

LEGACY TRAIL

You can walk the whole Trail (about 20km) from Littlemoor through to Portland Bill or visit all the main sites by bicycle, bus or car.



Lorton Meadows

Start at the Lorton Meadows stone way point. Walk up from the Conservation Centre, Lorton Lane, DT3 5QH across the fields and through the wood or come onto the reserve from Louviers Road, Littlemoor.

At the centre there is free parking, disabled facilities, a picnic area and pushchair friendly circular walk through the woodland. There's free parking on Louviers road or in a small car park. There are bus stops on Louviers Road and at the end of Lorton Lane. Upwey railway station is about 1/2 mile walk from the centre.

Here the trail goes across fields and can be wet and muddy in winter. For information on centre opening hours and events: 01305 816546. www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/lorton

Wild Weymouth Discovery Centre and Radipole Lake

The centre has disabled facilities, a refreshments interpretation displays and children's activities. It is 500 metres from Weymouth train station with a pay and display car park and bus stops nearby.

The reserve is push chair and mobility scooter friendly with plenty of viewing points and seating.

For information about centre opening hours and events: 01305 778313 www.rspb.org.uk/radipole



Fine Foundation Chesil Centre

The centre, close to the end of the Rodwell Trail, has a pay and display car park, toilets, a café, interpretation displays, disabled access and children's activities.

The nearest bus stop is at Ferrybridge. Access to Chesil Beach is via a boardwalk and across the shingle ridge. The trail continues to Portland across Hamm Beach along an old passenger railway line.

For information about the centre opening hours and events: 01305 206191 and www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/chesil



Portland Bill

At Portland Bill there is a pay and display car park, refreshments and disabled facilities. Access to the Obelisk and Pulpit Rock view points is on tarmac and unmade surfaces, suitable for wheel chairs, push chairs and mobility scooters.

The trail along the east coast by the South West Coast Path is varied with uneven and undulating sections across common land and through old cliff top quarries.



ON THE SOUTH WEST COAST PATH SECTIONS (GREEN ON MAP) FOLLOW THE COAST PATH SIGNS. FOR SECTIONS WHERE THE TRAIL LEAVES THE COAST PATH (DOTTED ON MAP) FOLLOW THE LEGACY TRAILWAY MARKERS.



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Lodmoor Reserve

Walk down from Lorton Meadows through the Lorton Valley Nature Park or access from Weymouth Esplanade and beach. At a small interpretation panel on the Esplanade, a mile from the town centre, cross the road to the RSPB entrance.

The reserve section of the trail is pushchair friendly.

For information: 01305 778313 www.rspb.org.uk/lodmoor

Esplanade and Rodwell Trail

Follow the South West Coast Path along the Weymouth Esplanade (walking, scooting or roller blading) or wander along the beach.



At the Jubilee Clock tower turn right into King Street for the Wild Weymouth Discovery Centre and Radipole Lake.

The Rodwell Trail is a fully accessible part of the trail, suitable for bicycles and mobility scooters. There are toilets and refreshments at Sandsfoot Castle.

For information: www.sandsfootcastle.org.uk



Merchant's Incline and Quarries

The Merchants Incline is a steep climb following an old gravity-operated quarry railway. At the bottom there is free parking at Osprey Quay and a bus stop near Portland Castle.

The trail leaves the Merchants railway and South West Coast Path for the quarries and up to the stone way point at Verne Yeates car park. Refreshments and disabled facilities, including a Trammer mobility scooter, are available at the Heights Hotel.

From the way point follow the way markers through King Barrow Quarries. There is a steep descent and the ground is uneven and rocky.

For information: www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/king_barrow_quarries_reserve www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/toutquarries www.learningstone.org



Church Ope Cove

There is a free car park near the Portland Museum where there are disabled facilities and refreshments.

A tarmac road with a steady descent leads to the view point. The trail follows the South West Coast Path both north and south, down steps to the cove or along a level disused railway line before climbing to the cliff top.

For information: 01305 821824 www.portlandmuseum.co.uk

GO WILD ALONG THE WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND LEGACY TRAIL

Gannet



Lorton Meadows



Walk from Littlemoor to Portland Bill or visit the way points along the trail by bike, bus or car

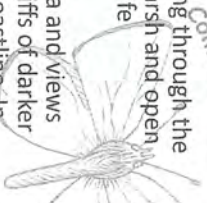
Weymouth and Portland has a wonderful selection of contrasting wild places and wildlife in a landscape shaped by Jurassic rocks beneath.

Rocks millions of years old ... folded, tilted and eroded... hard hills, soft valleys, quarries and marshes...

Start the trail in Lorton Meadows reserve with lovely views down the Lorton Valley Nature Park and across Weymouth Bay to Portland. Explore meadows and woodlands and visit the Dorset Wildlife Trust Conservation Centre to learn more about local wildlife and its barn owls.

Continue down the valley to the beach, going through the Lodmoor reserve with its large reedbed, marsh and open channels with its own special wetland wildlife to enjoy.

Join the South West Coast Path for sand, sea and views of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site; cliffs of darker Jurassic rocks give way to a stunning chalk coastline. In Weymouth Bay, delicate seahorses live amongst sea-grass.



Common Blue



Chesil Beach Centre



Enjoy activities, wildlife cameras and refreshments at interpretation centres on the way

At the Jubilee Clock, the trail leaves the esplanade for the RSPB Wild Weymouth Discovery Centre and Radipole Lake; a 'wildlife oasis' in the heart of town. Look for other prints, go pond dipping or explore the nature trail.

The Rodwell Trail, an old railway line, links Weymouth to the Isle of Portland following the edge of Portland Harbour. It's fully accessible for lots of modes of transport and is a wonderful wildlife corridor.

The first waypoint on Portland is the DWT Fine Foundation Chesil Beach Centre. The Fleet lagoon, saltmarsh and famous shingle ridge have their own distinctive plants and animals living on land and under water and the centre will help you make the most of your visit.



Mermaid's Purse



Church Ope Cove



Look out for the unique stone way points with their wildlife carvings and explore the circular walks

From the highest point on Portland, the trail follows a fascinating route through King Barrow Quarries with quarryman's gullies, a tunnel and fossil-filled rocks. In spring and summer, there are masses of wild flowers and abundant butterflies like Portland's own silver-studded blue.

The trail continues along the island's sheltered east coast, through the wild wearies to the secretive Church Ope Cove and the nearby Portland Museum. The tumbled, rocky landscape, created by landslips and quarrying is a great place to explore and get close up to nature.

From the Cove, the trail follows the South West Coast Path through another contrasting landscape of cliff tops and rocky ledges with Portland Bill's own special sea lavender. At the end of the trail look out across the English Channel and the island's dramatic tidal race and you may just see a pod of bottlenose dolphins.



Golden Plover

FURTHER INFORMATION

www.visit-dorset.com/about-the-area/countryside/
weymouth-and-portland-legacy-trail



LEGACY TRAIL FILM

For a brief preview of the Legacy Trail, join the peregrine falcon on Visit Dorset.

CIRCULAR WALKS

Explore a circular walk from each of the way points. Pick up a leaflet at the nearest centre or download from Visit Dorset or South West Coast Path www.southwestcoastpath.com

GO WILD FAMILY ACTIVITY BOOKLET

For a selection of wildlife activities at way points, pick up from nearby centres or download from Visit Dorset.

WAYPOINTS

The unique stone way points along the Trail have been designed and constructed by Shaun Seaman

www.dry-stone-works.co.uk with carvings and lettering by the Portland Sculpture and Quarry Trust learningstone.org, stoneworkspace.org and Sarah Gilpin (lizard and lichen at Church Ope). The interpretation panel design and drawings are by Sally Abbot penguinsandpaperchains.moonfruit.com.



POSTCARDS

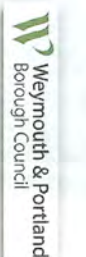
Pick up a set of the Legacy Trail postcards featuring 10 way point bird species.



WILD ABOUT WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND

The Legacy Trail is part of Wild About Weymouth and Portland, a partnership project funded by the Big Lottery Fund through Natural England's Access to Nature programme.

The project aims to improve access in and between important wildlife sites in the Borough and encourage more local people and visitors to discover, enjoy and help conserve the wonderful natural environment of Weymouth and Portland.



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Wild ABOUT WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND LEGACY TRAIL



Common Tern



Spiny Scallops



Peregrine



Marbled White



Ammonites

