

Motorhome Friendly?



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Woodovis is a great place to visit with your motorhome but we know how much more fun a trip can be if you are sure that your intended destination doesn't have a height barrier guarding its car-park.

So here's some information to help you plan your trips and to have a motorhome friendly stay!

Shopping in Tavistock - Town Centre

Tavistock is well worth a visit with lots of interesting shops and an indoor market that is open from Tuesday to Saturday and is full of craft stalls. The town also has a regular Farmer's Market (2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month), lovely walks along the canal and some excellent restaurants.

Best of all Tavistock is very motorhome friendly and the best place for parking to explore the town is the **Wharf Car-Park**. This is a huge car-park and the Council tell us that even if your motorhome overlaps a normal size space you only need to buy one ticket. Charges are from £1 for an hour up to £6 for the entire day.

The Wharf is off Plymouth Road. At Drake's statue roundabout, turn left towards the town centre (signposted Okehampton) and the entrance to the Wharf is on the right after about 400 yards. Several walks start from here too - alongside the canal or alongside the river. The Wharf is a lovely spot for a drink by the canal and check out what's on whilst you are here.

Morrisons

Turn right at the Drake's Statue roundabout (see above) and follow the signs to Plymouth. At the third mini-roundabout you'll see the entrance to Morrisons on your right. No height barrier but, as with all supermarkets, the car-park can be busy at peak times.

Lidl's

Stay on the Plymouth road and after about 100 yards you'll see Lidl's on your right. The car-park isn't big but there are usually free spaces. If your motorhome is very big there is a small industrial estate opposite for on-street parking.

Callington - Tesco's

In the opposite direction to Tavistock (turn right at the end of the drive and then right at the roundabout) this is our nearest Tesco's. It's a nice, scenic drive anyway with lovely views over the Tamar Estuary as you skirt Kit Hill after climbing the steep hill from Gunnislake.

You can, if you are feeling adventurous, turn off and take the road to the top of Kit Hill. The single track road to the very top is accessible if "interesting" in a larger motorhome but the views from the top are stunning.

If you just want to visit Tesco's keep to the main road and take the second exit at the roundabout at the entrance to Callington. Usually plenty of room in the Tesco's car-park and, if you are a Ginsters fan, you can walk the short distance back to the factory shop for cut-price pasty and pie "mis-shapes".

Plymouth - Park 'n Ride

Plymouth has an excellent Park and Ride system and motorhomes are welcome at **The George Parking**. This is the cheapest way to visit the City as parking is free - you just pay for your bus ticket. An adult return is just £2-40 and the service starts at 7am and runs every 10 minutes until 6pm. Don't worry if you are coming back later than this as the First Bus service 86 runs from the City Centre until late evening. The Park and Ride is easy to find - from the site just head for Tavistock then follow signs to Plymouth. At the George pub there is a major set of traffic lights. Keep in the left-hand lane and you will see the Park and Ride building on your left. If you have a sat-nav the postcode is PL6 7HB.

The bus drops you right in the middle of Plymouth and a short stroll from the Barbican, the National Aquarium and Plymouth Hoe. With most of the city centre car-parks being either small, expensive or height restricted the Park and Ride Bus has to be THE way to get into town.

Days Out

Looe

This is a pretty fishing port with a huge car-park (The Millpool) on the West side of the river. Motorhomes usually park at the far end – anything up to and including American RVs.

Polperro

In our opinion, Polperro is even more picturesque than Looe. The car-park is on the right as you approach the village. As with Looe, parking for motorhomes is at the far end of the car-park. Take the tram or horse drawn wagon down into the village from here if you are feeling lazy.

Bude

The Crescent car-park by the Tourist Information Office (postcode for your sat-nav – EX23 8LE) is suitable for motorhomes. If you take up two spaces you will be expected to pay for two tickets **HOWEVER....**go to the overflow area at far end of the car-park (it's grass here so not if we've had a lot of rain) and there are no marked spaces so you only need one ticket.

Dartmoor

Using your motorhome as a base to come back to for a cup of tea after a moorland walk is a great idea. Some of the lanes on the Moor are no fun in a large motorhome but the major ones are fine. Here's a suggestion which isn't far and is straightforward. Take the Okehampton road out of Tavistock and then, just as you leave Tavistock, take the right hand turn towards Princetown. After about a mile and a half up Pork Hill look for a large parking area on your right (there's generally an ice-cream van here too!). From here there is a lovely walk to the top of Pew Tor. Alternatively, you can cross the road and climb Cox Tor.

Launceston

Visit the castle or take a 5 mile round trip on the steam railway. Parking for motorhomes up to 3.5 tonnes is available at the Cattle Market Long Stay car-park in Southgate Street. Access is difficult for very large motorhomes though.

The Eden Project

There is plenty of parking for even the largest motorhome and a great day out.

Walks from the Park

You can walk into Tavistock using the country lanes or to Tavistock Woodlands across the valley. We have a variety of walks available in the walks folder in our games room.

Places to Eat Out

You may like to take a taxi or you can even choose to walk to our local pubs, both are lovely traditional pubs and both serve excellent food; The Blacksmiths Arms (4.4 miles) at Lamerton or The Royal Inn, (7.2 miles) at Horsebridge, both routes are available in the walks folder in our games room.

Taxis and Car Hire

If you want to go out for an evening and leave the van behind try one of the following taxi firms; Tavicab XL - 07525 730003 or Tavistock Radio Taxis – 01822 616 266 or 4Hire - 01822 618440.

For car hire try Rentafford (01822 614317) – they are used to delivering cars to the park too.

And finally....We have a motorhome service point on the way to the Tamar View field. You can dump your grey waste here (NOT your loo!) and fill up with water. If we can help in any way with further suggestions etc. please ask any of the team. We will be delighted to help.

Even more finally.... We hope you find this information useful. Please tell us about any other motorhome friendly places you've found locally so we can update this sheet. And if you've enjoyed your stay at Woodovis....tell everyone!