

12 September

Today after school, around 1 pm, we started our trip to Dartmoor. When we reached our destination we listened to the presentations of Fenia and Jennifer. After that we split into two groups and met our tour guides. They would tell us much about the history and nature of Dartmoor in a 2 hours long walk.

Dartmoor has always been used by humans. Especially the influences from the 18th to 19th century are still visible. In that time the people from Dartmoor mined granite there. It has the largest area of granite in Britain. The people cut the rocks and transported them by horse to the sea. Nowadays Dartmoor is a national park and the wildlife and area there is protected by the national park status. However only 20-25% of Dartmoor is owned by the national park. Most of it is owned by the Duke of Cornwall, Prince William.

On Dartmoor many animals like cows or Dartmoor ponies live. Even if they live out in the wild, they belong to the farmers living in the area nearby.

After the tour we gathered at the bus. Some of us bought a couple of souvenirs from the shop and around 4:30 pm we drove back to Torquay. There we had some free time before we got back to our host families.

Marlene, Fenia.





