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What Princetown has to offer.

What would you say to someone who was thinking of coming up to Princetown as a visitor, why would you come to Princetown?

For the general visitor I would think there's an opportunity to rest your weary limbs, not least in surroundings that you feel conducive to doing just that, and pleasant and you enjoy the experience and take away a fond memory. There are a lot of opportunities for that with three pubs and a number of restaurants, so one's spoilt for choice, and if the weather's not too clement, which rumour has it it is often the case, then all of that is under cover, so that's not a problem at all. I think there's an opportunity for cultural immersion at the High Moorland Visitor Centre, a complete record really, not only of Princetown's development but also the high moor and how its used, so one can educate yourself in terms of understanding of your surroundings more particularly, and then if you stretch your limbs away from the centre one can follow, quite easily, the development of Princetown, it's a relatively young settlement and you can piece it together visually really with great ease. But in the process you'll pass some new buildings in the form of the Brewery, the refurbished church, and at the end of the trail you'll look out across, quite splendid views really, of the Prison, and from that vantage point you will see that Prison that the books speak about in terms of the great Victorian bastion, but if you look a bit more closely you will see what a modern prison service is about, which is about reform and getting people out and learning new skills and its not difficult to see evidence of the resettlement unit and the work they're doing around the Prison and also in the village itself. So I think its an absolute unique blend of attractions for people on Dartmoor, there's nowhere else quite like it on the moor.