

Walk through the Valley of Rocks

Choose one of these great walks to see the best of the Valley of Rocks and enjoy the magic of this ancient valley.

Walk One (a & b)

- 1 Start at the Cliff Railway entrance on Lee Road, head towards St Mary's Church. Turn left down North Walk Hill, continue over the Cliff Railway bridge on **NORTH WALK**.
- 2 Continue along the **NORTH WALK** road, where it narrows to a cliff top path, this is part of the South West Coast Path
- 3 Walk along the level path until the path forks, keep right and follow until you reach **CASTLE ROCK**
- 4 Turn left and walk towards the top of the Valley, passing the car park and cricket ground. Ahead to the left is the **MODELGATE SHELTER**.
- 5a Take this route for a quicker and flatter walk back to Lynton. This is the main road back to Lynton, along Longmead to Lee Road, arriving back at the Cliff Railway.
- 5b For a longer walk with stunning views, take the zig-zag path steeply up **HOLLERDAY HILL**. At the top, fork right and follow the level path. Descend the hill and follow a track ascending to the left, here are the ruins of Hollerday House and the clearing. Return to the track, follow down the hill on to Lee Road, turn left and return to the start.

Walk Two

- A Follow **WALK ONE** until Point 3. From here continue past the roundabout, and onto the path to the right of the road, passing **MOTHER MELDRUM'S CAVE** on the left.
- B Continue along the path, which turns left to rejoin the road. Follow to **LEE ABBEY**, fork left, take the track into the woods.
- C Keep left and turn a sharp left again to follow the track uphill. Pass through the gate at the top and zig-zag up onto **SOUTH CLEAVE**. Follow the path round and down hill. Keep right at the bottom. Turn left on to the lane and follow it down into Lynton. Turn on to Crossmead, then right on to Lee Road and back to the start.

Walk One (a)

Relatively flat, mostly tarmac

2.2 miles
(3.5 km)
approx.

Walk One (b)

Steep at the start of option 5b

2.3 miles
(3.6 km)
approx.

Walk Two

Steep & narrow paths for B & C

4 miles
(6.5 km)
approx.

Dog-friendly, but keep them safe.

Keep dogs on a lead at all times. Do not allow them to chase the goats or other wildlife. Clean up any dog mess.

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'Little Switzerland' is one of the most beautiful places in the Exmoor National Park: the quaint harbour village of Lynmouth, and Lynton perched on the cliffs above.



An easy way to remember which village you're in; Lynmouth (the mouth of the river) Lynton (Ton - old English for Town)

It's the perfect base to discover, explore and enjoy all that is the Exmoor National Park.

Wonder at England's highest sea cliffs rising over 800ft (245m) or walk one of the country's deepest river gorges.

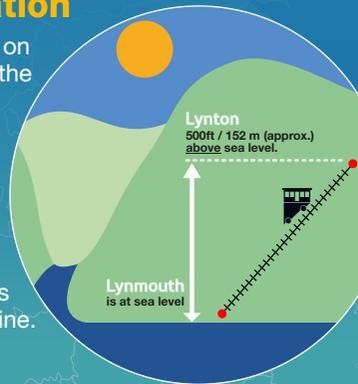
The Valley of Rocks, on the Exmoor Coast of North Devon is also home to a variety of wildlife both great and small.

Extraordinary Location

The town of **Lynton** is perched on a cliff some 500ft/152m above the harbour town of **Lynmouth**.

These two beautiful towns are joined by **Road, Path** or the incredible **Cliff Railway**.

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Castle Rock



How the Valley of Rocks formed

Over 6,000 years old, and home to a herd of feral goats for hundreds of years, the wide-open landscape of the valley is startling, with jagged rocks plunging sheerly into the sea.

The granite mass of Castle Rock drops 300ft to the Bristol Channel and owes its fantastic rock shapes to thousands of years of erosion and weathering during the last Ice Age.

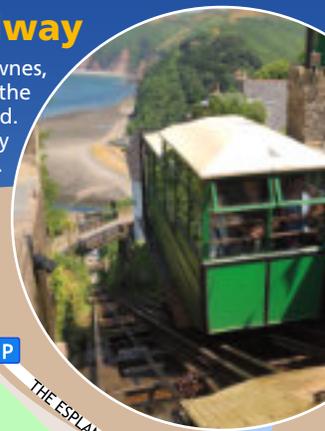
They say the valley was carved out by the Lyn rivers when the sea was blocked during the Ice Age. When the ice retreated, the rivers returned to normal.

North Walk

This mile-long foot path was carved in 1817 out of the cliff face of Hollerday Hill, and makes a dramatic approach to the Valley of Rocks. From the path there are superb views across the Bristol Channel to the Welsh Coast.

Cliff Railway

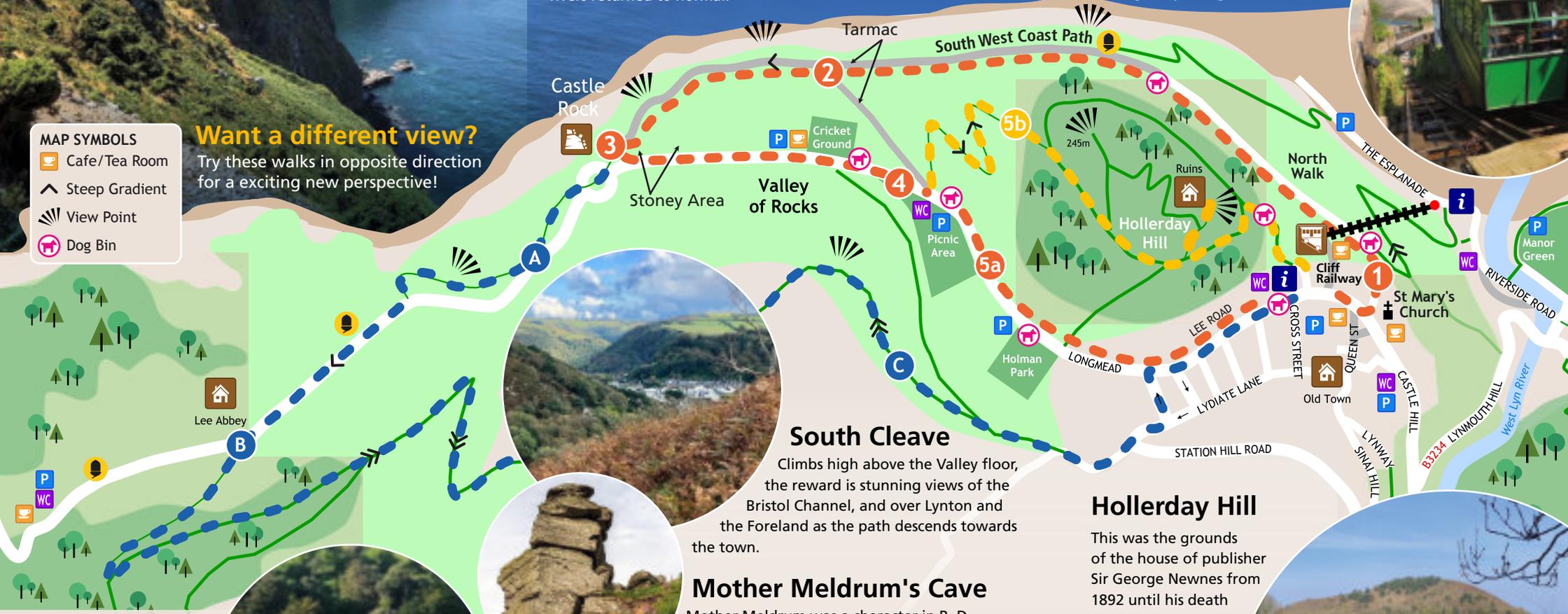
Built in 1890, by Sir George Newnes, it links Lynton with Lynmouth. It is the longest and steepest railway of its kind. Climbing 500ft, working entirely by gravity, using water as ballast.



Want a different view?

Try these walks in opposite direction for a exciting new perspective!

- MAP SYMBOLS**
- Cafe/Tea Room
 - Steep Gradient
 - View Point
 - Dog Bin



South Cleave

Climbs high above the Valley floor, the reward is stunning views of the Bristol Channel, and over Lynton and the Foreland as the path descends towards the town.

Mother Meldrum's Cave

Mother Meldrum was a character in R. D. Blackmore's novel 'Lorna Doone' – a wise woman who made this cave her home. The character is said to have been on a reputed witch, who lived in the Valley of Rocks.



Modelgate Shelter

This walker's shelter contains mosaics showing how the landscape inspired famous 18th & 19th century poets; Shelley, Coleridge and Wordsworth

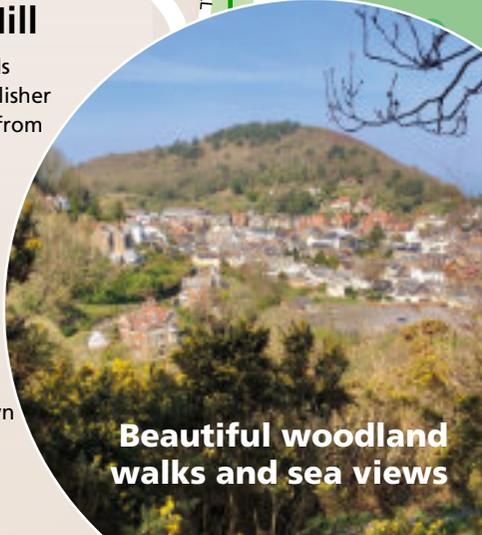


Hollerday Hill

This was the grounds of the house of publisher Sir George Newnes from 1892 until his death in 1910.

The house burned down in 1913.

By the ruins is a clearing that marks the twinning of Lynton & Lynmouth with the French town of *Bénouville* in Normandy.



Beautiful woodland walks and sea views

Lee Abbey

The name is a misnomer, for there was no monastic abbey here. The present Victorian mansion was built in 1850 and is now a holiday retreat.

