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Monday 8	06:35	19:40

Moon

Friday 5	01:47	242°	17:17	116°
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Sunday 7	04:18	252°	18:34	104°
Monday 8	05:39	259°	19:06	97°

Tide Times (Weymouth)

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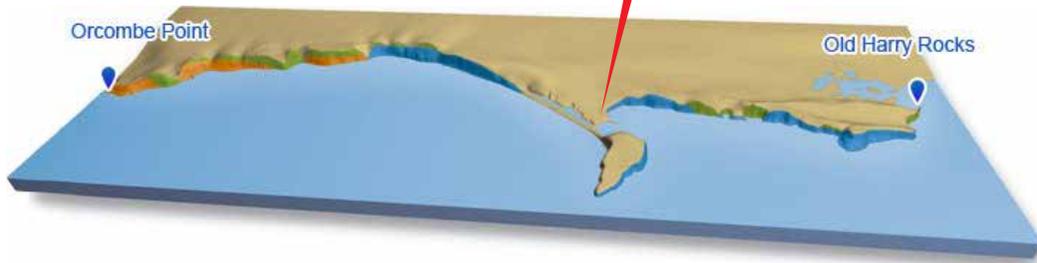
Staying in Weymouth we are ideally located in the heart of the Dorset and East Devon Coast World Heritage Site. It is England's first natural World Heritage Site, known as The Jurassic Coast. It covers 95 miles of truly stunning coastline from East Devon to Dorset, with rocks recording 185 million years of the Earth's history.

World Heritage status was achieved because of the site's unique insight into the Earth Sciences as it clearly depicts a geological 'walk through time' spanning the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods.

Whilst many locations in this guide will focus on this coast there are also a selection places to visit inland too.



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Abbotsbury Swannery

Map Ref 1 SY 576 840

Abbotsbury Swannery is the world's only managed colony of nesting mute swans. This is the only place in the world where you are able to walk through the heart of a colony of nesting Mute Swans. A visit to the Swannery is considered one of the best things to do in Dorset. Help hand feed 600 swans at 12.00 noon and 4.00pm daily.

Access

Open every day from 22nd March to 2nd November, 10am to 5pm. Last admissions one hour before closing.

Ample FREE parking for cars. The regular X53 bus service runs through Abbotsbury. See the latest timetable here. Public toilets available at the main entrance and in the Coffee Shop. No public toilets inside the Swannery itself.

New Barn Road, Abbotsbury DT3 4JG. 01305 871858



Badbury Rings & Beech Avenue

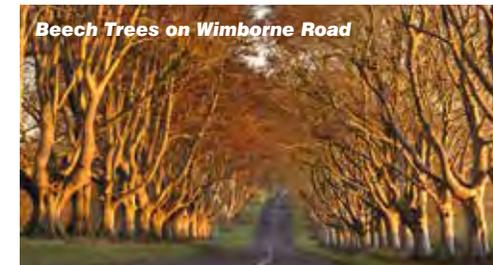
Map Ref 2 ST 964 030 (BH21 5DD)

Badbury Rings is a hill fort which dates from the Iron Age, (800BC to AD43), and is constructed on an earlier Bronze Age site. The fort consists of three concentric banks and ditches, the ditches were excavated into the chalk along the outer edges of each bank. Badbury Rings is a high point in the local landscape and provides excellent views in all directions. You can take a number of relatively easy walks from the site which are all signposted from the carpark. Badbury Rings is now part of the Kingston Lacy estate, formerly owned by the Bankes family, now owned by The National Trust.

The impressive mile-long avenue of beech trees was planted in 1835 as an anniversary gift for Lady Bankes. It led as the main driveway to their manor house Kingston Lacy. The avenue is now Blandford Road west of the Kingston Lacy estate, a familiar sight to anyone travelling between Wimborne and Blandford.

Access

Heron Drove car park on the north side of the Wimborne/Blandford B3082 road opposite Sturminster Marshall turning (ST 966 023).



Brownsea Island

Map Ref 3 SZ 032 878

Run by the National Trust and famous for red squirrels, wildlife and Scouting, Brownsea Island is located in Poole Harbour, with spectacular views across to the Purbeck Hills. Thriving natural habitats – including woodland, heathland and a lagoon – create a unique haven for wildlife, such as the rare red squirrel and a wide variety of birds, including dunlin, kingfishers, common and sandwich terns and oyster catchers. This island wildlife sanctuary is easy to get to but feels like another world from the moment you step ashore.

Access

Follow brown signs to Poole Quay or Sandbanks. To access Poole Harbour from the west take the A35/A350 Dorchester-Poole road. Parking Poole: follow town centre signs to quayside car parks, where you can use pedestrian signage to locate the quay, where the boats depart from. Sandbanks: there is no parking available at the ferry but there is a large car park within a ten minute walk from the Sandbanks jetty.

Sandbanks Jetty, BH13 7QJ and Poole Quay, BH15 1HP.



Burton Bradstock Village & Beaches

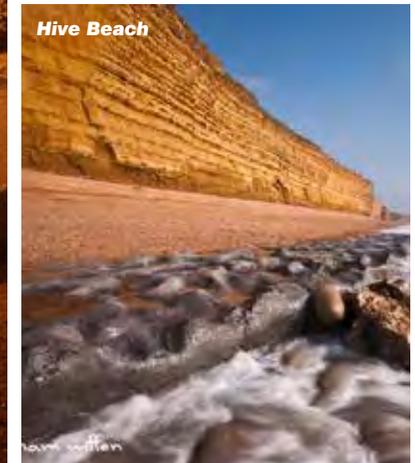
Map Ref 4 SY 48 89

Burton Bradstock is a village in south west Dorset, England. Once a tightly knit community of farmers, fishermen, net makers and flax spinners the village has retained much of its character and offers a glimpse into a bygone age. In the vicinity of the village there are vertical cliffs up to 45m high. Near the top of these cliffs is a layer of Inferior Oolite, which contains large ammonites. Rockfalls result in these being accessible to fossil hunters on the Hive beach beneath.

Burton Bradstock beach is a shelving shingle beach close to the village. At Hive Beach (SY 493 888) there is a gap in the cliffs; the National Trust own the land here, and provide a car park.

Access

Off the B3157 (Common Lane), just east of Burton Bradstock. Take Beach Road and the pay and display car park is directly ahead.



Cannington Viaduct

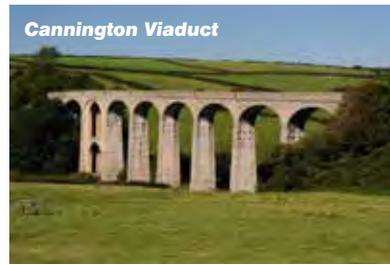
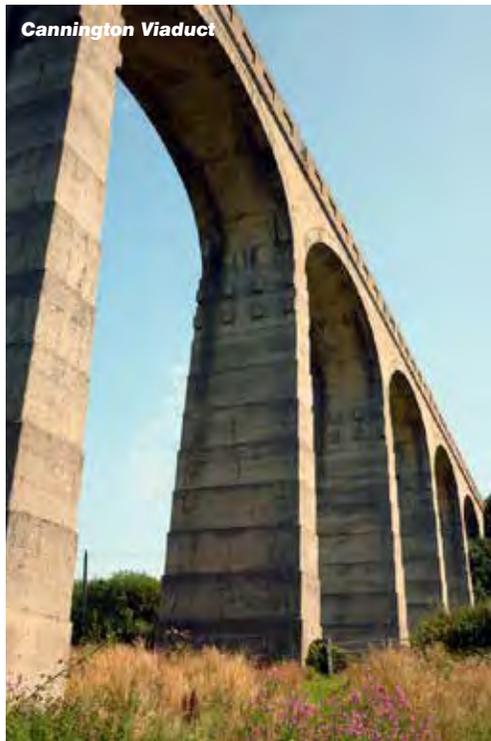
Map Ref 5 SY 316 924

Cannington Viaduct 203 yards long with ten elliptical arches of 50 feet span, 92 feet high. It was constructed of mass concrete with pre-cast concrete voussoirs. Cement was brought to the **Cobb harbour** at **Lyme Regis**, and to the construction site by a 1,000 foot cableway. Crushed flint from locally excavated material was used for the aggregate. It was designed by A C Pain and built by Baldry and Yerbergh of Westminster.

During its construction the west abutment and the adjacent pier slipped during the process of tipping fill material behind it, and it and the first pier settled significantly, distorting the first arch crown to rise, delaying the opening. The displaced foundations were stabilised and the third arch was strengthened by means of a diaphragm wall; the distorted first arch was given a brick arch ring. The line of the viaduct parapet shows a very significant drop at this end, but the structure had been stabilised and did not move further.

Access

Cannington Lane, Uplyme, Devon DT7 3SW



Cerne Abbas & Giant

Map Ref 6 ST 666 016 (DT2 7AL)

Cerne Abbas is a traditional village with many attractions, including the river, streets lined with stone houses and the Abbey.

Standing at 180ft tall, the **Cerne Abbas Giant** is Britain's largest chalk hill figure. It is also our most controversial. Many theories surround the giant's identity. Is it an ancient symbol of spirituality? The Greco-Roman hero Hercules? Or a mockery of Oliver Cromwell? Local folklore has long held it to be an aid to fertility. The area around the Cerne Giant is best explored on a walk. The Cerne countryside is fantastic for walking, notable for its butterflies and beautiful views. A circular trail from the village allows you to appreciate all the highlights as you can only do on foot, and the delightful village itself is ideal for a summer stroll.

Access

Cerne Abbas is sign-posted just off the A352, 8 miles north of Dorchester and 10 miles south of Sherbourne. There is a National Trust car park.



Chesil Beach & Fleet Lagoon

Map Ref 7 SY 634 805

180 billion pebbles: **Chesil Beach** is a pebble beach 18 miles long and stretches north-west from **Portland** to **West Bay**. For much of its length it is separated from the mainland by an area of saline water called the **Fleet Lagoon**. The Fleet Lagoon is 13 km long. Its width varies from 900 metres at **Littlesea** down to just 65 metres in the **Narrows**. The deepest part is 4-5 metres deep, but all of the mid and upper Fleet is less than 2 metres deep. Both of the beaches and the lagoon are important areas for wildlife with a number of national and international designations to help protect this important area. The waters of the Fleet are tidal, but the lagoon is also fed by fresh water run-off, streams and ditches along its 8 mile length.

Access

The southern end of Chesil Beach from Portland to Wyke Regis is owned by the Crown Estate. It is open at all times of the year. The central section from the Wyke boundary stone to the Abbotsbury car park is owned by the Ilchester Estates and it is the most sensitive part of the beach. Slope of the beach facing the Fleet is closed all year. Seaward slope is closed from 1 April to 31 August to protect nesting birds. The National Trust own the beach beyond Abbotsbury towards West Bay. Access is allowed all year.



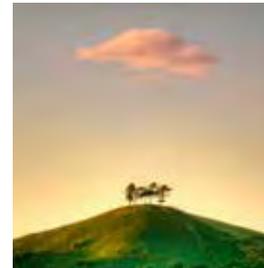
Colmer's Hill

Map Ref 8 SY 440 936

Colmer's Hill is named after Reverend John Colmer who owned the land in the early 19th Century. The characteristic Caledonian pine trees that crown the hill were planted during the First World War by Major W P Colfox MC. The original name for Colmer's Hill was 'Sigismund's Berg', named after a Viking Chief, Sigismund, who apparently saw a beacon on top of the hill. The passage of time turned 'Sigismund's Berg' into 'Simondesberge' by the time of the Domesday Book, then during the following centuries it became **Symondsburry**, eventually giving its name to the nearby village.

Access

It is situated just outside Symondsburry, a small village just a mile away from Bridport, but the hill itself can be glimpsed from much of Bridport and the surrounding countryside. Take the A35 through Bridport then head north through Miles Cross to Symondsburry. There are footpaths and cycle paths on surrounding countryside to use as vantage points to view the hill.



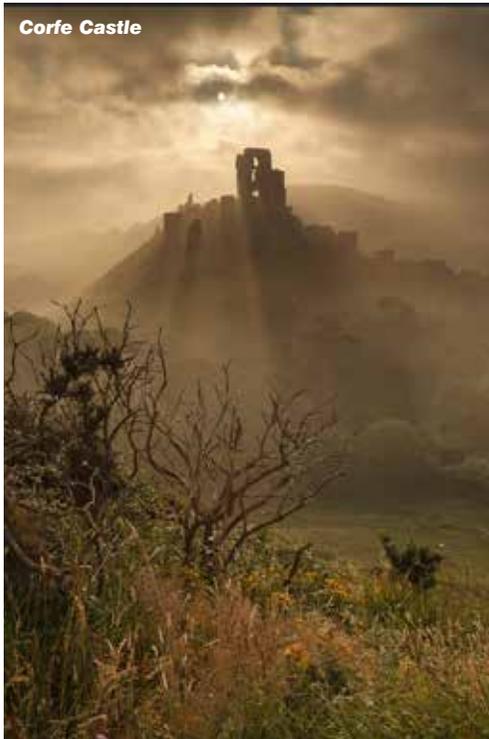
Corfe Castle

Map Ref 9 SY 96 81

The village is constructed from the local grey Purbeck limestone. Around the square are clustered the small collection of shops, the post office, church and pubs. Separating the two streets is an area of common land called "the Halves". The dramatic ruins of **Corfe Castle** stand on a natural hill guarding the principal route through the Purbeck Hills. As you can see it guards the gap between the south of Purbeck, where Purbeck marble was once quarried, and the rest of England. Nothing could pass in or out without going past the Castle. There is also a **model village** and the **Swanage Railway**, a heritage railway, with steam trains running every day between April and October. From Corfe Castle it takes only 22 minutes to travel to **Swanage**. Corfe Castle station has magnificent views across to the Castle and the station itself is a recreation of a 1950s railway station.

Access

A352 to Wareham then A351 to Corfe Castle. Street Parking is limited; there is a 'Pay and Display' car park in West Street and at the foot of the Castle (National Trust), or you can use the Park & Ride at Norden, which is about half a mile from the village where you can catch the steam train to the village.



Dancing Ledge

Map Ref 10 SY 997 769

Dancing Ledge is part of the Jurassic Coast near **Langton Matravers** in the Isle of Purbeck in Dorset, England. Dancing Ledge is so called because at certain stages of the tide when the waves wash over the horizontal surface, the surface undulations cause the water to bob about making the ledge appear to dance. Obviously take note of tide times and consider whether you wish the ledge to be wet or dry. Dawn shoots appear to be popular at this location.

Access

Dancing Ledge is approached from Langton Matravers. To reach the parking spot, turn off the A351 towards Langton Matravers, just outside Swanage town. Once in the village, go past the post office and turn left into Durnford Drove. The free car park is 300m down here by Langton House. From the parking walk south on a good path past four fields and a spyway barn. After the 4th field head down a big hill towards Dancing Ledge which lies directly below the coast path. From here steps lead down into the quarry.



Durdle Cove



Mon 'O War Cove



Mon 'O War Cove

Durdle Door

Map Ref 11 SY 806 802

One of England's most famous landmarks, **Durdle Door** is a perfect rock arch at one end of a beautiful fine shingle crescent of beach. Hard layers of Portland Limestone have been folded on this part of the coast so that they appear almost vertical and these form the seaward edge of the small promontory here that includes Durdle Door. The remnants of old arches can still be seen in the form of 'stumps' of limestone in **Man O' War Bay**. Also look out for fossil ripple marks in the rock slabs at beach level. Donut shapes embedded in the rock around the top of the arch are remnants from a fossil forest. Offshore to the west, the eroded limestone outcrop forms a line of small rocky islets called (from east to west) **The Bull, The Blind Cow, The Cow, and The Calf**.

As the coastline in this area is generally an eroding landscape, the cliffs are subject to occasional rockfalls and landslides so be careful

Access

Take the A352 through East Knighton then follow the signs to Durdle Door. The route to the door goes through the Durdle Door Caravan Park to a parking place at the top of the cliffs. The parking is a pay and display, but if you arrive for the dawn in the summer you can leave before the charges come into effect (7am to 7pm). The ticket machines only accept coins; so make sure you have plenty of change! Visitors can access the Durdle Door walk by exiting the car park to their right.

Take the well-signed footpath by exiting the car park to their right, a steep 20-minute walk that involves a precipitous final ascent down stairs cut into the cliff. Once down, you can relax on the lovely single and sand beach.



Durlston Head & Country Park

Map Ref 12 SZ 03 77

Durlston Head is a rugged and rocky promontory that more or less makes up the bottom right-hand corner of Dorset. Dorset County Council (DCC) now owns Durlston, which operates as a **nature reserve** and **educational centre**. A beautiful place to visit and even boasts dolphin watching as one of its attractions. The Castle, for which read big dwelling rather than defensive construction, now houses a pretty good café with an excellent view. There are bracing and beautiful walks to be had along the cliff tops, which here make-up the South West Coast Path. Head east, and you'll end up in **Swanage**. Head west, and there's a good short walk to the **Anvil Point Lighthouse**. Also look for the **Tilly Whim Caves** which are old limestone quarries that were mainly worked during the eighteenth century.

Access

Take the A352 from Weymouth then A351 at Wareham towards Swanage. From Swanage follow the brown tourist signs up the hill. Park in our pay and display car park.



Anvil Point Lighthouse



Short-beaked common dolphin



Durlston Castle & Globe



Durlston Country Park

Golden Cap

Map Ref 13 SY 380 927

Golden Cap cliff lies between **Charmouth** and **Bridport** in Dorset. The Golden Cap cliff is the highest point on the south coast of Great Britain measuring 191m. The hill itself is run, maintained and owned by the National Trust. Access to Golden Cap is via the coastal footpath from **Seatown**. It takes about 30/45 minutes to reach the summit (depending on how fit you are!). Once you get there you won't be disappointed with the views as they are stunning. At the base of the cliff there are large boulders and debris from rock falls. This makes it popular with fossil hunters as the Jurassic and Cretaceous rock contain some well preserved fossils. Be careful if you go near the cliffs as they could be unstable and collapse at any time (especially if there's been heavy rain) so ask an expert in the fossil shop before you go fossil hunting.

Access

Langdon Hill car park: SY 412 930, nearest postcode DT6 6EP. Stonebarrow Hill car park: SY 382 933, nearest postcode DT6 6RA. Other (not National Trust) car parks for access to the estate at Eype, Seatown, Charmouth and Lyme Regis.



Coast Path



Golden Cap from Charmouth Beach



On top of Golden Cap

Hambledon Hill & Child Okeford

Map Ref 14 Hambledon Hill ST 845 126, Child Okeford ST 834 127

Dorset is internationally renowned for hillforts and Hambledon Hill is one of the finest examples. At nearly twice the height of the White Cliffs of Dover and with views across **Blackmore Vale**, Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire, **Hambledon Hill** is a significant landmark. Built over 2,000 years ago, the massive Iron Age earthwork defences of the hillfort in fact lie on top of a Neolithic structure of causeway enclosures dating back to the earliest days of farming 5,500 years ago. The National Trust have just taken over custody of the hill. **Hod Hill** is also worth a visit.

Child Okeford is a small village west of Hambledon Hill. I have pictorial references to a stone circle but found no information about it.

Access

Hambledon Hill Iron Age hill fort near the village of Child Okeford just off the A357 between Sturminster Newton and Blandford Forum or you can take the minor road to Child Okeford from A350 Blandford-Shaftesbury road, just north of Stourpaine. There is ample parking between Hambledon Hill and nearby Hod Hill and there is other layby parking available.



Kimmeridge Bay

Map Ref 15 SY 055 825

Kimmeridge Bay is world-renowned for its fossils and rock pools. Rocky shale and stone reefs make the area a key habitat and the bay is a designated Marine Nature Reserve. The views are magnificent from the tops of the cliffs. The eastern area of the bay is where the fossil beds begin and the best are found along the foreshore among the shingle. Shale beds can be seen first at Hen Cliff. Further east there is **Yellow Ledges**, (marked by the yellow stone band), **Burning Beach**, **Freshwater Steps** and **Clavell's Hard** (small waterfall), with **Rope Lake Head** some distance away. Finally, **Chapman's Pool** can be reached.

Access

Kimmeridge Bay is part of a privately owned estate and it costs £3 to access the bay via a toll road. The gate may be locked and entry gained by phoning the Centre on 01929 481044. Car park is located at SY 908 791.

Alternatively park in the car park in Kimmeridge Bay village (BH20 5PE, SY 919 798) and walk 20 minutes to the beach. Parking here is free but limited to 20 spaces.



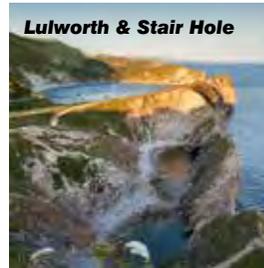
Lulworth Cove & Stair Hole

Map Ref 16 SY 827 799

Lulworth Cove is near the village of **West Lulworth**, on the Jurassic Coast. The cove is one of the world's finest examples of such a landform. Formed because bands of rock of alternating resistance run parallel to the shore. The seaward side the clays and sands have been eroded away. A narrow band of Portland limestone rocks forms the shoreline. The entrance was formed by a combination of erosional processes by wave action and the processes of weathering. **Stair Hole**, less than half a mile away, is an infant cove. The sea has made a gap in the Portland and Purbeck limestone here, as well as a small arch. Stair Hole shows one of the best examples of limestone folding (the Lulworth crumple) in the world, caused by movements in the Earth's crust millions of years ago.

Access

Lulworth Cove/West Lulworth is sign posted from the A352 Dorchester to Wareham road. BH20 5RN for the heart of the West Lulworth Village. The main parking area at Lulworth Cove is positioned directly in-between Lulworth Village and the popular tourist attraction of Durdle Door. Lulworth Cove can be reached by exiting the parking area to the left and walking through the main village.



Milton Abbas

Map Ref 17 ST 806 018

There are many beautiful small towns and villages throughout Dorset but one of the prettiest is **Milton Abbas**. In 1780, Joseph Damer, Lord Milton, the first Earl of Dorchester and owner of **Milton Abbey**, decided that the adjacent market town, Middleton, was disturbing his vision of rural peace. He commissioned architect Sir William Chambers and landscape gardener Capability Brown to design a new village, Milton Abbas, in a wooded valley (**Lucombe Bottom**) to the south of the Abbey. Milton Manor is a Grade II Listed house on the east side of the village. The 36 almost identical thatched cottages were intended to house two families each. They were built from cob and were painted yellow, with a front lawn with a horse chestnut tree planted between each dwelling. Almshouses and a church were sited opposite each other. The almshouses were moved from the old town, where they had originally been built in 1674. The houses are now white-washed and the original horse chestnut trees were judged unsafe and a danger to the houses and removed.

Access

Take the A354 towards Blandford Forum. In Milborne St Andrew head north towards Milton Abbas. On-road parking.



Old Harry & Ballard Down

Map Ref 18 SY 055 825

Starting at **Handfast Point** (SZ 053 825) and the famous chalk sea-stack '**Old Harry**', enjoy the extensive views from high on the chalk ridge known as **Ballard Down**. The path heads westwards along the crest of the ridge – past '**The Pinnacles**' – reaching the summit 162m above sea level at **Ballard Point**, then on along the ridge to the obelisk set up to commemorate the provision of a new water supply to Swanage in 1892 (SZ 022 813)

Access

South Beach Car Park SZ 038 826 (BH19 3AU) in Studland. From the car park walk down the road past the Bankes Arms pub and turn left by the public toilets on to the path signed for Old Harry. Follow the coast path up a gentle rise. At the first gate, keep to the cliff top path. Go through a farm gate and head straight on past earthworks and along Ballard Down.



Osmington Mills

Map Ref 19 SY 734 820

Osmington Mills is a coastal hamlet, about 5 miles northeast of Weymouth. It has a pretty approach and magnificent views across **Weymouth Bay** to **Portland**. The shore is rocky and wild, rich in fossil remains. The village boasts the popular **Smugglers Inn**, one of the leading landing places for the gentlemen of the night in the 18th century. The river flows into the sea giving added interest to a shoreline composition.

Access

Osmington Mills is just off the A353. There is a pay and display car park at The Smugglers Inn (DT3 6HF). Parking will be reimbursed if you spend more than the fee in the Pub.



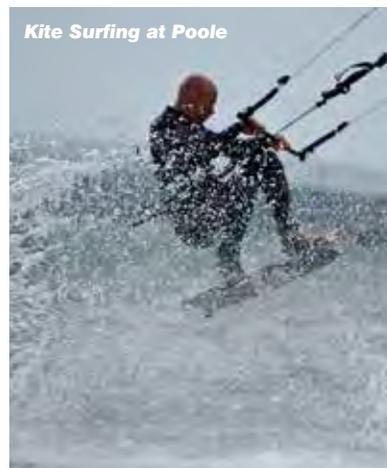
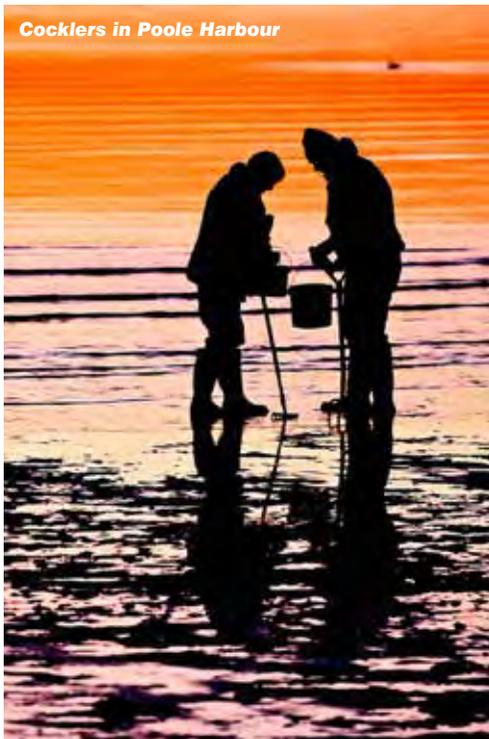
Poole

Map Ref 20

Poole is a large coastal town and seaport, attracting visitors with its natural harbour, history, and Blue Flag beaches. The headquarters of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) are located here. **Poole Quay** has a mixture of traditional public houses, redeveloped warehouses, modern apartment blocks and historic listed building: Grade II listed Customs House on the quay-front built in 1814; Grade I listed Town Cellars, built in the 15th century; and Grade II listed building, the Guildhall, built in 1761. Boats regularly depart from the quay and provide cruises around the harbour, to Brownsea Island, the River Frome and Swanage. For sports photographers, the harbour and **Poole Bay** are popular areas for sailing, windsurfing, surfing, kitesurfing and water skiing. The harbour's large areas of sheltered waters attract windsurfers, particularly around the northern and eastern shores. Water skiing takes place in the harbour in a special designated area known as the Wareham Channel.

Access

There are numerous car parks throughout the town providing access to the beaches and other tourist attractions. Check out <http://www.pooletourism.com/go.php?structureID=pages&ref=1482EE3A303F93> for details.



Portland & Harbour

Map Ref 21

Portland is reached over a narrow causeway from **Chesil Beach**. Portland Stone quarried here has been used for many famous buildings, including St Paul's Cathedral. Around the harbour attractions include **Portland Castle** (SY 685 745), a 16th century Tudor castle overlooking Portland harbour and the **Nothe Fort** (SY 688 788) which forms part of the defences of **Portland Harbour**. The South West Coast path follows the perimeter of Portland taking in the ruins of **Rufus Castle** (SY 698 711) on the East coast and offering great views out to sea the west side, looking towards Chesil beach. Man-made **Pulpit Rock** (SY 674 682) is a good viewpoint for a sunset over the sea. The most famous landmark on Portland is the lighthouse '**Portland Bill**'. There are actually three lighthouses at Portland Bill. The taller, red and white one is in service today. One of the older lighthouses is in residential use and the other, the Old Lower Light, is home to **The Bird Observatory & Field Centre**. Great place to view migrating birds and have a different viewpoint of the area.

Access

Take the A354 across the causeway. Parking available in Easton, SY 693 704 and at Portland Bill SY 675 682.



Radipole Lake & Lodmoor Nature Reserves

Map Ref 22 SY 671 804

A nature reserve in central **Weymouth** sounds unlikely, but once you are on the footpath amongst the reeds and lagoons you could be far away in the countryside. Run by the RSPB, **Radipole Lake** is a great place to come, and free. There are well-known birds here such as house sparrows, finches and robins, alongside uncommon or rare birds like Cetti's warblers and bitterns. The visitor centre looks out over open water, and firm paths the best areas to see bearded tits and summer-visiting reed, sedge and grasshopper warblers.

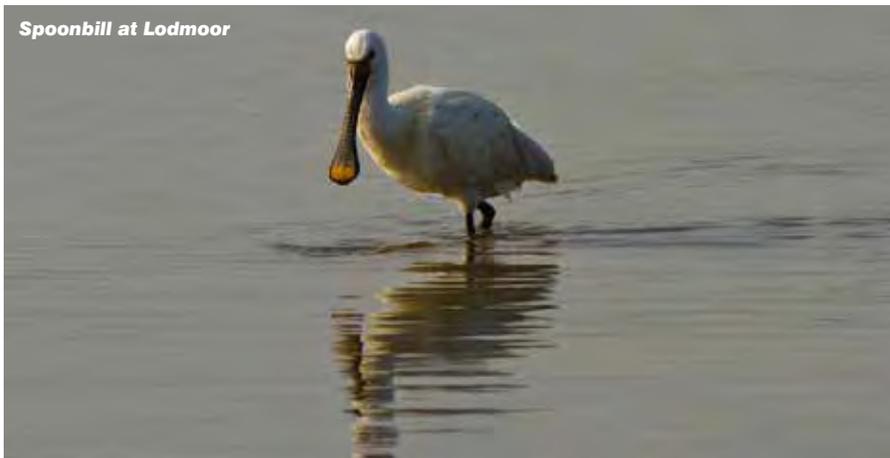
See also **Lodmoor Nature Reserve** close to the Premier Inn. Lodmoor has one of the largest common tern colonies in the south-west, and the hide provides great views of their fascinating courtship and the chicks growing up through spring and summer.

Access

Radipole Lake DT4 7TZ

Lodmoor Lat/Ing: 50.62689,-2.44249 SY 688 809

Reserves are about 30 minutes walk apart



Shaftesbury

Map Ref 23 ST861228

Shaftesbury is situated near to the border with Wiltshire. The town is built 219 m above sea level on the side of a chalk and greensand hill, which is part of **Cranborne Chase**, the only significant hilltop settlement in Dorset. It is one of the oldest and highest towns in Britain. The town looks over the **Blackmore Vale**, part of the River Stour basin. A particularly scenic road is **Gold Hill**, the steep cobbled street that film director Ridley Scott used as the setting for an iconic television advertisement for Hovis bread. Shaftesbury is also celebrated for its ruined abbey and the nearby **Wardour Castle** (SP3 6RR, ST 93804 26298). About 2 miles to the west of Shaftesbury rises the conical mound of **Duncliffe Hill**, home to Duncliffe Wood and a nature reserve.

Access

Shaftesbury is situated on the intersection of the A30 and A350. It is possibly better to visit on your way into Dorset or on the way home.

Parking: Bell Street (short stay) SP7 8AR. Angel Lane SP7 8PE. Longmead SP7 8PX.



St Aldhelm's Chapel

Map Ref 24 SY 961 755

St Aldhelm's Chapel is a Norman chapel on St Aldhelm's Head in the parish of **Worth Matravers**, Swanage. It is a Grade I listed building. The square stone chapel stands within a low circular earthwork, which may be the remains of a pre-Conquest Christian enclosure. The building has several architectural features which are unusual for a chapel; the square shape, the orientation of the corners of the building towards the cardinal points, and the division and restriction of the interior space by a large central column. The lack of evidence for an altar suggests that the building may not have been built as a chapel. It may have originally been built as a watchtower for Corfe Castle.

Access

Park in Worth Matravers Car Park (BH19 3LE). Turn right out of car park and head through the village. Turn right then left at the village pond. Take the second footpath (marked 'no through road') and follow it onto the heathland, heading due south. Carry on alongside the stream until you come to the South West Coast Path. Turn right around the headland to the National Coastwatch Institution lookout station. Take the path to the right for St Aldhelm's Chapel.



Studland Bay

Map Ref 25 SY 806 802

Forming the southern half of the entrance to Poole Harbour, it is an area of grass covered dunes, heath and scrub. At the harbour entrance is the small **Shell Bay** with about 1km of sandy beach. The shore-line continues southwards to the main beach – a broad stretch of sand some 3km in length, forming the western shore of **Studland Bay**. The southernmost end of the bay is marked by chalk cliffs leading to **Handfast Point** and **Old Harry Rock** (a chalk sea-stack SZ 055 825) from where there is a gentle ascent onto **Ballard Down**. Look out for the red-stained sandstone rocks at **Redend Point** (SZ 038 828)

Both beaches draw large numbers of visitors in the summer months, **Bournemouth** and **Poole** being just a few miles away,

Access

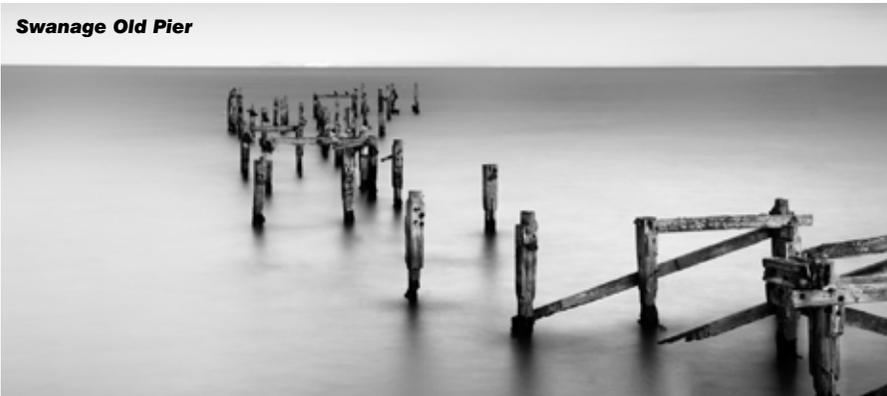
Use the carpark at SZ 036 863 (BH19 3BA) for Shell Bay and Studland Heath. Use Middle Beach carpark SZ 036 829 (BH19 3AE) or South Beach Car Park SZ 038 826 (BH19 3AU) in Studland for Redend point and the southern cliffs. Better to go at low tide to see the cliffs and walk along the south beach.



Peveril Point



Swanage Old Pier



Swanage Beach



Beach Huts on Swanage Beach



Swanage

Map Ref 26 SY 02 & 03 78 & 79

Swanage in Dorset marks the Eastern end of the world famous Jurassic Coast. The rock at the Swanage end produces the most beautiful white cliffs to rival those around Dover. The sandy beach and the sheltered bay are the assets which attract the holidaymaker to Swanage, which today is still a rather Victorian seaside resort. Since the town lies at the eastern end of the Purbeck wealden valley, on either side the bay is stopped by a hill. On the north lies the huge gleaming edge of Ballard Cliff, the end of the Purbeck chalk ridge. To the south the mass of **Peveril Point** reaches into the sea, its strata twisted, with sharp reefs below the surface.

Swanage is a Victorian town whose heritage and prosperity can be partially attributed to it's unique place in the quarrying history of the country. Further evidence of the Victorian era is one of the country's few working steam railway that services the town and runs to a regular schedule throughout the day. This is a great way to approach the town passing the famous **Corfe Castle** en route. Swanage's Victorian pier is over 100 years old and is one of two built, although it is the only one that survives complete today. The ruined pier still makes a great photographic subject too.

Ice creams, stripey deckchairs, Punch & Judy and the sandy beach make this an ideal location for street photography at the seaside.

Access

A351 from Wareham is the main route into the town. Swanage has plenty of free car parking within walking distance from the beach and town. Optional pay and display car parks are available and offer good value for money but it's worth exploring the residential parking first. The walking conditions around Swanage are generally flat and on tarmac.

Swanage Pier



The Cobb, Lyme Regis

Map Ref 27 SY 337 922

The harbour for **Lyme Regis** is called **The Cobb**. No satisfactory explanation of the name exists but a man made construction has served as a refuge here since at least 1313. The view from the end of the Cobb is panoramic, highlighting the coast from **Charmouth** past **Stonebarrow** and **Golden Cap** to **West Bay** and beyond to **Chesil Beach**. Walking the wall is the best way to see the Cobb, although the Health and Safety do their best to put you off with gaudy yellow notices. Meryl Streep managed to get to the end of the Cobb in the film *The French Lieutenant's Woman* in bad weather so it can be done. The town is noted for fossils found on its beaches and in the cliffs which are part of the Heritage Coast.

Access

Long stay car parks in Lyme Regis; Charmouth Road (DT7 3DW) in the East and Holmbush car park (DT7 3LD) in the west. Both are within walking distance of town centre and seafront. Cobb Gate Car Park located at the harbour end of the seafront and very convenient for the beaches and the Cobb (DT7 3QD) SY 334 920



Tout Quarry and Sculpture Park

Map Ref 28 SY 683 719

Tout Quarry is an abandoned stone quarry which has now been turned into a stone sculpture park. It is situated on the top of Portland. It features a pleasant walk around the quarry with various stone carvings. Sometimes some local stonemasons will be working in an area of the quarry and there are lots of local wildlife and flora can be observed. Also views over **Chesil Beach**.

Access

Tout Quarry Nature Reserve & Sculpture Park, Tradecroft Industrial Estate, Portland, Dorset DT5 2LN.



Tyneham

Map Ref 29 SY 882 803

Tyneham is Dorset's famous 'lost' village. In November 1943 notice was given to the villagers that they would be required to leave within 28 days as the area was needed for forces' training. In December 1943 the last villagers left believing that one day they would be able to return. Sadly this was never to happen. Today, the village is still part of the Army Ranges but it should be open during our Kit Kat Tour.

It is now a derelict ghost town. Only the church and school house remain intact. Great for Urbex enthusiasts. Look for: names on the pegs and work on the desks of the old school.

Access

From Corfe Castle there is a road running round the back of the castle that leads towards Church Knowle and the ranges. From here the MoD signs tell you whether or not the ranges are open. If they are, keep going on this road, past Steeple until you see the MoD road sign to Tyneham. The village is at the end of the road. On the left is an ample pay and display car park. The B3070 East Lulworth is a bit nearer on the west side.



Tyneham



Tyneham



Old Rectory, Tyneham



Tyneham

West Bay

Map Ref 30 SY 46 90

West Bay has a small harbour suitable and large stretches of shingle beaches either side. Serviced by local amenities, shops, pubs and restaurants. The magnificent sandstone sea cliffs, some 180 million years old, the striking, often sunlit, cliffs of West Bay are a memorable image and television and film companies have used the cliffs as a backdrop in a number of productions, most recently the ITV drama 'Broadchurch'. Rumours are that a second series is to be filmed there so we may see some action on our weekend. The South West Coastal Path is routed along both West and East Cliffs at West Bay.

The old inner harbour at **West Bay (Bridport Harbour)** in its current form, dates from the early 19th Century. However, there has been a harbour at West Bay since the 13th Century. Shipbuilding also took place during the 18th and 19th Centuries. The harbour is now used for moorings for a small number of fishing vessels, but mainly for pleasure craft.

Access

Take the coast road (B3157) from Weymouth. There are a number of pay and display car parks. The biggest is at East Beach, West Bay DT6 4EW (SY 464 903), all day £5.



West Bay Harbour



'Broadchurch' East Beach at West Bay

Weymouth Esplanade

Map Ref 31 SY 67 79

The **Esplanade** is immediately next to the sandy Weymouth Beach. To the south at the end of the Esplanade are **Weymouth Pier, Ferry terminal** and the **Pavilion Theatre**. Also towards the south is **King's Statue** – a statue of King George III who visited Weymouth and helped to make sea bathing fashionable here. The **Victorian Jubilee Clock** is a brightly painted and very visible feature on the Esplanade. There are a number of tourist-oriented shops on the Esplanade together many guest houses, hotels, and places to eat. These include the long-established Rossi's Ices, which started trading in 1937. Donkey rides, sandy beach and deckchairs, Weymouth provides a great opportunity for recording the Great British public.

Access

Probably best to leave the car at the Premier Inn and walk in or take a bus.



Weymouth Harbour

Map Ref 32 SY 67 78

As one of the most picturesque harbours in Europe, Weymouth's 17th Century Waterfront is home to some of Dorset's finest pubs, restaurants, family attractions and architecture. The harbourside is steeped in history, with links to the Black Death, Spanish Armada, the Civil War and the D Day landings. Weymouth's harbour has always been the hub of activity whether serving as a major port in times gone by or more for pleasure as it is now, alongside the fishing industry. The harbour has two main parts as well as the ferry terminal. **Custom House Quay** is on what was the Melcombe Regis side and the **Old Harbour** is on the Weymouth side. A bridge linking the ports of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis was first built in 1597. There have been a few more built since then with the most recent opened in 1930, a drawbridge that opens at two-hourly intervals.

Access

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Festivals

Classic Transport Rally at the Swanage Railway, 5 – 7 September

www.swanagerailway.co.uk/events/detail/classic-transport-rally

The Bournemouth and Poole Preservation Club will be holding their annual transport rally next to Harmans Cross Station, Haycrafts Lane, Harmans Cross BH19 3EB. Steam Trains, Vintage Vehicles, Trade Stands, Bar & Entertainment, Catering. Public admittance each day 9am - 5pm

Swanage Folk festival, 5 – 7 September

www.swanagefolkfestival.com

Swanage comes alive with hundreds of Morris dancers in their bright costumes and jingling bells, and folk music lovers, every year for the weekend on the second Friday after the August Bank Holiday Monday. The festival features a number of concerts and music in the main marquee on Sandpit Field and other venues. Crafts are on show in a marquee, and trade stalls offer a variety of fair trade and ethnic goods for sale at our Festival Village on Sandpit Field above the sea front. The whole town joins in the festivities with many pubs offering their own music in the evenings. The Folk Festival coincides with the Steam Railway Gala Weekend making it a very busy one all round.

Dorset County Show, 6 & 7 September

www.dorsetcountyshow.co.uk

Dorchester Showground DT2 7SD. The Show will be sign posted from the Dorchester Ring Road. If you are approaching Dorchester from Yeovil (A37), Wimborne (A35) or Wareham (A352) follow the yellow signs. The Dorchester Showground is approximately 1 mile from the town centre inside the Ring Road. Turn towards Dorchester Town Centre at the Kingston Maurward College roundabout and take the first right. The Showground is on the left.

Highlights include: Bolddogs Lings Motorbike Stunt Display Team; The National Vegetable Society's National Championships; Over 90 Food Stands plus demonstration kitchen with local chefs cooking local produce; Over 2,000 animals including cattle, sheep, horses, pigs, goats, rabbits and alpacas; Over 500 Tradestands with everything from cars to clothes, home furnishings, plants and gardening, building supplies and much much more; Titan the Robot, The Sheep Show, Terrier Racing, Gun Dogs, Parelli, Falconry, Showjumping, Homecraft.

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