

Introduction

With much of the UK's most spectacular coastline, together with endless rolling hills of patchwork countryside and the high moorland of Exmoor and Dartmoor, Cornwall and Devon are renowned for their beautiful landscapes and are rich with photographic potential.

Given so much choice of location, a decision was made early on to concentrate on specific highlights within each county, namely the superb coastlines and the national parks. Yet this guidebook covers a broader geographical area than the title might suggest with most of the Exmoor locations being in Somerset.

Each location was selected purely through personal appeal; some are popular areas for photographers whilst others are less well known. Many iconic spots have been written about, others left to be covered at a later stage. If I have missed out a favourite of yours I apologise, but at the same time hope that through this book I can introduce you to a few new special places.

Whether you are looking for beach or cliff top views, moorland, river or forest, the end result is a book that contains a tremendous variety of landscapes to help, guide and inspire you when visiting the South West with your camera, regardless of the season.

Each and every location covered in these pages has motivated and inspired me over the years and I hope they can engender similar feelings in you. Landscape photography is such a wonderful hobby, one that provides us with plentiful opportunity to get outside of our homes and explore the beautiful natural areas that are so abundant throughout the UK.

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*Dramatic evening light at Hartland Quay on North Devon's rugged coast,
Nikon D800E, 17-35mm at 17mm, ISO 100, 6 sec at f/16. May*

