

## MICRO EXHIBITIONS

Museums and visitor centres tell the stories of World War II across North Devon.

### Devon D-Day

Braunton & District Museum  
Caen St, Braunton, EX33 1AA  
From Monday 15 April  
Mon-Fri: 10am-3pm Sat:  
10am-1pm Sun: Closed

Start your Devon D-Day journey here! Braunton Museum has one of the largest D-Day displays in North Devon. Exhibition includes an introduction to World War II sites throughout the area.

Free

### Wartime Woolacombe & Morteohoe

Morteohoe Museum  
EX34 7DT  
Tue-Thu, Sun 11am-3pm  
School holidays: Mon, Wed,  
Thu, Sun 10am-4pm.

WWII displays including the American Red Cross National Register kept at The Red Barn in Woolacombe, which was used as a social centre for US troops. This historic document can be digitally searched. Photo exhibition of US soldiers training on Woolacombe beach.

Free (donations welcome)

### Appledore at War

North Devon Maritime Museum, Odun Rd, Appledore, EX39 1PT  
Mon 1 April - Thurs 31 Oct  
Daily: 10am - last adm. 4pm

Discover the World War II secrets of this historic village sea port. Photos and eyewitness accounts of military experiments C.O.X.E, the 'Carrot' and 'Hobart's Funnies'.

Adults: £3.00 Concs: £2.00  
Children: £1.00  
Under-5s: Free



### Around North Devon **OVER HERE**

10,000 American GIs arrived in North Devon in 1943. In 2019, ghosts return...  
A project by Multi Story Theatre. #OverHere

### D-Day Remembered

Ilfracombe Museum  
Wilder Road, Ilfracombe,  
EX34 8AF  
Mon 6 May - Fri 28 June  
Mon-Sat: 10am-5pm Sun:  
Closed

Discover Ilfracombe's role in the D-Day preparations, the American troops who were stationed in the town and the remarkable story behind HMS Ilfracombe. Contemporary British press photos of the action on the Normandy beaches.

Adult: £5.00  
Senior/concession: £4.00  
Under 16: Free

### D-Day Devon: Barnstaple Remembers

Barnstaple Guildhall  
Butchers Row, Barnstaple,  
EX31 1BW  
Mon 13 - Sat 18 May  
10.30am-4pm

A stirring exhibition remembering the brave men who trained on our beaches and the local people who supported them.

Presented by the Barnstaple History Group.

Free



### Wartime Westward Ho!

Northam Burrows Centre  
Sandymere Rd, Northam,  
EX39 1XS  
Grid Ref 442/308  
Sat 25 May - Sun 1 Sept  
Daily 11am-5pm

Photographs, footage and artefacts from the Northam Burrows and Westward Ho! area during World War II.

Free

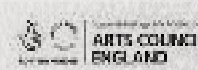
### Wartime Combe Martin

Combe Martin Museum and Information Point  
Cross St, Combe Martin,  
EX34 0DH  
From 6th April  
Mon-Fri: 10.30am-5pm  
Sat & Sun: 11am-3pm

Discover how the people of this busy coastal village helped with the war effort during World War II

Adults: £2.50 Concessions:  
£1.50 Children: Free

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DEVON D-DAY 2019 IS A SUMMER-LONG COMMEMORATION OF NORTH DEVON'S ROLE IN THE D-DAY LANDINGS OF WORLD WAR II. OUR COAST BECAME THE US ARMY'S ASSAULT TRAINING CENTER.

10,000 American soldiers used the area's beaches, estuaries and sand dunes to perfect techniques to invade the German-occupied coastline of Europe.

To find out more about the Assault Training Center visit [www.assaulttrainingcenterfriends.co.uk](http://www.assaulttrainingcenterfriends.co.uk).

To check our events go to [www.visitdevon.co.uk/northdevon/explore/d-day-in-devon](http://www.visitdevon.co.uk/northdevon/explore/d-day-in-devon).

Devon D-Day partners include North Devon Marketing Bureau, Saunton D-Day, Friends of the Assault Training Center and the museums of the North Devon coast. It is linked to North Devon Coast AONB's Coastal Heritage Project.

## WORLD WAR II HERITAGE TRAIL

As a lasting memorial to North Devon's role in D-Day, we have created a new World War II heritage trail linking all the important World War II and D-Day locations - no need to miss a thing during your stay in North Devon.

The accompanying trail booklet will be available from museums and tourist information centres.

## EVENTS

### The Friendly Invasion

Sat 18 May 7.30pm  
Woolacombe Parish Hall

A talk by Richard Bass of the Friends of the Assault Training Centre about the American Army training on the North Devon Coast.

Donations welcome  
To reserve a space email [susancon.hill@btinternet.com](mailto:susancon.hill@btinternet.com)

### World War II Discovery Trail

Tue 28 May, 2pm - 4pm  
The Skern, Northam Burrows

Take part in a family-friendly orienteering trail. Find hidden WWII remains and learn about D-Day training operations in the sands of Northam Burrows, a key military site.

Book: [www.torridge.gov.uk/northamburrows](http://www.torridge.gov.uk/northamburrows)

### D-Day History Walk

Thursday 6 June  
2pm-4pm  
Northam Burrows  
Grid ref 442/308

Discover the World War II significance of Northam Burrows in this History Walk with Dave Edgcombe from North Devon Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Free  
Book: [www.torridge.gov.uk/northamburrows](http://www.torridge.gov.uk/northamburrows)

### D-Day 75th Anniversary American Memorial Service

Thursday 6 June 11am  
St Brannock's Church  
Braunton EX33 2EL

All welcome.

### D-Day 75th Anniversary Wreath Laying Service

Thursday 6 June 11.50am  
Braunton Burrows (meet at Crow Point car park)  
Grid ref: SS 462 331

Join the Royal British Legion and relatives of US servicemen at the WWII concrete landing craft on Braunton Burrows. All welcome.

Contact: [braunton.secretary@rbl.community](mailto:braunton.secretary@rbl.community)

### Saunton D-Day

Sat 15 and Sun 16 June  
10am - 4pm  
Saunton Beach, EX33 1LG  
Grid Ref SS 4417 3563

An exciting two day living history event on the beach featuring period aircraft and military vehicles and large-scale battle displays.

Free  
[www.sauntondday.co.uk](http://www.sauntondday.co.uk)



### The Royal British Legion 75th Anniversary D-Day 1940s Dinner & Dance

Sat 15 June, 7pm - 11.30pm  
Braunton Parish Hall  
Chaloners Rd, Braunton, EX33 1AF

Dress to impress, 1940s style, for this dinner dance with live Big Band and wartime singer.

Tickets: £15.00  
Book: [braunton.secretary@rbl.community](mailto:braunton.secretary@rbl.community)

## AFTERMATH OF WAR

Braunton artist Brian Chugg painted the decaying beach defences in North Devon after World War II. Touring exhibition from the Museum of Barnstaple & North Devon. For venue details see overleaf.

**Barnstaple History Group  
Barnstaple Guildhall**  
Butchers Row, Barnstaple  
Mon 13 - Sat 18 May

**Ilfracombe Museum**  
Wilder Road, Ilfracombe  
Mon 10 June - Sat 6 July

**Combe Martin Museum & Information Point**  
Cross St, Combe Martin  
Tue 13 Aug - Sat 7 Sept

**Northam Burrows Centre**  
Sandymere Rd, Northam  
Tue 9 July - Sat 10 Aug

