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Purbeck Transport Information

Buses

More Bus

01202 338420 enquiries@morebus.co.uk www.purbeckbreezer.co.uk All Isle of Purbeck buses (Breezers) are easy access and have built-in ramps to enable wheelchair access directly onto the bus. All buses have space for at least one wheelchair. Wheelchairs may have to be folded if another wheelchair is already present on the bus. Working dogs are accepted on all routes and can travel free of charge.

(The majority of More Bus routes offer low floor easy access buses, but please check Bus Timetable Guide for full details.) Look for routes 30 (seasonal), 40 and 50 and No.5 the Durlston Explorer (seasonal).

First Group

0333 014 3490 / 0345 602 0121

www.firstgroup.com/wessex-dorset-south-somerset/plan-journey-jurassic-coaster Operates the Jurassic Coaster X54 and seasonal X55. Most buses have a low entrance and are able to take a basic wheelchair. Wheelchairs may have to be folded if another wheelchair is already present on the bus. Working dogs are accepted on all routes and can travel free of charge.

National Express, Assisted Travel Helpline

0871 781 8181 (General enquiries and new bookings) www.nationalexpress/help-and-advice/ContactUs Collections from Swanage, Corfe Castle and Wareham. Not all coaches are accessible, call 03717 818178 for advice. Connection assistance available and priority seats can be reserved. Swanage Information Centre (01929 766018), Discover Purbeck Information Centre in Wareham (01929 552740), can also assist with bookings and coach cards.

Large Print Timetables

Large print timetables can be downloaded and printed off from www.traveline.info or contact 0871 2002233 or text service 84268 for assistance (charges apply). Copies can also be obtained from Swanage Information Centre and Discover Purbeck Information Centre in Wareham.

Trains

South Western Railway

Stations located at Holton Heath, Wareham, Wool and Moreton are all wheelchair accessible (apart from the southbound platform at Holton Heath which has steps). Disabled parking is also available.

www.southwesternrailway.com. If you need assistance navigating the station or a ramp to get on your train, their passenger assistance service can help. Whether you book assistance in advance or not, their teams are there to help. Booking in advance with the Assisted Travel service helps to ensure that they can have everything in place to help you. The national booking system operates across the National Rail network.

For Assisted Travel, they recommend that you let them know 12 hours before you travel for journeys on their services between any two of the stations they manage. Arrive at the station 30 minutes before your train is due, and at staffed stations contact a member of station staff when you arrive. For journeys that go beyond South Western Railway, they recommend that you give them 24 hours' notice. To make an Assisted Travel booking, contact the Assisted Travel team 24 hours a day, every day except 25 and 26 December:

Call 0800 52 82 100 (freephone)

Textphone 0800 6920 792

Fill in the Assisted Travel booking form located here: www.southwesternrailway. com/travelling-with-us/assisted-travel

Swanage Railway

01929 425800 www.swanagerailway.co.uk

Steam and diesel. Stations at Wareham (summer only), Norden (Park & Ride), Corfe Castle, Harmans Cross, Herston and Swanage. Each guard's van has a ramp to allow a wheelchair on and off the train. Parking and disabled toilet, *with use of Radar key, at Norden. Public toilets are available at Norden, Corfe Castle and Swanage stations. Adapted carriage available on some routes, please call for information. Working dogs are allowed free of charge. *Radar key obtainable from Discover Purbeck Information Centre in Wareham.

Disabled Persons Railcard

0345 605 0525 www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk disability@raildeliverygroup.com 0345 601 0132 (minicom/textphone) With a Disabled Persons Railcard, valid for 12 months, you can travel by train throughout Britain for reduced fares (1/3 off). Not valid on Swanage Railway.

Taxis

The following taxi companies can accommodate passengers in wheelchairs and pre-booking is advised. We would advise you to check your specific requirements with the company to ensure an adapted vehicle is available. **Richard's Taxis, Wareham** 01929 556575/07974 700005 **Swanage and Purbeck Taxis** 07969 927424 **Bills Taxis** 07549 776736

Boats

Wareham Boat hire

01929 550688 info@warehamboathire.co.uk www.warehamboathire.co.uk. Wareham Boat Hire is delighted to be able to offer a 'WheelyBoat' which provides easy access for wheelchair users to the beautiful River Frome. Moored at Abbots Quay, Wareham the boat provides access for 8 persons or 5 wheelchair users on a self drive or skippered basis and is perfect for viewing the yachts, birds and wildlife that frequent this charming river

Wareham Boat hire also offers Kayaks, Canoes, Rowing Boats and Paddle Boards. www.WarehamBoatHire.co.uk/wheelyboat

Dolphin Boat

01258 857806 www.thefriendsofdolphin.co.uk bookings@thefriendsofdolphin.co.uk

A specially designed boat for people with disabilities. Free to disabled passengers. Early booking essential. Only 12 passengers permitted each trip. Trip includes Poole Harbour to Wareham. Mainly groups but individuals can be catered for. Boarding from Berthing Office, Dolphin Marina and Poole Quay. Level walk/wheel on-and-off ramp and a flat board open deck to accommodate wheelchairs in the centre. Toilet facilities on board.

Brownsea Seahorse

01202 707744 - option 8

www.nationaltrust/brownsea-island/features/accessible-brownsea The Brownsea Seahorse offers a boat service from Sandbanks, Poole to Brownsea Island and return on set days. Booking is essential as tidal dependent. When you arrive on Brownsea Island you can use your own wheelchair or borrow a Mountain Trike. This fantastic new landing craft is run by the National Trust.

Knoticat

07889 970 702 for bookings www.knoticat.co.uk

Knoticat is a 10 metre sailing catamaran, offering the opportunity to give all disabled people and carers the chance to sail and enjoy the beautiful waters in and around Poole Harbour. Sailing every weekend April to September.

Local cruise companies

A range of trips are offered, including: Poole to Wareham; Poole to Brownsea Island; and Swanage, Bournemouth and Poole. Check with the individual companies for accessibility - generally a small amount of mobility is needed to board the boats.

Brownsea Island Ferries

01929 462383 www.brownseaislandferries.com

City Cruises Poole (also from Swanage)

01202 467882 www.citycruisespoole.com

Greenslade Pleasure Boats

01202 669955 www.greensladepleasureboats.co.uk

Car Parking

Parking In Wareham

Disabled 'Blue Badge' holders may park free of charge for up to 3 hours in any of Wareham's Pay & Display car parks. This is providing the badge is displayed in a prominent position in the front windscreen and the clock has been set correctly.

Disabled 'Blue Badge' holders may also park for up to three hours on double yellow lines, providing permit is displayed, the clock set and there are no lines crossing the pavement.

Disabled 'Blue Badge' holders may also park all day on the street where "one hour free parking" is allowed, providing permit is displayed and the clock set. For all enquiries go to www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/blue-badge Further information about restrictions are contained within the Blue Badge Scheme booklet.

Car Parks in Wareham

Parking in Wareham

Howards Lane Medium stay, two designated spaces, up to 3 hours free in any space

Bonnets Lane (East & West) One designated space, up to 3 hours free in any space

Rempstone Centre Two designated spaces, up to 3 hours free in any space **St Johns Hill & Church Green** One designated space, up to 3 hours free in any space

Connigar Lane One designated space, up to 3 hours free in any space

The Quay One designated space, up to 3 hours free in any space

Streche Road One designated space, up to 3 hours free in any space

Railway Station Two designated spaces, up to 3 hours free in any space

Roadside Designated Spaces Three spaces available in North Street For all enquiries call **01929 557352**

Find parking in Wareham with JustPark www.justpark.com/uk/parking/ wareham.

Choose from hundreds of spaces in Wareham - including on-street parking, off-streetcar parks and reservable spaces.



Car Parks in Corfe Castle

Parking in Corfe Castle

Norden Car Park 12 designated spaces. No free parking

Castle View Visitors Centre Three designated spaces, up to 4 hours free parking in any space

Church Knowle Road (opp. Castle View Visitors Centre) – no designated spaces, free parking

Sandy Hill Lane Walkers Car Park No designated spaces, free parking

West Street Two designated spaces, up to 3 hours free in any space

Parking Accessible toilets (please see useful information at the back of the guide)

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To Wareham



Car Parks in Studland

Parking in Studland

Knoll Beach, Middle Beach, South Beach, Shell Bay

Designated bays, no free parking unless National Trust members.

Middle Beach: 4 spaces

South Beach: 5 spaces

Knoll Beach: approximately 20 cars depending on how the first car parks in because it isn't lined up as anywhere else



Car Parks in Swanage

Parking in Swanage On-road Parking

Disabled 'Blue Badge' holders may park for up to three hours on double yellow lines, providing permit is displayed, the clock set and there are no lines crossing the pavement. Shore Road adjacent to the beach is free for Blue Badge holders but your badge and clock which has been set, must be displayed.

Roadside disabled bays

Mermond Place, Health Centre near taxi rank and by the Mowlem Theatre.

All car parks in Swanage are payable and do not have free spaces for blue badge holders.

Broad Road, BH19 2BB Long stay - 2 designated spaces

North Beach Car Park, BH19 1NL Long Stay - 2 designated spaces

Main Beach Car Park, BH19 1AP

Long Stay - 4 designated spaces

Mermond Place, BH19 1DQ

Short Stay 2hrs - 3 designated spaces

Co-op, BH19 1HB

Short Stay 2hrs - Max 3 designated spaces

Find parking in Swanage with JustPark www.justpark.com/uk/parking/swanage Choose from hundreds of spaces in Swanage - including on-street parking, off-street car parks and 640 reservable spaces.





Car Parks in Lulworth and Durdle Door

Lulworth Cove – designated bays close to Heritage Centre, no free parking. Durdle Door - no free parking



Adapted Accommodation

Gateway & Woodland Cottages

Livability Holton Lee, East Holton, Holton Heath, Poole BH16 6JN www.tourismforall.co.uk/accommodation/gateway-and-woodland-cottages For booking information or enquiries please e-mail info.holtonlee@liveability. org.uk 01202 625562

Gateway Cottage

Accessible self-catering for up to eight people.

The ground floor has an open plan fully fitted kitchen and lounge.

A large wet room with toilet, shower, wash basin and overhead hoisting.

Two twin bedrooms with fall & rise beds with built in bed rails. One room has overhead hoisting.

Access to rear patio area and barbecue overlooking garden and adjoining heathland.

Upstairs are two further twin bedrooms, double bedroom, family bathroom containing bath, toilet and wash basin.

Woodland Cottage

Accessible self-catering for up to eight people.

The ground floor has a twin bedroom equipped with fall & rise beds with built in rails. Wet room with shower, toilet & sink, and family bathroom with bath, toilet & sink.

A newly refurbished fully fitted kitchen.

A fully fitted lounge diner.

Access to rear patio area and barbecue overlooking garden and adjoining heathland.

Upstairs are two further twin bedrooms and a double bedroom.

Both cottages have gas central heating, hot water and mobile hoist.

Mortons House Hotel

Corfe Castle www.mortonshouse.co.uk 01929 480988

Mortons House Hotel has four accessible rooms located in a quiet corner of the hotel grounds. All the accessible rooms have the usual facilities expected of a quality three star hotel. All have shower only 'wet rooms' (no bath), low level light switches, low level clothes rail in the wardrobes, under floor heating, tea and coffee making facilities, quality courtesy products and 32" Wall mounted flat screen televisions. The rooms are designed for the able bodied as well as the physically challenged.

As all the equipment is removable the rooms are normally set up without WC support arms and shower chairs etc. Please state when booking what equipment you require and any special requests and/or needs you may have, as no two guests needs are the same.

Heroes Haven

www.heroes-haven.org.uk

Heroes Haven Swanage is a purpose built lodge which provides affordable holidays for disabled, injured and visually impaired serving and ex-serving members of the Armed Forces, their immediate family and carers. Medical service personnel are also eligible to use the facility.

The lodge has been specially designed to cater for wheelchairs and for those that have suffered serious injuries to enjoy a "normal" family holiday. Situated on the beautiful Isle of Purbeck, the lodge nestles in its own extensive landscaped gardens, which offer a tranquil setting for those looking for a peaceful and relaxing family holiday.

The nearby seaside town of Swanage is a few minutes' drive away; here you will find safe sandy beaches, interesting range of shops, cafés and restaurants and a vibrant night life.

Care Agency

Bluebird Care Purbeck & Wareham

Bluebird Care is a specialists in care at home, based in Wareham and cover the Purbeck area. We are happy to discuss any requirements you may have and work with you to find care solutions.

In the first instance, call 01929 500515 to discuss your needs.

Accommodation

Following is a list of establishments who either offer ground floor accommodation or have been accredited by the National Accessible Scheme or have some facilities for people using a wheelchair. Please refer to the individual properties via our website www.visit-dorset.com or visit the establishment's own website for their access statements.

We recommend that you always contact the accommodation and enquire about their facilities, it is also advisable to inform the establishments if you have any additional special requirements of any kind.

Hotel, Guesthouse and B&B Accommodation

Glenlee Guest House, Swanage www.glenleeswanage.co.uk 01929 425794 Ground floor rooms

Hyde Cottage, Wareham www.hydecottage.com 01929 553344 Ground floor rooms

Kemps Bed and Breakfast www.kempscountryhouse.co.uk 01929 462563 Ground floor rooms

Kingston Country Courtyard, Kingston www.kingstoncountrycourtyard.com 01929 481066 Ground floor rooms in a courtyard setting, some with wet rooms

Little Gem, Swanage www.littlegemguesthouse.co.uk 01929 427904 Ground floor rooms

Mortons House Hotel, Corfe Castle www.mortonshouse.co.uk 01929 480988 Silver Award for Accessibility

Pines Hotel and Longdown Bungalow, Swanage www.pineshotel.co.uk 01929 425211 Lifts and some rooms with large ensuites, and self-contained bungalow

Purbeck House Hotel & Louisa Lodge, Swanage www.purbeckhouselouisalodge.com 01929 422872 Ground floor rooms in hotel and lodge

Spurwing Guest House, Wareham www.spurwing.info 01929 553869 Ground floor room

Tall Trees, Swanage www.talltreesswanage.co.uk 01929 422164 Ground floor rooms in Guest Wing and Barn

Self Catering Accommodation Agencies

Please telephone to discuss your requirements

Blue Chip Holidays 03301 347947 www.bluechipholidays.co.uk

Corfe and Purbeck Holidays 019299 481198 www.corfeandpurbeckholidays.com

Dorset Coastal Cottages 0800 980 4070 www.dorsetcoastalcottages.com

Dorset Cottage Holidays 01929 481547 www.dhcottages.co.uk

Dream Cottages 01305 789000 www.dream-cottages.co.uk

Island Cottage Holidays 01929 481555 www.purbeckcottageholidays.co.uk

Miles & Son Self Catering Holidays 01929 423333 www.milesandson.co.uk

Wyke Dorset 01929 422776 www.dorsetcottages.com

Self Catering

Please telephone to discuss your requirements

Annexe to Stoneacre, Langton Matravers www.annexestoneacre.co.uk 01929 480668 2 ground floor en-suite rooms

Dorset Resort, Bere Regis www.dorsetresort.com 01929 472244 Single storey log cabins

Gables Court, Swanage www.gables-apartments.co.uk 01929 426516 Ground floor apartment

Westland Flats www.westlandflats.co.uk 01929 422637 Ground floor flats

Caravan and Camping

The following sites offer differing degrees of accessibility. Please call for information to ensure that it will meet your specific needs.

Acton Field Campsite

www.actonfieldcampsite.co.uk 01929 424184 Limited summer opening

Birchwood Tourist Park www.birchwoodtouristpark.co.uk 01929 554763 Open all year round

Durdle Door Holiday Park www.durdledoor.co.uk 01929 400200 Open March to October Accessible static caravan and camping pod. Restaurant and shop.

East Creech Farm Caravan & Camping Park, Wareham www.eastcreechfarm.co.uk 01929 480519 Open April to October

Norden Farm Touring Caravan & Camping www.nordenfarm.com 01929 480098 Open March to October

Sandford Holiday Park, Sandford www.parkdeanresorts.co.uk/sandford/holidaypark 01202 622513 Open February to November

South Lytchett Manor Caravan & Camping Park, Lytchett Minster www.southlytchettmanor.co.uk 01202 622577 Open March to New Year Holiday

Tom's Field Campsite, Langton Matravers www.tomsfieldcamping.co.uk 01929 427110 Open March to October

Ulwell Farm Caravan Park, Swanage www.ulwellfarmcaravanpark.co.uk 01929 422825 Open April to October

Wareham Forest Tourist Park, Wareham www.warehamforest.co.uk 01929 551393 Open all year round

Towns and Villages

In this section we have tried to give a brief overview of some of the areas in Purbeck. Both Wareham and Swanage have Town Maps and Guides available.

Corfe Castle Village

Corfe Castle village is four miles from Wareham, on the main road (A351) to Swanage.

It is a very pretty stone-built village with a museum, shops and the ruin of

Corfe Castle itself. The Castle was built in 1086 and destroyed after a siege in 1646. Much of the stone from the Castle can be found in the houses of Corfe village today.

The streets and pavements of Corfe Castle village itself are generally not suited to wheelchair users. There is a Visitor Centre just outside of the village which is accessible to wheelchair users and has a varied and interactive display relating to the history of the castle. Disabled parking and toilet available at the Visitor Centre.



Lulworth

Lulworth Cove is accessible to wheelchair users although there is a long tarmac slope from the car park to the cove with places to eat and gift outlets on the way.

Lulworth Castle and Estate consists of some 12,000 acres of rolling parkland, woods and farmland. The Castle was built as a hunting lodge in 1608, has played host to seven monarchs and survived the devastating fire of 1929. Castle and grounds have some accessiblilty. See attractions section for Lulworth Heritage Centre and Lulworth Castle information.





Swanage

The vast majority of Swanage town centre is flat, providing excellent access to the many shops, bars, restaurants and cafes. An essential visitor's guide to Swanage leaflet is available from the Information Centre.



Disabled badge holders

are able to park free all day immediately next to the beach between the Stone Jetty and the red phone box providing the clock and badge are displayed. Disabled parking bays are marked at the front of the Mowlem complex, Swanage Medical Centre as well as in central Swanage Town in Mermond Place.

One of the main features of the town is the beautiful sandy beach. The Swanage Information Centre is situated on the seafront on Shore Road. The Swanage Museum and Heritage Centre is situated in the Square on the seafront.

Wareham

The market town of Wareham lies between the rivers Frome and Piddle. It is one of only two towns in the UK which still retains its Saxon Walls, surrounding the town on three sides. It has been a market town for over 500 years with markets on Saturdays and a Farmers Market



on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

The main streets in Wareham are a mixture of paving slabs and tarmac - level with a slight incline, down towards the Quay and upwards in North Street

The Quay is suitable for Wheelchair users, with a slight incline down towards the water. Across the bridge, Priory Meadow allows accessibility for all into part of the Wareham Water Meadows.

Discover Purbeck Information Centre is situated very close to the Quay in South Street.

Wool

Wool is a small level village, a mixture of modern and historic architecture, and is situated alongside the River Frome and the main rail link between London and Weymouth. It is also on the doorstep of the Tank Museum, Monkey World, Lulworth Castle and Cove, and Durdle Door.

On the opposite bank of the Frome to the village is the17th century Woolbridge Manor where 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles' spent her

honeymoon in Hardy's novel of that name, and just to the east of the village are the remains of the 12th century Bindon Abbey, the stones from which were used to build Lulworth Castle.

Bere Regis

Bere Regis is a small but lively village built around an 11th century church with a timbered roof, and a window mentioned in Hardy's 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles'. It is also within easy access of the Tolpuddle Martyrs' Museum, Athelhampton House, the Tank Museum, Clouds Hill, the home of T.E.Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia), and Moreton where he is buried, the church there containing the incredibly beautiful etched windows by Whistler.

Upton

Upton is a small town on the eastern edge of Purbeck,

originally built around a crossroads where the Blandford to Hamworthy road crosses the main road from Poole to Dorchester. Ideally situated for Poole and Lytchett Minster, Upton Heath and Woods, Lytchett Heath and Bay, leading onto Poole Harbour, and Upton House and Country Park. Upton House itself is set on a knoll overlooking Poole Harbour, and a corridor of lawns free of trees gives it a clear view over the harbour and Pergins Island, just one on many to be found in the second largest natural harbour on earth.

Lytchett Bay View is a 9.6 acre open space located in Upton which is free to access, with free kerb-side parking. It has spectacular views across the Purbeck Hills and Poole Harbour. The Town Council has worked hard to improve the accessibility of this area, including an all weather natural path from the pavement to the shoreline and the addition of a picnic bench suitable for wheelchair users to sit comfortably. Information boards have been installed to educate visitors about the diversity of wildlife to be found there and work has recently begun to give this area a Site of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCI) and Local Nature Reserve (LNR) status. Access to and from the area has also been improved by the installation of additional dropped kerbs, some with tactile paving. Enjoyed by families, dog lovers and wild life enthusiasts, this open space has plenty to offer visitors.





Beaches

Durdle Door (Pebble)

Access to Durdle Door by steep path and steps down onto the beach. Toilet facilities in Durdle Door Holiday Park (Radar). There is no wheelchair access to the beach. Not reccommended for people with mobility issues, due to the steep access. Views across to Portland from car park.

Kimmeridge (Rocks)

Parking available close to Fine Foundation Wild Seas Centre (Toilet). Grassy area in front of car park with views of the bay but no wheelchair access to bay itself. Access is available along the Coast Path between the Marine Centre and the Ranges Gate – approximately 1.5 miles. Tarmac road, with gentle slope. If gates to lower car park are closed, please contact the centre. (Lower car park is on a toll road and charges apply). **01929 481044**

Lulworth Cove (Pebble)

Accessed by a long tarmac slope from car park to Cove, approx. 400 metres. Toilet adjacent to Heritage Centre with access from car park.

Studland National Trust Beach (Sand & Dune)

Knoll Beach Visitors Centre has two all terrain wheelchairs for hire, and stone path access to the beach, café, information point and shop from car park. Toilets sited at Middle Beach, Knoll Beach and Shell Bay. Hearing loop available at Knoll Beach Visitor Centre.Disabled parking at all car parks.

Swanage (Sand)

Swanage has a beautiful sandy beach, starting from the Mowlem Theatre building around to the foot of Ballard Down. The beach is fully accessible from its car parks there is a ramp immediately next to the Mowlem complex, to the right and left hand side of the stone jetty at the foot of Victoria Avenue. There is additional ramped access next to the red phone box. Working dogs only permitted on beach during summer season. Further facilities available from the Information Centre on seafront. RNLI Lifeguards monitor the beach within a designated zone during peak season.

The shore side has a level promenade, stretching from the Mowlem to the Bull and Boat, with numerous benches along with two Victorian shelters to rest with an ice cream and enjoy the marvellous views. The section of promenade between the Mowlem and the Stone Jetty is the width of the road between May and September as it is closed to car traffic. This is where the main beach toilets, including a disabled toilet are situated, close to Swanage Information Centre.

Access to the Victorian Pier in Swanage Bay is good, you are able to continue along the promenade along ground level with the sea on your left side, to the Stone Quay and beyond Swanage Pier. Swanage Pier now has a new café and a new shop and museum/visitors centre all of which are fully accessible. A strolling charge applies on the pier. Free for wheelchair users. Additional toilets are located along this route.







Outings with Wheelchairs and Mobility Scooters

Lawrence of Arabia Trail

(Section 2 - Moreton and the River Frome). Level, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile and extendable

Park in Moreton Village, either by the cemetery or near the church.

Follow the lane past the church to the River Frome, using the narrow bridge to cross the ford. Then follow the wide quiet lane for as far as you feel able, returning by the same route.

Tyneham Village and Warbarrow Bay.

Fairly level with slight slopes, 1 mile to sea

Park in the large car park, combination of compacted gravel and grass with picnic tables.

Most of the remains of the village and the farm are accessible, and there is a pleasant mile long compacted gravel lane leading down to a view of the sea, the remains of Worbarrow village, with picnic tables, and superb views of the Jurassic coast and across to the Isle of Portland. (Check for opening times as village is within Tank Firing Ranges) 01929 404819 or contact Discover Purbeck Information Centre 01929 552740 for advice.

Durlston Country Park.

Some level, some slopes, 2 miles

Park in either of the two car parks, tarmac and grass with picnic tables. A pleasant 1¹/₂ mile walk to the west along the tarmac access road to the lighthouse and superb views of the Jurassic coast and the Isle of Wight. Fairly steep in places. Alternatively stay on the grassy track level past the Learning Centre and explore the abundant flower meadows, 2 miles or hire an off-road Tramper mobility scooter from the Centre. Accessible visitor centre, toilets and café.

Swanage Sea Front.

Mainly level with some slopes, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles

From Burlington Chine to the north of Swanage Bay, south along the paved sea front, past the clock tower and stone pier, on past the seaward side of the Mowlem theatre, past the



stone quay, taking a diversion along the award winning Victorian pier, up through Prince Albert Gardens and along to Peveril Point. This is a steep path through Prince Albert Gardens. There are superb views across the bay toward the Isle of Wight to the east and Durlston Castle to the south.

Arne RSPB Reserve.

Fairly level with slight slopes, up to 3 miles

Park in the car park, combination of compacted gravel and grass with picnic tables with wheelchair space next to the hut. Nearest accessible toilet at cafe.

Follow 5 signposted trails of different lengths (up to 3 miles), and abilities



paths through beautiful woodland down to the beach with superb views across Poole harbour to Poole in the east, Sandbanks, the Purbeck Hills and Corfe Castle to the south. Off-road Tramper available to hire. Benches throughout the trails but without arms and back support.

Access to the café at Arne

The cafe has step-free access through the shop and also a side entrance up a small flight of steps. There are a small number of disabled parking spaces adjacent to the building and two visitor footpaths from the main car park. There are also accessible toilets in the building.

Hartland Moor -Hartland Way, Millenium mile

Level, 1 mile and extendable

Accessible by narrow tarmac lanes from either Wareham to the west or Corfe Castle to the south. Once over the cattle grids and onto the level of the moor look out for the level firm paths that follow the routes of the old clay mining tramways, ideal for accessibility.

Wareham Riverside Walk.

Level, 2 miles and extendable

Park on the Town Quay, cross over the bridge and turn left onto the riverside path and picnic and performance area. Follow the compacted gravel path downriver for 1 mile towards the sea as far as Redclyffe Yacht Club. Return by the same route but opposite the Priory Hotel gardens turn slightly to your left and follow the compacted gravel path around Priory Meadow, over the rustic wooden bridges and enjoying the memorial seats alongside the path.

Adjacent to the Town Quay is Abbots Quay where you can hire a flatbed wheelchair accessible Wheelyboat and then relax and enjoy the river from the water.

Wareham Forest Sika Trail and Woodlark Trail

Fairly level with slight slopes, several miles, Woodlark Trail is two miles.

The various routes follow several miles of compacted gravel tracks through the forest and heath. All tracks have coloured posts.

Purbeck Attractions

Key To Symbols



Information & Heritage Centres



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Arne RSPB Nature Reserve

Arne Road, Arne, Wareham BH20 5BJ 01929 553360 www.rspb.org.uk arne@rspb.org.uk



One "easy access" nature tráil.



Ramp access to Kamp access Visitor centre and two viewing screens on 'easy access' trails



2 blue badge spaces



Some staff are trained Some paths

sandy/muddy. New accessible shop and cafe with 3 designated disabled spaces for customers. Accessible toilet facilities located in cafe. Tramper hire available to book.

Blue Pool

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Furzebrook, Wareham **BH20 5AR** 01929 551408 www.bluepooluk.com info@bluepool.com



If arranged at admission entrance F.)

Large print menu

1 Red route not suitable for motorised scooter or when wet.

Brownsea Island

Poole Harbour, Poole **BH13 7EE** 01202 707744 www.nationaltrust.org. uk/brownsea-island brownseaisland@ nationaltrust.org.uk



- At quay and visitor (F_{wc}) centre
- Visitor centre and Visitor centre a reception, café and shop

Wheelchair users advised to use the Brownsea Seahorse accessible boat. Manual all terrain wheelchairs available for loan, booking advised. Electric buggy fours available for less mobile, booking advised. The Island has steep and unstable cliffs, uneven ground and island vehicles. Deep water and strong currents.

Corfe Castle

Corfe Castle BH20 5EZ 01929 481294 www.nationaltrust.org. uk/corfecastle (including tearooms, visitor centre and shop) corfecastle@ nationaltrust.org.uk





(F) Drop off point at castle entrance.

Mobility parking in main car park.

Grounds partly accessible. Steep slopes, uneven

paths, undulating terrain. Only outer bailey of castle accessible. Shop etc is accessible

Corfe Castle Museum

The Town Hall, West Street, Corfe Castle. BH20 5HA 01929 480666 www.dorsetmuseums. co.uk query@ corfecastletowntrust. co.uk





Corfe Castle Model Village

Corfe Castle BH20 5EZ 01929 481234 www.corfecastlemodel village.co.uk info@ corfecastlemodelvillage. co.uk



Whole attraction sloping

In areas, terrace





Large print and braille menu

Key staff

i It can be difficult returning from the Model Village as is up hill. Left hand side of Model Village accessible - wildlife area difficult.

Create at the Cove

Church Road, West Lulworth BH20 5SG 01929 400270 www.createatthecove. com createatthecove@ hotmail.com



) Spacious, comfortable location

Dorset Waterpark

Studland Road, Corfe Castle, BH20 5JG 01929 505030 www.dorsetwaterpark. co.uk info@dorsetwaterpark. co.uk





Duriston Castle & Country Park

Swanage BH19 2JL 01929 424443 www.durlston.co.uk durlston@dorsetcouncil. qov.uk

E Selection of F" accessible routes to country park To castle and Ŀ. visitor centre (LII) To give access to FIJ scenic view, top levels of castle. Free F Ĩ

Assistance available. please enquire

Clifftop site – some areas are hilly and rough underfoot. 2 Electric Tramper buggies and 1 Trekinetic manual off-road wheelchair available for hire. Autism Guide, Access

Guide, Large Print and Easy Read Leaflets and BSL'Tour Available.

East Holton Driving Centre

(Horse and Carriage) Ash Tree Stables, Livability, Holton Lee, Poole BH16 6JN 07917 546644 www. eastholtondrivingcentre. co.uk

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All the carriages are

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September. Must book

hydraulics and ramps

accessible. Easter to

in advance.



Etches Collection Museum of Jurassic **Marine Life**

Kimmeridge, Dorset, **BH20 5PE** 01929 270000 www. theetchescollection.org info@ theetchescollection.org

Farmer Palmers Farm Park

Organford BH16 6EU 01202 622022 www.farmerpalmers. co.uk info@farmerpalmers. co.uk G Difficult down £∎ woodland walk દેજી 6 (G

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Woodland walk not suitable when Indoor soft play area maybe difficult.

The Swanage Centre. Livability, **Fine Foundation** Holme For Gardens Group Educational Holton Lee Wild Seas Centre Facility Harrow Drive, Swanaae West Holme Farm Holton Heath, BH16 Kimmeridge **BH19 1PE BH20 6AQ** 6JN **BH20 5PE** 01929 475081 01929 554716 **Exhibitions** 01929 481044 www.theswanagecentre. www.holmeforgardens. 01202 625562 www.dorsetwildlifetrust. co.uk co.uk www.holtonlee.co.uk/ org.uk info@ office@holmefa.co.uk wellbeinggarden/ kimmeridge@ theswanagecentre.co.uk naturereserve/events dorsetwildlifetrust.org. Garden centre,, holtonlee@livability. υk Farmshop, Cafe, (£.∎ org.uk attractive gardens E and ponds All buildings accessible 6 In some areas 2 steps in 1 area **Sloping gravel** Ŀ. (Fil) path to marine **[F**]| (Fil) . centre In residential Ŀ. FIJ (Free **Disabled only use** area (Fmc F^{wc} (L) Ask in Centre if (F. aate is closed (E E Gardens are **Please arrange** mainly grassed parking prior to areas with some **Facility positioned** Audio description visit. narrow paths. on steep hill. for exhibitions Disabled access, NB. While please take care in wet the Centre weather. Admission is accessible charge to gardens for Electric tramper 1 for disabled around 8 months of hire. Accessible visitors, there is the year. hyde. limited access to **Kimmeridge Bay** itself.

Lulworth Castle

Lulworth Estate, East Lulworth BH20 5QS 01929 400352 www.lulworth.com info@lulworth.com

Basement fully accessible, ground floor limited.

Margaret Green Animal Rescue

Church Knowle BH20 5NQ 01929 480474 www.margaretgreen animalrescue.org.uk comms@mgar.org.uk

) Some uneven ground

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The site is a busy rescue and rehoming centre that welcomes visitors throughout the year.

Monkey World

Longthorns, Wareham BH20 6HH 01929 462537 www.monkeyworld.org apes@monkeyworld.org

selection of motorised and manual wheelchairs available to book in



advance.

The Mowlem Cinema and Theatre

Shore Road, Swanage. BH19 1DD 01929 422239 www.mowlemtheatre. co.uk officemowlem.@gmail. com



) Limited access to the stage







Wareham Walls

Saxon walls, BH20 4PP www.visit-dorset.com/ things-to-do/warehamwalls-p814183

Much of the area at area alongside the wall is level and includes interpretation boards

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The walls themselves are high and steep earth mounds and so access on to the path along the top is restricted depending on ability.

Libraries and Internet **Facilities**

Corfe Castle community library

67 East Street, Corfe Castle BH20 5EE 01929 480760 Email: corfecastlelibrary @gmail.com



The library is small so space is limited. Ramp/level access from entrance road side only, not car park entrance where there is one step.

Lytchett Matravers library

8a High Street, Lytchett Matravers, Poole BH16 6BN 01202 621281 Email: lytchettmatravers library@dorsetcouncil. gov.uk

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Swanage library

High Street, Swanage BH19 2NU 01929 423485 Email: swanagelibrary @dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

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> 1 Stair steps outlined, lift buttons with braille and voice.

Wareham library

South Street, Wareham BH20 4LR

01929 556146 Email: warehamlibrary @dorsetcouncil.gov.uk





Books available in large print, on cassette and CD to borrow. Leaflets etc available on LP/braille on request.

1 Talking lift with mirrored interior, clear guiding, highlighted steps ramp, automatic doors. Car parking on request, contact the library manager. Fully accessible paved courtyard garden with seating.

Shopmobility Scheme and Mobility Hire

Shopmobility schemes lend manual and powered wheelchairs and powered scooters to members of the public with limited mobility, to allow them to shop and visit leisure facilities within the area.

There are also Shopmobility schemes in Boscombe, Bournemouth, Christchurch, Dorchester, Ferndown, Poole and Weymouth.

Purbeck Mobility Centre www.purbeckmobility.com

Member of the National Federation of Shopmobility

The Purbeck Mobility Centre at St Johns Hill, Wareham has a large fleet of scooters and wheelchairs available for daily, weekly or monthly hire at reasonable rates. Delivery and collection can be arranged. The Centre also stocks an extensive range of disability living aids. **Tel: 01929 552623. Email: shop@purbeckmobility.com**

Swanage Mobility www.swanagemobility.co.uk

A family run business supplying scooters, stairlifts, riser recliner chairs, walking aids and much more for all your mobility needs. Repairs and servicing, battery supplies, insurance and warranties.Rental scooters, wheelchairs and walkers available. Call Swanage Mobility on **01929 421412** or visit the showroom at 10 Station Road, Swanage.

British Red Cross

A range of equipment to hire to make life easier including wheelchairs, walking and toilet aids.

Swanage (by appointment) Tel: 01929 423517

Poole Tel: 01202 699453 open Monday-Friday 10am-12pm

Swanage Disabled Club

Transport and outings for wheelchair users **Tel: 01929 423729**. Advance booking required. This is not a taxi service. Run by volunteer drivers for local community. Donations accepted.

Countryside Mobility www.countrysidemobility.org

Countryside Mobility provides safe, enjoyable access to Purbeck's most scenic locations for anyone who has difficulty walking, through an off road mobility scooter hire scheme. Go to www.countrysidemobility.org to see how the scheme works and who is included such as Durlston, Holton Lee, Lulworth Cove and RSPB Arne.

Local Contacts

Citizens Advice Bureau

Wareham01929 551257Swanage01929 427134Upton01202 632080Bovington01929 403185

Dorset Blind Association 01202 712860

Purbeck Gateway Club

01929 551415 www.yournetwork.mencap.org.uk/group/317 A social club for people with learning disabilities.

The Swanage Stroke Club – 01929 421944/07757 112484

Wareham & Purbeck Multiple Sclerosis Society 01202 622146 www.mssociety.org.uk/care-and-support/local-support/ localgroups/wareham

Poole Hospital NHS Trust

Accident & Emergency. Longfleet Road, Poole. 01202 665511

Swanage Hospital

Queen's Road, Swanage BH19 2ES 01929 422282 (one designated space) Accessible nurse led Minor Injuries Unit 8am - 8pm 7 days a week

GP Surgeries Purbeck Area

Corfe Castle	01929 480441
Lytchett Matravers	01202 632764
Sandford	01929 554490
Swanage	01929 422231
Upton	01202 622339
Wareham	01929 553444
Wool	01929 462376

Useful Website

www.southwestcoastpath.com

Some South West Coast Path walks are suitable for people with limited mobility, or with pushchairs or wheelchairs. Eighteen easy-access walks have been added covering all areas of the Coast Path and more will be added in future. A detailed map and description of each one with photographs illustrating the nature of the walk can be printed from the websiteNon Emergency Medical Advice 111

Useful Information

Radar keys are available for purchase from Discover Purbeck Information Centre **01929 552740** and Swanage Information Centre **01929 766018**

Accessible Toilets:

The Map on the back pages shows the location of the following toilets. NB: many of these toilets are closed in the evenings.

- 🕨 Swanage Shore Road 🖝
- 2 The Recreation Ground •••
- Swanage Museum & Heritage Centre (adjacent to)
- 4 Swanage Victoria Avenue 🖛
- **5** Beach Gardens
- 6 Worth Matravers Cark Park
- 🕖 Sandford Caravan Park Holiday Site 🕶
- 8 Lulworth Cove Car Park
- 🥑 West Street Car Park, Corfe Castle 🕶
- 🚺 Howards Lane, Wareham 🖛
- 🚺 Norden Car Park 🖛
- Castle Ticket Office, Corfe Castle. (The entrance to the castle).
- Knoll Car Park and Middle Beach •••
- **W** Kimmeridge Fine Foundation Marine Centre
- **15** Kimmeridge Clavel Café for Customers
- Langton Matravers Car Park at Putlake
- The Quay Wareham
- Durdle Door In main toilet block in the Durdle Door Holiday Park.
- Brownsea Visitor Centre and Quay
- 20 Shell Bay Car Park

Radar Key necessary





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