



Take a trip on the wild side!

Let the children go wild on these unusual walks and wildlife encounters.
All you need to do is look, listen and use a little imagination...



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Stumble over a stegosaurus

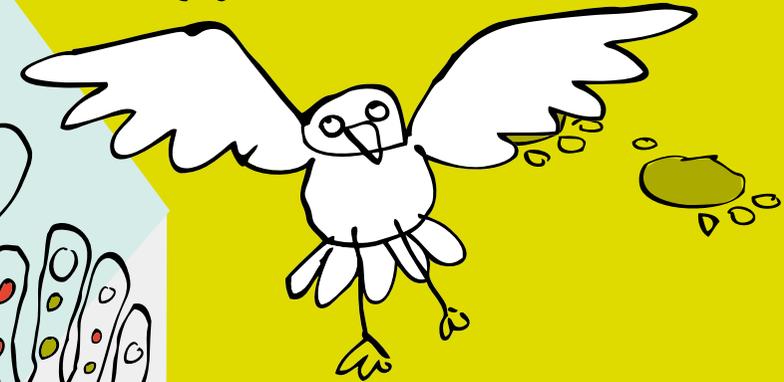
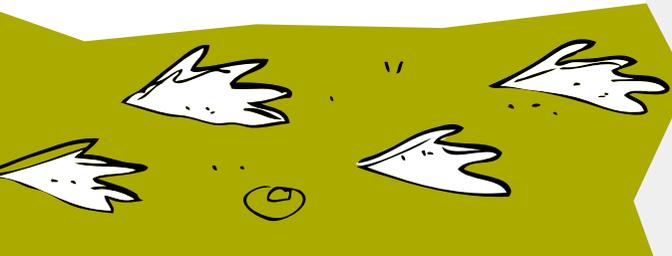
Children will love climbing over the spiny ridge that leads to Morte Point. Get them to pretend it's a sleeping dinosaur's back. Tread carefully or they'll wake him! Listen to the wild sounds of the waves, wind and sea birds – and imagine you are all back in prehistoric times. Look at the weird rock formations peeking out of the swirling sea. Have a competition to see who can spot other dinosaur shapes?

Length: 2.5miles / 3.5kms

Terrain: Narrow, rocky paths, cliff edges

Start from: Car park in Morteheo

[Download the route here](#)



Hunt beastly birds

The coastal cliffs are home to countless seabirds – but some of them have rather horrible habits! Fulmars spit an oily, stinky liquid at predators (or people) who get too close to their nests. Great black-backed gulls, our biggest and most ferocious gulls, swallow baby rabbits whole. When kestrels hover in the air, they are planning sudden death for an unsuspecting mouse or vole. Download the fact sheet, pack your binoculars, and see how many beastly birds you can spot.

Location: Any coastal cliffs

[Download your spot chart here](#)



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Tractor & trailer ride

Younger children will love taking a bumpy trailer ride from Morte-hoe to Bull Point (Tuesday) or Morte Point (Wednesdays). As you take in the spectacular views, your guide will tell you about coastal wildlife and the wicked wreckers who once haunted the area. Watch out grey seals bobbing out of the water or sunning themselves on rocks.

Length: 45 minute round trip

Start from: Morte-hoe Village car park (not National Trust, fee payable)

Booking details: call 01271 870028 (runs seasonally, check dates and times first)

www.morte-hoemuseum.org.uk



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Wild waters, smugglers and wicked wreckers

A walk along any of the coastal cliffs will reveal the rocky, jagged coastline and wild waters that have spelt doom for many ships. Smugglers used the savage coastline to their advantage, landing in remote coves, hiding in caves and sneaking inland on moonless nights. On stormy nights, wreckers lured ships to the coast, waited for them to be smashed on the rocks, then plundered the cargoes.

Prepare yourself to explore the wicked coastline by visiting the museum in Morte-hoe, which has display about smugglers and shipwrecks.

Find out more: call The Morte-hoe Museum on 01271 870028 or visit

www.morte-hoemuseum.org.uk

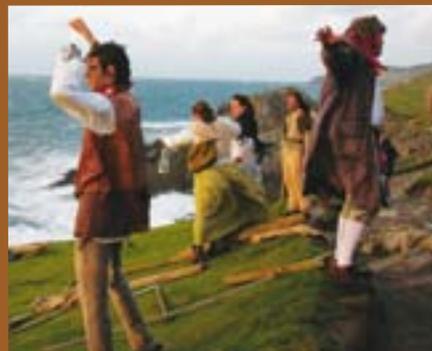


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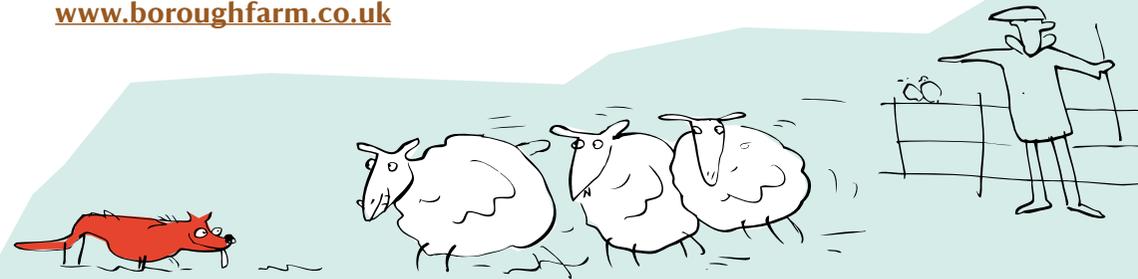
Wild encounters at Borough Farm

Many of you will know of David Kennard and his amazing sheepdogs from his books and television shows. At Borough Farm you can meet his dogs and watch them round up sheep, then enjoy an exciting falconry display. Events take place throughout the year at Borough Farm, or in the Summer at Dunster Castle.

Location: Borough Farm. near Woolacombe

Find out more: call Borough Farm on 01643 821314 or visit

www.boroughfarm.co.uk



Go batty and twitchy at Arlington Court!

Arlington Court doesn't have bats in the belfry – they are in the attics! A colony of rare lesser horseshoe bats use the attic for their summer roost and breeding. From April to September you can spy on them using our interactive bat-cam. You can also spot a range of birds, from huge herons to tiny blue-tits, and wildlife such as red deer from our bird hide. There are binoculars to borrow and you can add your comments to our 'Twitchers Notebook'.

Events: Children's Batty Walks in August and other bat talks

Find out more: go to the events page at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/events and look up [Arlington Court](#)

