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Directions to Kenton Park Estate & Vineyard

Location

6.5 NM miles SW of Exeter airport Devon. The vineyard is approximately 10 minutes from Exeter Racecourse, on the West side of Devon's beautiful Exe Estuary, nestling in the foothills of the Haldon Hills.

Finding Us

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Grid Reference SX 945 827

- For arrival by helicopter, note the site is strictly PPR and Day VFR only. Please ask for pilots briefing pack when making the PPR request.
- If arriving by rail the nearest station is Starcross and we can organise a pick up if we know your arrival times, as local taxis are limited and Über presently non existent.
- Arriving via car, experience tells us that Sat Nav will NOT take you to the right location, so instead enjoy the thrill of exploration, by 'turning off and tuning in' either by following your navigators instructions (see notes below) or if feeling really bold, how about a map!

Why Visit

We specialise in providing unique corporate and bespoke private events, and the winery grounds and café bar, provides a tremendous backdrop for any such event. You will find a warm welcome with a classy hip and quirky elegant vibe, with vineyard excursions and of course tastings and wine to buy from the cellar door.

The wine is award winning, coffee aficionado's will love it and the food is excellent. With superb on site accommodation available, a lifestyle store next door and sister vineyards in Europe and Australia; Kenton Park Estate is one of Devon's brightest jewels and absolutely worth a short trip, day visit or extended weekend.

For those from outside the region and wish to explore, nearby is the world famous National Heritage site of the Jurassic coastline is stunningly beautiful and the Exe estuary provides excellent sailing and boat hire, all of which can be arranged for you by estate staff.

In shooting season there are renowned pheasant and partridge shoots nearby, whilst the river Exe is well known for wild salmon and trout fishing. Decent golf courses are to be found in nearby Budleigh & Sidmouth.

Everyone is Welcome

Cyclists, runners and triathletes will find some extremely testing hills, challenging open moorland beautiful forestry and river, all literally on our doorstep. The physical challenges to be matched by a decent coffee and cake or something more substantial afterwards. Cycle racks and electrical car charging points will be available.

Those who love the thrill of driving can rekindle their spirit of adventure, as we have some magical circular drives mapped from the estate. Whether you like the classic howl of a V8 combustion engine or the raw torque of modern electric, Here you will find some hills and roads that make for some awesome early morning driving.

The Estate Today

Run as a family business, the vineyard with south facing slopes & sandy soil together with the mild local maritime climate, produce an ideal 'terroir,' the unique combination of environment, microclimate, soil composition and people who; with their creativity and relentless quest for excellence, make the ultimate difference in producing great wine.

The vineyard historically produced multiple award winning wines until falling into disrepair and is now slowly being brought "Back to Life" restoring the nutrients in the soil.

The guru of the contemporary wine world Michel Rolland and his team, has provided some of the critical early advice on vine selection and land management essential to vineyards, with twelve acres now producing Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier, Chardonnay and Chenin Blanc.

Together with lots of friendly help from many across the international and British wine industry, long tiring days in the fields, early mornings, late nights and absolutely backbreaking physical labour, our dream is now starting to be realised. The estate will be once again ready to produce award winning wine and testament to Great Britain.

In the meantime please come and enjoy our existing collection of Wines & other Spirits in our newly refurbished Café & Wine Bar/Tasting Bar and experience the full beauty & tranquility of the rural estate setting with children and well behaved dogs welcome.

Directions by Road below:

Regardless of route chosen, once off the main A380/ A38 or M5, the journey to the Vineyard is about a ten minutes relaxed drive. If you reach the villages of Mamhead, Powderham or Starcross you have missed it!

- Route 1 from the North & M5, suitable for cars only
- Route 2 from the North & M5, suitable for large delivery vehicles
- Route 3 from Plymouth, suitable for all vehicles
- Route 4 from Exeter city centre, suitable for all vehicles

1) From North and M5 - This route is suitable for cars and small vans only.

- Continue Southbound on M5 past Exeter for approximately 5 miles following signs for A38 & A380. Stay on M5 heading A38 & A380 and look for large building advertising cycles on left hand side of carridgeway and move into left hand lane
- Approximately 1 mile later the road splits in two, known locally as Splatford Split, becoming A380 to Torquay (left) and Plymouth A38 on the right.
- Immediately prior to the road split is a large Shell garage and two hundred meters prior to that, is an exit signposted Kenn and Kenton. Take this junction. The Kenn junction happens quickly once past the Cycle place, so if you miss it simply turn into the Shell Garage and follow the rest of the directions.
- Just behind the Shell garage, turn left for Kenn, Kenton and Ley Arms and onto rural roads. Pass slowly through Village of Kenn and after approximately 1 mile turn right at the Ley Arms junction signposted Kenton. Follow small road for about 2 miles (passing places) and look for Dartmoor style wooden cross on left hand side of road at first obvious cross roads. Turn right here. The cross is called Wilsworthy Cross and the directional sign pointing to the right is missing.
- Follow slow single-track road for approx. 2 miles. Be prepared to reverse and use
 passing places! Ignore various turnings and keep straight on this road until you reach
 a small cross roads marked with a white wooden signpost
- At cross roads go straight over signposted Mamhead. After 350 meters look for white wooden gates on the left hand side. Enter tree lined drive and take the first turning left off this drive. The winery is the first building on the left with obvious car parking and entrance.

2) From North & M5 – This route is suitable for larger delivery vehicles. For those arriving from the North & M5 who do not like reversing on narrow country lanes, this is the route for you!

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- Approximately 1 mile later the road splits in two, known locally as Splatford Split, becoming A380 to Torquay (left) and Plymouth A38 on the right. Take left hand fork to Torquay
- The left fork heads up a steep hill widening to three lanes and then quickly back to a standard dual carriageway. The moment the carriageway becomes two lanes, move into left hand lane and immediately start looking for left hand turn marked Old Haldon Hill. Take this turning.
- Once off the main road and at the T- junction turn left. The road ahead quickly becomes unmarked and runs along the crest of the back of Haldon Hill and forest. Take this road for approximately one mile until you reach an obvious Y junction marked with a tall wooden signpost called Mamhead View and Ashton. Take the left land / straight head fork of this junction.

- After 200 meters you will reach a T junction Turn left heading towards Mamhead. There follows a long winding relatively steep descent decent of approximately 1.7 miles, with glimpses of views left towards the Exe estuary. You will pass:
 - o 90 degrees right hand bend
 - Front entrance to Mamhead House
 - A cross roads with a yellow sign adverting Coarse Fishing Immediately you see this sign start to slow down.
- Approximately 150 meters past this junction is a further crossroads marked with a
 wooden sign called Black Forest Lodge. Turn left here signposted Kenn three miles.
 After 350 meters look for white wooden gates on the right hand side. Enter tree lined
 drive and take the first turning left off this drive. The winery is the first building on
 the left with obvious car parking and entrance.

3) From Plymouth - Route suitable for all vehicles

- Take the A38 towards Exeter. As you reach the summit of Haldon Hill, follow signs for Exeter Racecourse. Exit the dual carriageway and at the T Junction turn right towards the racecourse
- Drive past the front entrance of the racecourse for approximately one mile. Go straight over the small roundabout. Turn left over a bridge marked A380 Torquay. This bridge crosses the main dual carriageway below you.
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From Exeter City Centre -Route suitable for all vehicles

 From the city centre head towards Exmouth & Topsham and the Countess Wear roundabout. Turn right at Countess Wear crossing the river Exe and at next roundabout turn left onto A379 and head for Exminster and Dawlish.

- Turn left at this roundabout on A379 following signs for Dawlish and Exminister. After approximately 1 mile you will reach another roundabout. Go straight across on A379 following signs for Dawlish.
- Stay straight on this road for approximately 4 miles until you reach the small village of Kenton. Immediately on entering the village, turn right at the Rodean Restaurant and drive straight past the church and houses & tight left hand bend.
- Once past tight left hand bend, continue straight for approximately 2 miles until you reach a small marked cross roads. Turn left signposted Mamhead. After 350 meters look for white wooden gates on the left hand side. Enter tree lined drive, the winery is the first building on the left with obvious car parking and entrance.

