



Things to do around Cullompton

Cullompton is a modest town, providing a gateway to the South-West and ideally situated for the Exe Estuary, Dartmoor and Exmoor. For city life, Exeter is a short drive away; there is a Park & Ride facility and reasonably priced city centre parking if you are only popping in for a couple of hours.

Things to do in and around Cullompton

- **St Andrew's Church** – situated right opposite our house and chiming the hours, with a short tune at 9am, 12 noon, 3pm and 6pm, St Andrews dates back to the early 15th Century and is really worth a look. See enclosed booklet for more details.
- **Pubs** – there are a number of pubs in the town including sports bars. Directions from the top of Church Street.
 - The Pony & Trap: basic but friendly CAMRA pub. Turn left and cross over to walk down Exeter Hill.
 - The White Hart: a bit livelier. Turn right and it is on the same side.
 - Market Inn: Sports bar. Turn right and it is almost at the end of Fore Street.
 Better pubs can be found a short drive outside of Cullompton, the closest being the Merry Harriers on the Bradninch road which does good pub food.

- **Cafés** – we have three super café's offering great breakfast, brunch and lunch menus as well as treats for your morning coffee or afternoon tea. For all three, turn right at the top of Church Street. Nosh is right there, the Bakehouse further along, and the Lime Tree a little further on the opposite side of the road.

<https://www.thebakehousecullompton.co.uk/>

https://www.thelimetreekitchen.co.uk/?r_done=1

<https://www.noshsandwichshop.co.uk/>

- **Eating out and Takeaways** – Cullompton has a range of takeaways and restaurants. Please check The Bakehouse and the Lime Tree Facebook pages for details of evening pop up events. Other restaurants/ takeaways include:

Noor Sitara <https://www.noorsitara.co.uk/menu> (Indian restaurant)

Alans Fish & Chips <https://alansfishandchips.co.uk/> (great g/f options)

Q-Spice Indican Takeaway <https://www.qspice.online/> (please ask about pizzas too)

Hongs Chinese Takeaway <https://www.facebook.com/hongstakeawaycullompton/>

Flames s <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565910344047#> (pizza, burger, kebabs)

If you are happy to drive a couple of miles, the nearest pubs that also do food are the **Merry Harriers** and **Keepers Cottage** – we would recommend either although the Harriers has a better atmosphere.

<https://www.themerryharriers.co.uk/>

<https://www.keeperscottageinn.co.uk/>

There are lots of other places to eat a bit further away and the following have been recommended to us: **Stone and Spice** (Indian) at Uffculme, **The Lost Kitchen** (near Knightshayes National Trust House – booking essential), the **River Exe Café**, **The Mill** at Uffculme, the **Hickory** at Halberton, the **Orangery at Bridwell**, **Mickey's** in Exmouth, the **Cadeleigh Arms**, the **Duck** at Yeoford, **Spelt** at Bampton. See also farm shops below.

The Turf Hotel on the Exe Estuary is wonderful to eat and drink – approx. 25 minute drive to the car park and then a walk of approx. 1 mile depending on where you park. Head towards RSPB Exminster and Powderham Marshes and the RSPB car park is signposted on the right just after the Swans Nest roundabout. There is a little more parking further along the tiny road – two spaces just after the sharp right-hand bend and a car park by the canal – though it does get busy. From the RSPB car park, either take the footpath on the right and at the end of the path cross the field (you will be able to see the tops of the sailing boat masts and the grey Turf Hotel from there), or continue along the road until you reach the car park where you can join the canal path. <https://the-turf.com/>

- **Markets**– there are two small markets in Cullompton.
<http://www.cullomptonfarmersmarket.com/> (2nd & 4th Saturday mornings)
<https://www.facebook.com/CullomptonTownMarket/> (every Wednesday morning)
- **Waldronds** – Cullompton's historic house on Fore Street has regular craft fairs, seasonal festivals, events and a pop up café. <https://www.walronds.com/>
- **Shops**
<https://www.facebook.com/Momentsgiftshop/> (Gift Shop – artisan co-operative)
<https://www.facebook.com/lordfudgie/> (Fudge Shop)
<https://veyseysbutchers.co.uk/> (Butcher)
<https://www.theculmflorist.co.uk/?Yext=0835A> (florist)
<https://fudgeswool.co.uk/> (Wool Shop)
<https://lilypad.bookinbeautiful.com/> (pet shop/grooming)
There is also a farmer's store on the way out of town towards Kentisbeare
<https://www.moleonline.com/storelocator/index/store/0/cullompton/>

Short Walks from Priory Cottage:

- A five-minute stroll will take you to the Leat and Cullompton Community Association fields; you can turn it into a pleasant 20 minute loop.
- From the CCA fields, you can walk along Old Hill, over the motorway, to the fields along Culm River. It is possible to turn it into a loop, although that means walking back in along the main road and past Tesco's which is less than attractive – we would recommend doing it the other way round! This is a loop of approx. 30 mins.

Pop in your car to...

- **Farm Shops with Cafés**
 - Fordmore is the nearest. <https://www.fordmorefarmshop.co.uk/>
 - Powderham <https://www.powderhamfarmshop.co.uk/>
 - Darts Farm <https://www.dartsfarm.co.uk/>
 - The White Post offers a nursery and gift shop (café booking advised)
<https://www.whitepostcafe.com/>.

- **Historic houses** – **Killerton House** and **Knightshayes** (both National Trust) are nearest. Both have cafés and gift shops. Combine Knightshayes with Tiverton and the Lost Kitchen restaurant. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/> The privately owned **Powderham Castle** is also not far. <https://www.powderham.co.uk/>
- **Woodland walks** – a short drive along the narrow and unnerving Devon lanes will take you to some lovely woods for walks. Our favourites are: Rhododendron Wood, Ashclyst Forest, Danes Wood, Paradise Copse.
- **Small towns Honiton, Tiverton, Crediton and Wellington** –Tiverton offers a castle, riverside walk and some nice cafés as well as an old-fashioned independent department store and an M&S Food. Crediton has historic significance as the birthplace of St Boniface, marked by a red sandstone Saxon church originally built as a Cathedral. Near Tiverton is **Bickleigh Mill** café and gift shop. Honiton has a charming High Street with great independent shops and places to eat. Wellington has a few shops and cafés plus a Merlin cinema.
- **Wellington Monument and the Blackdown Hills** – On the way to the Monument you can also stop to walk to Culmstock Beacon or explore the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- **Swimming Pools** – there are municipal pools in Tiverton and Crediton, plus a range of outdoor pools. See <https://www.devonlive.com/whats-on/family-kids/heres-14-great-outdoor-pools-1471540> and <https://wiveypool.org/>.
- **Walking/Cycling** – the Exe Estuary Trail, which takes in the Turf Hotel. <https://www.explored Devon.info/activities/walk/exe-estuary-trail/>
- **Seeing the sea** – the nearest places to see the sea are **Exmouth** and **Dawlish**. **Dawlish Warren** has a kiss-me-quick entrance, but bear with, park up, and there is beautiful walking to the left behind the dunes, including access to the beach which is less crowded further along. **Sidmouth** is 45 minutes away and offers good shopping as well as a shingle beach – we can recommend some free parking spots.
- **Visit Buckfast Abbey** - <https://www.buckfast.org.uk/>
- **Dartmoor** – great for walking and ponies! <https://visitdartmoor.co.uk/>
We can recommend a visit to **Fingle Bridge** and walking the loop along the river one side, over the bridge and back the other. You can incorporate **Castle Drogo** (National Trust), the last castle built in England in the 1920s with stunning views. The town of **Bovey Tracey** is worth exploring, with **Parke** nearby which has the most amazing café/restaurant with great vegetarian dishes. Nice walking is to be found in **Yarner Wood**. If you are interested in checking out one of the last remaining pockets of British temperate rainforest, head to **Meldon Reservoir** and **Black-a-Tor** for a 5 mile walk to take in the twisted sessile oaks growing out of moss-covered rocks and bearded with lichen by a chattering stream.
- **Exmoor** – also great for walking and ponies – we haven't explored it as much but have always enjoyed it when we've been. <https://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/>
We can recommend the **White Horse Inn** <https://www.exmoor-whitehorse.co.uk/> .

Or create your own adventures and discoveries, and let us know what you find!