

## **Willem Montagne**

### **Smallacombe Rocks on Haytor Down.**

Here we are at Smallacombe Rocks, which lie on the northern end of Haytor Down, to the north of Smallacombe Rocks there's a fantastic view across the Becka Brook, the valley of the Becka Brook, with Greater and Houndtor beyond that, and due south from Smallacombe Rocks lie the unmistakable profile of the two rocks of Haytor, the big rounded features that are so prominent and are such a landmark across the whole of South Devon, in fact, and I do think this is one of my favourite views on Dartmoor. When you're standing on Haytor Rocks it's obvious that you're on the edge of Dartmoor, you're kind of peering over the edge down into the hills and green fields and villages and towns and settlements of Devon, but if you're standing here at Smallacombe Rocks and you're looking north everything you can see is part of Dartmoor, the whole area is made out of granite, it's all the moorland area, and when I want to give, particularly young people, some impression of the size of Dartmoor I just need to point at the horizon, when you can see the mast of North Hessary Tor, way over in Princetown just above the prison there, and you could describe that as being near to the middle of Dartmoor, so if you stand here, you look out to the mast and then imagine that is in the middle of Dartmoor, then wow! What a vast place Dartmoor is, in English terms anyway.