

North Devon



North Devon is a great place to visit with some great scenery and some good beaches, including some excellent surfing beaches. There are some nice towns and villages to visit too, including the picturesque fishing village of Clovelly.

North Devon is divided into two by the estuaries of the River Taw and River Torridge. On the banks of the River Torridge is the pleasant village of Instow with its sandy beach, looking across to Appledore, a town well worth a visit.

Below the estuaries are the huge surfing beach at Westward Ho! Further west is the quiet pebble beach at Peppercombe, the small village and beach at Bucks Mill, the picturesque village Clovelly and the headland at Hartland Point. South of Hartland Point is the harbour and sandy beach at Hartland Quay. North of Hartland Quay are the quiet pebble beaches at Blackpool Mill and Berry Beach. South of Hartland Quay on the Devon/Cornwall border are the pebble beaches at Welcombe Mouth and Marsland Mouth.

North of the River Taw there is a huge sandy beach alongside the dunes of Braunton Burrows which stretches three miles up to the big surfing beach at Saunton Sands and further north there are popular surfing beaches at Croyde Bay, Putsborough and Woolacombe. From Woolacombe there is good walking around Morte Point and Bull Point. On this part of the coast there are beaches at Rockham Beach and further east at Lee Bay.

Further west on the coast is Ilfracombe and the beach at Hele Bay. Further west again is the town of Combe Martin and Wild Pear Beach.

At the far east of the North Devon coast is the town of Lynmouth, which is well worth a visit for the scenery and there are long pebble beaches here.

There are a number of routes into North Devon including the A39 North Atlantic Highway from Bude and the A377 from Exeter.