



You are invited to the

National Parks Big Picnic

on Wednesday 17th July



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Free Cream Tea

Celebration Cake

Exmoor Ales, Gin and Cider

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Hosted by Exmoor National Park, with support from the Exmoor Society, Somerset County Council, Devon County Council, Exmoor Hill Farming Network and the family of UK National Parks.



The National Parks Big Picnic

17th July, 11am-3pm,

Simonsbath Sawmill & Meadows, Exmoor National Park, TA24 7SH.

Please join us as we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the 1949 National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act.

The UK now boasts fifteen National Parks, part of a global family of National Parks, offering the best places to experience some of the UK's most extraordinary landscapes. These places of exceptional beauty provide opportunities to connect with nature, enhance our health and wellbeing, trace our heritage and look to a sustainable future.

We will be joined by special guests including **Lord Gardiner of Kimble** (Minister for National Parks), **Niall Hobhouse** (grandson of Arthur Hobhouse, a prominent Somerset politician who drafted the original Act), **representatives from the UK National Park family** as well as some **very special VIPs** to be announced as we celebrate all that National Parks mean to the nation.

'The National Parks Big Picnic' will take place in Simonsbath's beautiful riverside meadows, at the heart of Exmoor National Park's former Royal Forest. They were bought by the Knight family in the 1800s, whose ambitious plans to tame what was then one of the last true wildernesses of Southern England helped create the Exmoor we know and love today.

Bring your picnic, hamper, and chairs or rug and join us at Simonsbath for the day. All ticketholders will be able to enjoy a complimentary cream tea and there will be a big birthday celebration cake too. Locally sourced refreshments will also be available to buy including hog roast / bbq, local ales, gin and cider, teas and coffees and Styles ice creams.

This is a one-off opportunity to celebrate all that National Parks stand for and we do hope you can join us.

Tickets, available free of charge on a first come first served basis, are required for all guests. You can register for tickets using the link below.

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If you're unable to do this online please contact us on 01398 323665.

If you book and subsequently find yourself unable to attend please let us know as soon as possible in order that someone else can take your place. We reserve the right to charge a £10 non-attendance fee for any tickets booked and not used or cancelled in advance.

Full details of the day including travel and parking arrangements will be provided to all those that have registered in advance of the day. There is no formal dress code - come as you would to enjoy a day in the countryside and don't forget your wellies if it is damp (undercover spaces will be available in the case of rain).