchet (53) – Washford (60) – Carhampton (66) – Dunster (70) – Minehead (77). Approximately every 40mins weekdays and Saturdays until 8pm or later, 7 buses a day on Sundays (until 5pm).

31 (Taw & Torridge). Ilfracombe - Woolacombe (23) - Morteohoe (31) or Ilfracombe – Morteohoe (22) - Woolacombe (31). 10 buses daily, Monday-Saturday. No subsidised fares.

33 (Ilfracombe Community Transport). Ilfracombe – Watermouth (12) – Berrynarbor Church (17). Twice daily in each direction, Tuesdays & Fridays. See also bus 301.

35 (Independent Coach Company). Ilfracombe – Lee Bay (18). Twice daily in each direction, Tuesdays & Fridays.

198 (Atwest). Dulverton – Winsford (20) – Exford (33) – Wheddon Cross (42) – Timbercombe (54) – Dunster (63) – Minehead (69). 3 daily, Monday to Saturday (one bus misses out Winsford and Exford). Also **467** (schooldays, out early morning and return mid-afternoon) via Wheddon Cross (25) and Dunster (42), Minehead (50), and **678** (Thursdays) via Brompton Regis (50), Minehead (90). See **398** for Bampton and Tiverton.

300. Now Exmoor Explorer.

301 (Stagecoach). Combe Martin – Berrynarbor turn (8) – Watermouth (11) – Ilfracombe (20) – Barnstaple (50). Monday to Saturday, 8-12 buses daily (not all continue past Ilfracombe).

309/310 (Stagecoach). Lynmouth - Lynton (10) – Barbrook (18) – Martinhoe Cross – Parracombe (28) – Blackmoor Gate (35) – then via Arlington (45, bus 309) or Bratton Fleming (45, bus 310) to Barnstaple (75-85). 9-10 buses daily, Monday-Saturday.

398 (Dartline Coaches). Dulverton – Bampton (40) – Bolham (52) – Tiverton (60). 2 buses daily do the complete route Monday to Saturday, plus 3 Tiverton to Bampton only. See **198** for the continuation to Exmoor villages and Minehead, and **25** for more buses between Dulverton and Bampton.

613 (Hatch Green Coaches). Bishops Lydeard – Taunton (Staplegrove Road) (14) – Kingston St Mary (22) – The Pines (27) – Bridgwater (70). Once daily, weekdays college term time.

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