

# Lydford Gorge

## *My favourite place in Devon*

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The awe-inspiring might of thousands of tons of water crashing down under the mighty force of gravity, perilously close to you. The air, moist with spray, flows around you as it has flowed around creatures great and small for tens of thousands of years so it could carve this jagged scar you see

today. Trees grow right to the very edge of the gorge and the small weeds and grasses that grow so close to the pools are a constant reminder that life will prevail, no matter what. Water falling metres into a rocky, turbulent pool below that has been carved out of the concrete-hard granite. Just seeing the great roar of water falling on top of yet more water makes humanity's petty problems seem like grains of sand on the face of nature's unstoppable and eternal flow of chance that has shaped our world that we see today.

*By Ben Jenkin*