

The High Heathercombe Centre is situated within the boundary of the southern half of Dartmoor National Park. The nearby section of the A38 Expressway skirts the south moor, running from Exeter to Plymouth, and provides easy access to the area as a whole - with Totnes (home of the Transition Movement) less than 20 miles away.

The Heathercombe Woodland, where the Centre is located, is roughly three miles from the moorland village of Manaton.

Please beware of the poor road surface in places when approaching the Heathercombe Estate - plus the very steep incline and sharp corner on the last hill up to the Centre.

SAT-NAV USERS! OUR POSTCODE IS TQ13 9XE - but your sat-nav is unlikely to bring you all the way...

Postcode TQ13 9XE usually only takes you to the Heatree Activity Centre, so please check relevant route below for the remainder of your journey.

It can be approached from various directions:

From Bovey Tracey, i.e., if having come from Exeter via the A38, or from Newton Abbot

Follow signs to Widecombe, Haytor and Manaton. About a quarter mile after the roundabout at Bovey fire station follow the road to the right in the direction sign-posted Manaton (and Becky Falls) only.

After about 4.5 miles you will reach the Kestor Inn in Manaton village.

Continue a further 2 miles on the same road until you meet Heatree Crossroads. Go straight across in the direction signposted Heathercombe and Natsworthy and you'll soon see the Heatree Activity Centre on your left.

At the top of the hill go straight ahead following Heathercombe signs.

Continue down into Heathercombe between two houses and continue up the steep hill beyond. The short driveway to High Heathercombe is on your right near the top of the hill.

From Moretonhampstead - follow the B3212 to Postbridge and Princetown.

After about 3 miles, having passed Bovey Castle and Miniature Pony Centre, turn left at Watching Place Cross, sign-posted Manaton. Follow the road for about 2.5 miles, bringing you to Heatree Cross. Turn Right at Heatree Cross, sign-posted for Heathercombe and Natsworthy and you'll soon see the Heatree Activity Centre on your left.

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From Ashburton, i.e., if having come from Plymouth via the A38, or from Totnes

From the centre of Ashburton turn into North Street (Spar on corner, Coop opposite).

- Follow the road round left bend over the bridge (signposted Widecombe).

Follow the road up for ~2 miles.

- As the road flattens, turn right where the road broadens and there are white stripes in the middle, (name on signpost post Auswell) signposted Widecombe and Haytor.

- After ~2m turn left onto B3387 (signpost name Hemsworthy Gate) signposted Widecombe.

- After a few hundred meters turn right at signpost name Harefoot, (after a while you will pass Hounds Tor).

- After 3m turn left at crossroad, signposted Heathercombe *(signpost name Heatree).

- Go round S-bend, past Heatree Activity Centre.

- After a few hundred meters go straight on where road bends to left, signposted Heathercombe.

- Follow narrow lane down, through a couple of houses, keep going up.

- At the top follow car park sign, park and walk down to the centre.

Via Callington, Gunnislake and Tavistock

- just on edge of Tavistock turn right onto the moor towards Princetown (B3357).

- Follow signs for Two Bridges (B3357) and at Two Bridges turn left for Moretonhampstead (B3212).

- Keep going, through Postbridge and Warren House.

- Turn right signposted to Manaton, for couple of miles, then right at Heatree crossroads (signposted Heathercombe)

- Go round S-bend, past Heatree Activity Centre

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- Follow narrow lane down, through a couple of houses, keep going up.

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