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# How to plan your travel

## A few notes before we start...

Welcome!

The presentation with links included will be made available on the International Welcome Programme website next week – QR code at the end of the presentation.

You can ask questions at the end of the talk



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# Getting around Exeter

## On Foot...

You can explore the history of Exeter by joining a free walking tour led by [Exeter Red Coat Guides](#) – just turn up, no need to book in advance.

## By Bus...

**4** bus service connects the Streatham campus with Exeter St David's station, the city centre and St. Luke's campus. Runs every 10-15 mins.

**H** bus service links St Luke's campus with the city centre and both Exeter Central and Exeter St David's railway stations.

[Stagecoach bus app](#)

Single bus fares are capped at £3 for almost **all** bus journeys in the UK. Local, short trips are £2 each way in Exeter.

Student [termly bus passes](#) are available for unlimited bus travel. £243 for one term.

[Stagecoach 'Great Days Out by Bus'](#)







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## By Bike

Saddles & Paddles bike hire £27 per day with student discount

Buy second hand – Ride On . Around £120 for a basic refurbished bike. You could try Facebook Marketplace or gumtree.com – Meet outside seller's house!

Exeter city cycle map <https://www.traveldevon.info/cycle/cycle-routes/cycle-maps/>

Road safety when cycling  
<https://www.think.gov.uk/cycle-safety/>

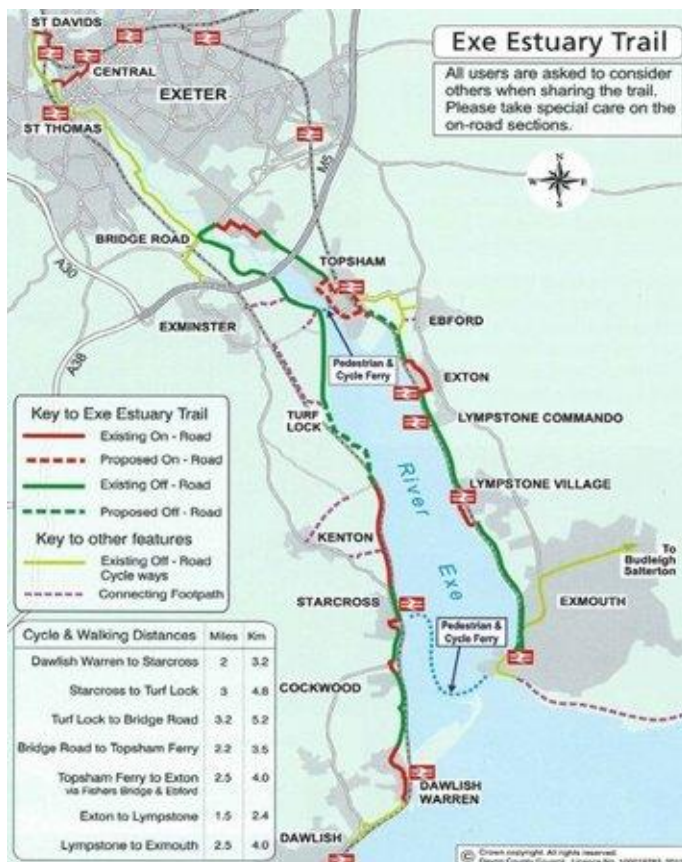
Cycling guidance on university website  
<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/about/sustainability/travel/bike>  
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## Cycle on the Exe Estuary trail





# Getting to know your new area

'Your International News' e-newsletter

Exeter Students' Guild '[Give it a Go](#)' trips and events

Exeter Residence Life instagram [@exeterreslife](#)

Adventure Society [@uoeadventuresoc](#)

Out of Doors Society [@outofdoors\\_exeter](#)  
[Eventbrite](#)

Facebook events

[Parkrun](#)

[Exeter Good Gym](#)

[Exeter City football club](#), [Exeter Chiefs rugby team](#)



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# Travelling in the UK by coach

Slower but often cheaper than trains

Good for London and airports.

Exeter – London takes around 4.5 hours.

National Express

Young Persons Coachcard (available to **all** full-time students) - £15 – save one-third on National Express coach fares.

Megabus 10% discount on coach fares with a TOTUM card; free wifi and charging points available on most services

Flixbus Cheap fares from Exeter to Plymouth, Bristol, London and beyond





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# Travelling in the UK by train

Download the [Trainline app](#) for iOS and Android

10% off Advance train fares with a TOTUM card on Cross Country Trains

<https://www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk/tickets-savings/offers-discounts/student-train-travel>

16-25 Railcard: £30 for one year – save one-third off train ticket prices [16-25railcard.co.uk](https://16-25railcard.co.uk)

Devon & Cornwall Railcard: £12 for one year <https://dcrp.org.uk/travel-advice/devon-and-cornwall-railcard/>





# National Trust

- Conservation charity that cares for areas of woodland, coastline and historic buildings all over the country.
- The closest location to Exeter is Killerton which is accessible by public transport. You can also reach Castle Drogo on Dartmoor by bus.
- If aged 18-25, you're eligible for a Young Person's membership £45.60 per year or £3.80 per month



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# London

- Make sure you plan!
- [daysoutguide.co.uk](https://www.daysoutguide.co.uk) – 2 for 1 entry to many London attractions (and elsewhere in the UK) if travelling by train.
- [Oyster card](#) – A pre-pay travel card for use on the Tube and London buses. Ask staff at a Tube station to load your 16-25 Railcard onto your Oyster card to save one-third off Off-Peak Tube fares
- Lots of free places to visit (may need to book in advance)
- [Natural History Museum](#) Get a free ticket to skip the queue!
- [Sky Garden](#)
- [Themed walking tours](#)



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## Useful links...

TOTUM student discount card

<https://totum.com/>

Bus map of Devon <http://www.cartogold.co.uk/Devon/map.html#devon>

The Trainline.com

<https://www.thetrainline.com/>

This presentation will be published on our international welcome programme web page next week:

<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/students/international/newstudents/exeter>





# Exploring Devon by train

Rebecca Catterall  
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# Devon's Rail Network

- ▶ Access to Dartmoor
- ▶ Access to Coastal locations
- ▶ Walking and cycling routes



# Dartmoor Line

- ▶ Train from Exeter to Okehampton (£9.20 return, less with a railcard or GroupSave)
- ▶ Lots of walks from the station out to Dartmoor
- ▶ Walking and cycling on The Granite Way 11 mile multi-use trail





# The Avocet Line



- ▶ Train from Exeter to Exmouth
- ▶ Short 22 min journey, £6.70 (cheaper with Railcard or GroupSave)
- ▶ Exmouth beach and town
- ▶ Topsham- food destination
- ▶ Exe-Estuary trail for easy walking and cycling

# Prices and discounts

- ▶ For exploring Devon in a day, you can buy an Off-Peak Day return ticket. These tickets can be bought for travel after 9am Mon-Fri or anytime at weekends
- ▶ Railcards- you can buy a young person's railcard whilst you are studying in the UK. This gives you 1/3 off off-peak fares across the UK. The railcard costs £35 for a year
- ▶ GroupSave- groups of 3 to 9 adults can travel together and get a 1/3 off the price of an off-peak ticket

# More information can be found from these websites

- ▶ <https://greatscenicrailways.co.uk/>
- ▶ <https://www.visitdevon.co.uk/>
- ▶ <https://www.gwr.com/>