



Great days out in Dorset

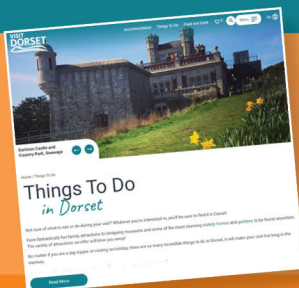
Dorset has many special places to discover, perfect for exploring and making memories. From **Brownsea Island**, a wildlife sanctuary and an adventure from the moment you step ashore, to the glorious countryside and magnificent beaches including those at **West Dorset** and **Studland Bay**.

Or from the ancient, romantic ruin at **Corfe Castle**, full of intrigue and mystery and the Italian inspired palace and country estate at **Kingston Lacy**, to hidden gems such as **Hardy's Cottage**, **Max Gate** and **Clouds Hill** - there really is something for everyone.

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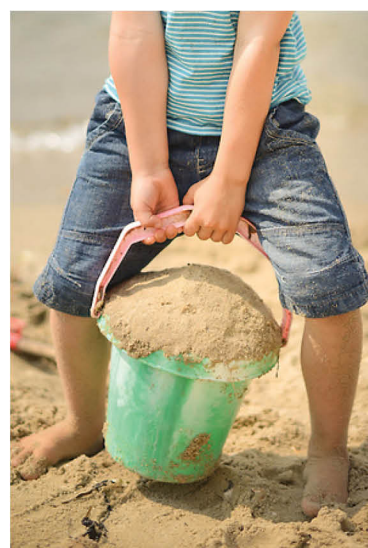
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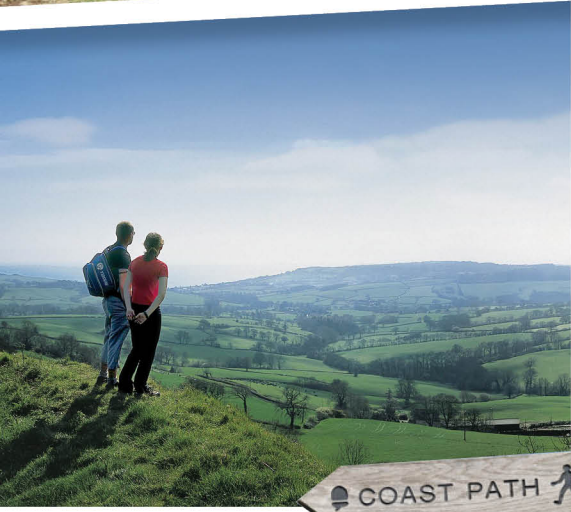




Moors Valley Country Park



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COAST PATH

Welcome to Dorset

We want every visitor to have a fantastic experience in Dorset! To make the most of your visit use our website www.visit-dorset.com to plan ahead, search for events, book tickets and check opening times.

Dorset boasts mile upon mile of the most beautiful rolling countryside. There are over 100 miles of stunning coastline and 4,700 well-signposted footpaths, bridlepaths and byways to explore, so there's plenty of room for everyone and lots to discover.

During your visit be sure to follow these simple steps to help respect, protect and enjoy Dorset.

Respect Dorset

- ✓ Look after our beaches and country parks so everyone can enjoy them.
- ✓ Respect our local communities by sticking to the footpaths and bridleways, not picnicking on private land and not blocking driveways and gates when you park.
- ✓ Respect wildlife. Keep your dog on a lead when asked and keep to paths so that ground nesting birds and other wildlife are not disturbed.
- ✓ Respect the environment. If litter bins are not available or are full, please take your litter away with you.

Protect Dorset

- ✓ Protect the landscape and follow the Countryside Code.
- ✓ Help to protect our heaths, forests and countryside from fires. Follow the rules in the area for BBQs and campfires.
- ✓ Protect yourself. Check tide times and follow advice about rockfalls, landslips and water safety when visiting the coast.

Enjoy Dorset

- ✓ Enjoy getting off the beaten track. We know everyone has their favourite spot in Dorset - seek out some new favourites away from the crowds.
- ✓ Enjoy supporting local businesses. When in Dorset we really encourage visitors to shop locally and discover our fantastic local producers.
- ✓ Enjoy tasty local food and drink.

What's On in Dorset



Bridport Hat Festival



YEAR ROUND EVENTS:
Events take place throughout the year from fairs and festivals to concerts and craft shows, for a full and regularly updated list of what's on, go online at www.visit-dorset.com



Camp Bestival



FOOD FESTIVALS:
From cheese and chillies to seafood and organic gin, food festivals are very popular across Dorset.

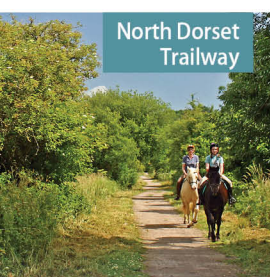


Market days ...

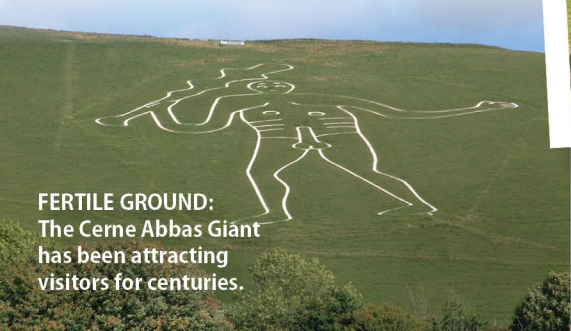
Enjoy the hustle and bustle of market day. You will find one somewhere in the county each day of the week. Regular Farmers' Markets also offer fresh local produce directly from the producers. For details see: www.visit-dorset.com



Portland



North Dorset Trailway



FERTILE GROUND:
The Cerne Abbas Giant has been attracting visitors for centuries.

For up to date information on everything to see and do in Dorset visit:

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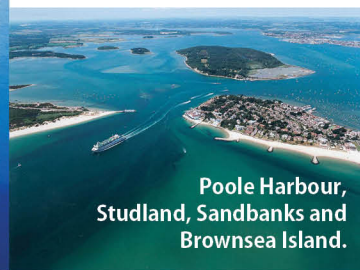
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the Fleet Lagoon.



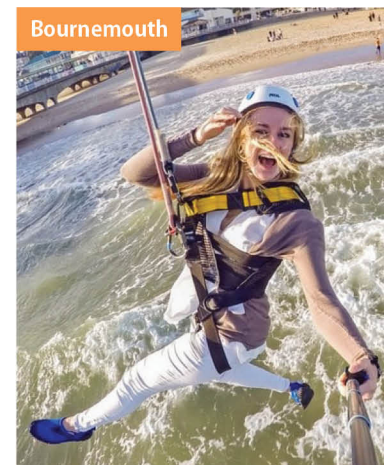
Isle of Portland



Poole Harbour,
Studland, Sandbanks and
Brownsea Island.



Weymouth



Bournemouth

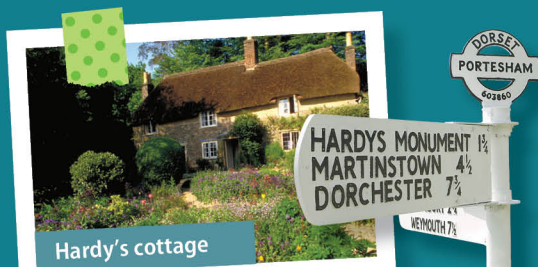
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Get ready to fill your days full of fun and adventure!

From the chalk downlands in the north to the rugged beauty of Purbeck in the south, natural harbours in the east to the fossil flecked World Heritage coastline in the west, you will never be short of something to do.

Dorset is a county of contrasts offering the very best of countryside, coastline, events, attractions and outstanding natural beauty.

This is the landscape that novelist Thomas Hardy used as a backdrop for his tales of love and tragedy, it's easy to imagine life as it was portrayed in his fictional Wessex hamlets. Each turning leads to a new adventure, a secret hiding place or an atmospheric, mellow-stoned village. Head to a peaceful nature reserve or climb one of Dorset's prominent Iron Age hill forts for breathtaking views. There are animals to meet and museums, castles, houses, parks and gardens to explore. Vibrant towns offer high street brands, independent shops, unique handcrafted gifts, art and antiques. Feed your appetite at some of the south west's finest restaurants, cosy pubs or tempting tearooms – you might even find one of the nation's top chefs in the kitchen!



Hardy's cottage



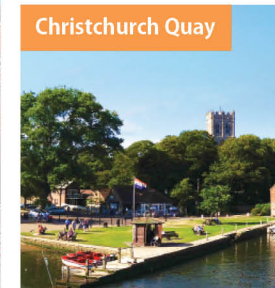
Bridport



Sherborne



Dorchester,
Dorset's County
Town.



Christchurch Quay



Lyme Regis



Sturminster Mill

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