



Enjoying your stay at Sweetoaks

Everything you need to get the most out of your stay

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Arrival

Where We Are

Property Name:	Sweetoaks
Address:	Northmoor Road, Dulverton
County:	Somerset
Postcode:	TA22 9PR

Check in and check out

Check in time:	4pm
Contact name for check in:	Christian Konig
Contact number for check in:	07710 146740

Check out time for 2 night weekend bookings:	10am
Check out time for 3 night weekend bookings:	10am
Check out time for 7 night week bookings:	10am

Getting to us

The best postcode to use with satnav is: TA22 9PR

Nearest train stations and distance: Tiverton Parkway, EX15 2QQ. (About a 40 minute drive.)

Taxis are available:

Parkway Taxis.	Tel: 01884 38899.
Liz Cabs.	Tel: 07899 903314.
Loids Taxis.	Tel: 07966 247253.
Castle Executive Travel.	Tel: 07976 144554.

The nearest airport is: Exeter International, EX5 2BD. (About a 50 minute drive.)

Directions to Sweetoaks

Directions from Taunton

- Leave Taunton on the M5, going towards The South West and Exeter.
- Leave the M5 at junction 27, then, at the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto the A361, signposted Barnstaple and Tiverton.
- Follow the A361 for about six miles, until you reach a roundabout, then take the 3rd exit onto the A396, signposted for Bampton.
- At the next roundabout, take the 1st exit to continue along the A396 towards Minehead and Dulverton.
- Follow the signs for Dulverton to stay on the A396, continuing on when the road becomes the B3222.
- Follow the B3222 into Dulverton.
- When you get to the fork in the road in front of Dulverton pharmacy, bear right onto The High Street.
- Take the first left onto Union Street and continue on as it becomes Lady Street and the B3223.
- Follow the B3223 out of Dulverton for about half a mile, then look out for a drive on your right, signposted with the name of the house. Follow this drive to arrive at Sweetoaks.
- Please take care if using satnav, as the postcode may direct you to stop at the house next door.

Directions from Tiverton

- Follow the A3126 past Tiverton Hospital, following signs for Taunton.
- Take the 1st exit at the roundabout after the hospital, again following signs for Taunton.
- Take the 1st exit at the next roundabout, signposted for Taunton.
- At the next roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto the A396, going towards Bampton and Dulverton.
- Follow the A396 for five miles, then, at the roundabout, take the 1st exit to continue along the A396 towards Minehead and Dulverton.
- Follow the signs for Dulverton to stay on the A396, continuing on when the road becomes the B3222.
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Cooking & dining - chef services

You'll find our top recommendations below. If you do discover any other gems please do let us know and we will share them with other guests visiting the property.

Catering and Drop-off meal service

The French Kitchen. Tel: 01749 676364 / 07773859847 or email: laurent@thefrench-kitchen.co.uk.
www.thefrench-kitchen.co.uk

Food 4 You. Tel: 01823 273086 / 07880 741201 / 07885 988012 or email: enquiries@food-4-you.co.uk.
www.food-4-you.co.uk

Browns Vibe. Tel: 01822 618686 or email: info@brownsvibe.com.
www.brownsvibe.com

Dartmoor Kitchen. Tel: 01395 239000 or email: info@dartmoorkitchen.co.uk.
www.dartmoorkitchen.co.uk

Cooking & dining - great places to eat & drink

Nearest Pub

Woods Bar and Restaurant, 4 Bank Square, Dulverton, TA22 9BU. Tel: 01398 324007.

Traditional and cosy, with an AA rosette and an extensive wine list. Voted the best place to eat in Dulverton by visitors on tripadvisor.co.uk.

www.woodsdulverton.co.uk

Pubs

The Bridge Inn, 20 Bridge Street, Dulverton, TA22 9HJ. Tel: 01398 324130.

A tiny, old-fashioned pub, serving Exmoor ales and tasty food. The pies are highly recommended.

www.thebridgeinndulverton.com

Tarr Farm Inn, Tarr Steps, Dulverton, Exmoor National Park. Tel: 01643 851507.

A lovely riverside inn, right next to the famous Tarr Steps, which holds two AA rosettes for its food. The inn can be difficult to find; it is recommended that you use the postcode TA22 9QA to get to a nearby farm, then follow the signs to Tarr Steps. A detailed map can be found on the inn's website.

www.tarrfarm.co.uk

The Masons Arms, Knowstone, EX36 4RY. Tel: 01398 341231.

A traditional local with exceptional food and an impressive collection of accolades, including two AA rosettes, a Michelin star, and Michelin Pub of the Year 2010.

www.masonsarmsdevon.co.uk

Restaurants

Tongdam Restaurant, 26 High Street, Dulverton, TA22 9DJ. Tel: 01398 323397.

An excellent Thai restaurant in the centre of Dulverton. Visitors recommend eating in the beautiful alfresco dining area, which is shaded by a vine-covered pergola. Tongdam also offers a takeaway service.

www.tongdamthai.co.uk

The Hartnoll Hotel Restaurant, Bolham, Tiverton, EX16 7RA. Tel: 01884 252777.

An elegant hotel restaurant with award-winning chefs, serving meals made with locally-sourced ingredients.

www.hartnollhotel.co.uk

North Wheddon Farm, Wheddon Cross, Minehead, Exmoor, TA24 7EX. Tel: 01643 841791.

All of the food served at this welcoming farm restaurant is either home-grown or locally produced.

www.northwheddonfarm.co.uk/homecooking,intro.htm

Reeves Restaurant, 20-22 High Street, Dunster, TA24 6SG. Tel: 01643 821414.

An ambient medieval restaurant, recommended by The Times and The Independent.

www.reevesrestaurantdunster.co.uk

Cooking & dining - shopping for food

Convenience Shop

The Co-operative Food, Doone House, Fore Street, Dulverton, TA22 9EX. Tel: 01398 323241.

Best Local Supermarkets

Sainsbury's, New Road, South Molton, EX36 4BQ. Tel: 01769 574530.

Tesco Superstore, Blundells Way, Tiverton, EX16 4DB. Tel: 0845 6779672.

Supermarket Online Orders

Waitrose - www.waitrose.com

Sainsbury's - www.sainsburys.com

Tesco - www.tesco.com

Farm Shop

Farthings Farm Shop, 5 Bridge Street, Dulverton, TA22 9HJ. Tel: 01398 323878.

Farmers' Market

Tiverton Pannier Market, Fore Street, EX16 6. Tel: 01884 243351 / 07815 791191.

Tiverton's traditional covered market holds different events throughout the week, with local food and crafts being sold on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8:30am to 4pm.

www.tiverton-market.co.uk

Delicatessen

The Dulverton Deli, 3 Fore Street, Dulverton, TA22 9EX. Tel: 01398 324662.

Pharmacy

Dulverton Pharmacy, 21 High Street, Dulverton, TA22 9HB. Tel: 01398 323359.

Things to do - activities and pampering

We strongly advise that all extras and activities are booked as early as possible after booking to avoid disappointment. Our top recommendations for activities and pampering are below.

Multi-activity Companies

Outdoor + Active Wimbleball, Wimbleball Lake, near Dulverton, TA22 9NU. Tel: 01398 371460.

A centre at Wimbleball Lake offering a variety of watersports, including sailing, windsurfing, canoeing and kayaking, as well as archery, high ropes and climbing.

www.swlakestrust.org.uk/leisure-activities/watersports/wimbleball-lake

Exmoor Adventures. Tel: 01643 863536 / 07976 208279

A company offering mountain biking, bike hire, coastering, kayaking, rock climbing, raft building and team challenge days.

www.exmooradventures.co.uk

Clay Pigeon Shooting

Shalden Shooting School, North Combe Farm, Shillingford, Tiverton, EX16 9BX. Tel: 01398 328035.

www.shaldenshootingschool.co.uk

Golf

Tiverton Golf Club, Post Hill, Tiverton, EX16 4NF. Tel: 01884 252187.

www.tivertongolfclub.co.uk

Minehead & West Somerset Golf Club, The Warren, Minehead, TA24 5SJ. Tel: 01643 702057.

www.mineheadgolf.co.uk

Fishing

Wimbleball Lake Trout Fishery, Wimbleball Lake, near Dulverton, TA22 9NU. Tel: 01398 371460.

www.swlakestrust.org.uk/leisure-activities/fishing/trout-fishing/wimbleball

Falconry

North Devon Hawk Walks, 21 Broad Close, North Molton, EX36 3JD. Tel: 01598 740114.

www.northdevonhawkwalks.co.uk

Horse Riding

West Anstey Farm Stables, Waddicombe, Dulverton, TA22 9RY. Tel: 01398 341354.

www.westansteyfarmstables.co.uk

The Exmoor Pony Centre, Ashwick, Dulverton, TA22 9QE. Tel: 01398 323093.

A conservation centre offering riding on rare breed Exmoor ponies. Although the moorland treks are only suitable for competent riders, short taster rides at the centre are available for those with little or no riding experience.

www.moorlandmousietrust.org.uk

Things to do

4x4 Safaris

Exmoor Safari & Stargazing Safari. Tel: 01643 831229.

www.exmoorsafari.co.uk

Boat Trips on Tiverton Canal

Tiverton Canal Co., The Wharf, Canal Hill, Tiverton, EX16 4HX. Tel: 01884 253345.

A company with a great selection of boats to hire, including the last horse-drawn barge in the West Country.

www.tivertoncanal.co.uk

Steam Train Rides

The West Somerset Railway. Tel: 01643 704996 or email: info@wsrail.net.

www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk

Balloon Trips

Aerosaurus Balloons, launching from Tiverton. Tel: 01404 823102 or email: mail@ballooning.co.uk.

www.ballooning.co.uk

Wine Tasting

The Wine Tasting Co. Tel: 01934 708312 or email: kelli@thewinetastingco.com.

www.thewinetastingco.com

Cookery Classes

Streamcombe Farm Cookery School, Dulverton, TA22 9SA. Tel: 01398 322873.

www.streamcombecookery.co.uk

Pampering

My Personal Sanctuary. Tel: 01625 540557 or email: enquiries@mypersonalsanctuary.co.uk.

www.mypersonalsanctuary.co.uk

Top things to do with children

Our top recommendations for outings with children are below.

Exmoor Pony Centre, Ashwick, Dulverton, TA22 9QE. Tel: 01398 323093.

At this conservation centre, you can meet a whole stable full of rescued Exmoor ponies and learn about how they live in the wild. For those who are over the age of ten, and confident with trotting and cantering in open spaces, the centre also offers exciting treks across the open moorland. Alternatively, less experienced and younger riders (from the age of four) can spend a taster session learning more about the rare ponies and how to care for them, before having the chance to ride one of them at the centre. Pre-booking is essential.

www.moorlandmousietrust.org.uk

Exmoor Treasure Trails

Looking for a fun and interesting way to explore Exmoor? Don't just wander around aimlessly, do a treasure trail! Enjoy a fun family walk in the fresh air and solve an intriguing mystery at the same time.

www.treasuretrails.co.uk/somerset/things-to-do.html

Devon Badger Watch. Tel: 01398 351506 or email: info@devonbadgerwatch.co.uk.

Spend a magical evening watching wild badgers in their natural habitat, only a few feet away. The friendly guides offer expert commentary on the creatures, with plenty of surprising facts, so it's great fun for older children with an interest in nature. Unfortunately, as any sudden noise could scare away the badgers, the organisers do not normally allow children under the age of seven who may have trouble keeping quiet enough. The company's telephone is usually only manned between 8pm and 10pm, but they should get back to you if you leave a message.

www.devonbadgerwatch.co.uk

Dunster Castle & Gardens, Dunster, near Minehead, TA24 6SL. Tel: 01643 821314.

With its romantic turrets, beautiful sub-tropical gardens, and views across Exmoor, Dunster Castle is a wonderful place to spend a family day out. As well as exploring the play area and nature trails, you can learn about the site's 1000 year history, spy on the castle's bats in the crypt or book an exciting living history tour.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunster-castle

Top places to visit & shop nearby

Dulverton

Dulverton is an attractive tourist town, just over half a mile from Sweetoaks. It's the best place to shop locally, with a nice selection of independent shops and a Co-operative Food shop, ideal for top-up shopping.

Dulverton's most famous attraction is The Tarr Steps bridge, a mysterious 'clapper' bridge made of stone slabs, which could be medieval but possibly dates from around 1000BC. According to local myths, the devil built the steps to win a bet and still owns the rights to sunbathe on the stones.

During the summer months, volunteers from Dulverton's Guildhall Heritage and Arts Centre run informative walking tours of the town, which are a great way to learn about local history.

The Tarr Steps

www.visitsomerset.co.uk/things-to-do/visitor-attractions/tarr-steps-woodland-national-nature-reserve-p909513

Dulverton Town Tours

www.dulvertonheritagecentre.org.uk/guided-walks-around-dulverton.html

Dunster

About half an hour from Sweetoaks, Dunster is a beautiful medieval village with an impressive turreted castle and more than 200 listed buildings. It has some lovely traditional shops, many of which sell locally made gifts and homewares. The Chocolate House, on The High Street, serves fantastic hot chocolate and other café treats, as well as selling delicious handmade chocolates and truffles.

Dunster Castle, Dunster, near Minehead, TA24 6SL. Tel: 01643 821314.

Dunster Chocolate House, 12 High Street, Dunster, TA24 6SG. Tel 01643 821311

www.dunsterchocolatehouse.blogspot.co.uk

Tiverton

Tiverton, about half an hour's drive from the house, is the largest town in Mid Devon. Built at a junction between the Rivers Exe and Lowman, it was once the site of a Norman castle, the ruins of which can still be seen on the cliff above the River Exe. Tiverton is well known for its pannier market in the centre of town, which sells a fantastic range of fresh local produce, artisan breads and cheeses, handmade gifts and antiques. There are also some good independent shops as well as the usual high street chains. The town's award-winning Museum of Mid Devon Life houses some lovely exhibits on the area's heritage and Tiverton Canal is a very pretty place to go walking or cycling, have a picnic or hire a boat.

Tiverton Museum of Mid Devon Life, Beck's Square, Tiverton, EX16 6PJ. Tel: 01884 256295.

www.tivertonmuseum.org.uk

Tiverton Canal Co., The Wharf, Canal Hill, Tiverton, EX16 4HX. Tel: 01884 253345.

www.tivertoncanal.co.uk

Top places to visit & shop nearby

Bampton

Bampton is an historic town, just over 15 minutes' drive from the house, famous for its incomplete Norman Castle and its astounding success in the Britain in Bloom competition. The town has won the national title six times and is a very pretty place to visit. The town also holds a traditional Devon charter fair each October, as it has since before 1258.

www.bampton.org.uk

South Molton

South Molton is a small town on the River Mole. It's just over half an hour's drive from Sweetoaks and is a great destination for foodies.

One of South Molton's top attractions is Melchior's Chocolates, a chocolate factory and boutique shop just outside town. Visitors can drop in to see the artisan chocolatiers at work or book ahead to take part in a chocolate-making workshop with Swiss chocolatier Carlo Melchior.

South Molton is also known for Quince Honey Farm, the world's largest exhibition of living honey bees. It has an indoor apiary where you can see the workings of the hives on the other side of the glass and learn about how honey and beeswax are produced. There's also a brilliant indoor play area and a shop selling the farm's honey and candles.

Melchior Chocolates, Tinto House, South Molton, EX36 3LL. Tel: 01769 574442.

www.melchiorchocolates.co.uk

Quince Honey Farm, North Road, South Molton, EX36 3AZ. Tel: 01769 572401.

www.quincehoneyfarm.co.uk

Useful information

Sweetoaks at a Glance

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

- Sleeps up to 16 guests
- Eight bedrooms
- Five doubles with en suite bathrooms
- One room with single bed and bunk bed with a shared bathroom
- Two double bedrooms have zip and link beds
- Guest bed available

Cooking and Dining

- Seating for 14 guests at dining table
- Large kitchen
- Aga oven
- Barbecue and garden furniture
- Fantastic chef available for a special meal or throughout the weekend
- Drop-off meals available
- Five minute drive to a good pub
- Online deliveries

Things to Do Inside

- 3 large TVs
- Games room
- Piano
- DVD player and DVDs
- Board games
- Wi-fi

Things to Do Outside

- Swimming pool, open May to September
- Hot tub
- 20 acres of gardens and woodland
- Garden with large patio space
- Trampoline
- Swings
- Outdoor games
- Tennis Rackets

Activities

- Clay pigeon shooting
- Bike hire
- Horse riding
- Tennis
- Pampering and beauty treatments at the house

Top Things to Do for Children

- Dunster Castle
- Wimbleball Lakes water sports
- Exmoor Treasure Trail

Where We Are

- The postcode is TA22 9PR
- The nearest town is Dulverton, 1 mile from the house
- The nearest station is Tiverton Parkway, a 40 minute drive from the house
- The nearest airport is Exeter
- Taxis available
- Plenty of parking

Payment Process

- We take a one third deposit at the time of booking
- The balance is due three months before the date booked

Cautionary Deposit

- £500 refundable deposit

House Restrictions

- Up to two well behaved dogs welcome, but they're not allowed in the drawing room
- Not suitable for hen parties
- Not suitable for stag parties

Arrival and Departure

- Check in 4pm
- Check out 10am

What's Included

- Linen
- Towels
- Utilities
- Welcome hamper

Hot Tub Usage

We hope you'll enjoy using the hot tub. We want to make sure it is as safe as possible for everyone, so we ask all guests to ensure that the following guidelines are respected. These guidelines are designed to meet basic health and safety regulations, so ensure that all members of your party have read the rules regarding the use of the hot tub.

1. Swimming costumes are obligatory and you may need to bring your own towels
2. You must shower before entering the hot tub to remove any skin oils, make-up, hair products etc. This is vital to ensure a clean and healthy hot tub. If this rule is abused the hot tub may need to be closed for several days so that the water can be thoroughly refreshed. In the event of closure, no refund will be made and cleaning costs will be charged to your party.
3. Outdoor shoes and coats must be taken off around the hot tub area.
4. No alcohol or smoking is allowed in the hot tub.
5. Do not bring any form of glass into the hot tub area.
6. Do not bring in any electrical equipment into the hot tub area where you could be in contact with water.
7. Before using the hot tub, please take out the chlorine dispenser. Put it back in when everyone has left the hot tub.
8. Do not over-occupy the hot tub as this will lead to water spillage and will cause the hot tub to stop working. This is because the filter needs to be covered with water to work.
9. Children must be supervised in and around the hot tub and must not use it without an adult present. Some children can overheat; please seek medical advice if this occurs.
10. Please keep noise levels to an acceptable level. The hot tub is a place of peace and relaxation – be mindful that there are neighbouring properties.
11. It is safer and more enjoyable to use the hot tub with another person. We advise against using the hot tub alone without a member of your group knowing of your whereabouts.
12. On leaving the hot tub, please switch off all jets and lights and make sure that the hot tub is sealed with the cover provided.
13. Please note that you must not use the hot tub if you are suffering from an infectious disease or you have an open wound or sore that cannot be covered by a waterproof plaster.
14. You must not use the hot tub within 48 hours of suffering any stomach illness.
15. Certain medical conditions can be affected by the hot tub, particularly those involving extremes of temperature. You are advised to consult your doctor if you are pregnant or suffer from any of the following: heart disease; circulatory problems; high or low blood pressure; diabetes; or any other condition that affects your body's ability to react to heat.
16. Prevent taking any medication which may affect your circulation or your ability to react to heat.