

A scenic photograph of a dirt path winding through a lush forest. The path is flanked by tall, thin trees with dense green foliage. In the distance, a person is walking away from the camera, accompanied by a dog. The ground is covered with green grass and numerous purple flowers, likely bluebells, which are in bloom. The lighting is bright and natural, suggesting a sunny day. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and inviting.

# Helpful Holidays

Cottages for you and your dog

HOLIDAY HOMES WHERE YOUR DOG IS WELCOME



Perran Sands



Burgh Island Apartments

## STUNNING SCENERY

One of the joys of getting away to the West Country is the slow, battery-recharging pace of life, and the gentle, relaxed welcome of the people who live there. There are miles of open space and stunning scenery and the friendly attitude extends to your dog too.

Helpful Holidays offers many holiday homes in Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Dorset where your dog is welcome. Smart apartments and cosy cottages sit right beside the most beautiful of the many dog-friendly beaches in the region, such as Perran Sands (left), Bigbury-on-Sea (above), where your dog can cavort on the beach or paddle in the surf, and then enjoy a clifftop walk with you around the spectacular scenery of the South West Coast Path. Try the Burgh Island Causeway apartments (above); the nautical cottages in the exquisite fishing village of Kingsand; or Dune View (Q324), nestling by the dunes at Rose and handily placed for the huge sandy beach at Perran Sands.



Blissmoor (A109), Manaton



Barn Cottage (F10), Hawkrigde

## MOORS TO WALK

And, further inland, the West Country boasts some of the most beautiful walking areas in the country. The heather-clad hills and tors of Dartmoor, Exmoor and Bodmin Moor are a challenge worth the climb when you and your dog survey the miles of open space from 'the top of the world'. Whilst your dog enjoys rummaging and rabbit scents, catch your breath, and have a hunt around for some of the 21,000 'letterboxes' hidden on Dartmoor, and sign your name to prove you made it (see [www.plympton.info/dartmoor](http://www.plympton.info/dartmoor) for more information). The Red Barn (A51, right), Pigwigs Place (A250, right) and Blissmoor (A109, above) are all excellent Dartmoor bases, whilst Barn Cottage (F10, above right) is a lovely cottage from which to explore Exmoor. Higher Tumrose (N333, right) is a grand place for walking on Bodmin Moor.

For the less energetic, or those accompanied by short-legged dachshunds or Yorkies, the West Country is criss-crossed by gentle, well marked routes, many of them established centuries ago by mariners crossing from coast to coast (walk the Two Moors Way from Dartmoor to Lynmouth on the

## WOODLANDS TO STROLL

north Devon coast or the Saints' Way from Padstow to Fowey), or along ancient granite tramways (try the Templer Way) which once carried clay and granite to the coast. These take you and your dog away from traffic and life's worries between verdant hedgerows and through woodland full of birdsong in the summer and crisp with leaves underfoot in the winter. Perfect dog-walking country which will leave you both rejuvenated.

Not only does the West Country offer dog-friendly accommodation and beautiful countryside for you and your dog to roam, but many attractions welcome dogs too. Let your dog explore! Too many dog-friendly attractions to list here, but to mention just a few... he can ride on a steam train with his own ticket ([www.lappavalley.co.uk](http://www.lappavalley.co.uk)); meet a seal ([www.sealsanctuary.co.uk](http://www.sealsanctuary.co.uk)); tour the cliffside Minack Theatre ([www.minack.com](http://www.minack.com), see overleaf); visit beautiful gardens such as the Cornish ravine garden, Trebah ([www.trebah-garden.co.uk](http://www.trebah-garden.co.uk)); or inspect the sites of stately homes, such as Pencarrow ([www.pencarrow.co.uk](http://www.pencarrow.co.uk)), a wonderful Georgian house.

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The Red Barn (A51), Lydford



Pigwigs Place (A250), Cornwood



Lower Cowley Farmhouse (F170), Parracombe



Higher Tumrose (N333), Blisland



The Cleave, Lustleigh



Minack Theatre



Dartmoor

## WELCOMING PUBS

Taking your dog on holiday is likely to broaden rather than limit your experience of the West Country in every way. Most pubs in the region welcome well-behaved dogs and you'll meet like-minded pet owners happy to share shaggy-dog stories and their knowledge of good local walks, whilst your pets get acquainted under the bar. Good, dog-friendly pubs include The Maltsters Arms near Totnes which keeps a biscuit barrel on the bar and has a river for swimming, The Cleave in Lustleigh (see above) with a roaring fire in winter, and plenty of fuss and treats at The Queens Arms, Slapton.

## HELPFUL TIPS

We're pleased to recommend safely enclosed gardens, peaceful farms to wander and the best dog friendly beaches. Many of us are dog owners too, so do call us for a chat and tips on how to make your West Country holiday with your dog a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

Your dog's used to a comfy home and an owner to pamper to his every need, and the expense and unfamiliarity of boarding kennels are easily avoided. In fact, many Helpful Holidays cottages welcome dogs entirely free of charge, so just pack the lead and head west for an invigorating break together.

## TO BOOK

So for a holiday for you and your best friend...

**CALL NOW**  
**01647 433593**

for a chat with our team who have visited the properties which welcome dogs and will be delighted to help you

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for lots more photos, to check up to date availability and to book and pay online.



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