

Welcome to the Dorset and East Devon Coast

England's only natural World Heritage Site

95 miles of coast...
185 million years of history.

The Jurassic Coast boasts both wild natural beauty and varied seaside havens to explore and enjoy. The rocks along the coast allow us to immerse ourselves into deep time and to travel back to the age of giant marine reptiles and dinosaurs.

This unique place is part of the global family of natural and cultural World Heritage Sites that together illustrate our history, identity, and relationship with nature. These sites belong to all of us and are protected for future generations.

The Jurassic Coast Trust is the independent charity responsible for managing the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site. We work to protect and conserve the Jurassic Coast's World Heritage Site status and to engage with and inspire the local communities that live and thrive within it.

You can support our work by making a donation, becoming a Member or giving your time as a volunteer. Find out more at: www.jurassiccoast.org/support

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Visitor Centres & Museums

Bridport Museum	DT6 3NR	01308 458703
Beaminster Museum	DT8 3NB	01308 863623
Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre	DT6 6LL	01297 560772
Dorset County Museum, Dorchester	DT1 1XA	01305 262735
Durlston Country Park	BH19 2JL	01929 424443
Fairlynch Museum, Budleigh Salterton	EX9 6NP	01395 442666
Fine Foundation Chesil Beach Centre	DT4 9XE	01305 206191
Fine Foundation Marine Centre, Kimmeridge	BH20 5PF	01929 481044
Fine Foundation Heritage Centre, Beer	EX12 3EE	N/A
Honiton Museum	EX14 1PG	01404 44966
Lulworth Cove Visitor Centre	BH20 5RQ	01929 400587
Lyme Regis Museum	DT7 3QA	01297 443370
Portland Museum	DT5 1HS	01305 821804
Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter	EX4 3RX	01392 265858
Sidmouth Museum	EX10 8LY	01395 516139
Studland Beach Visitor Centre	BH19 3AX	01929 450500
Swanage Museum & Heritage Centre	BH19 2LJ	01929 421427
The Etches Collection, Kimmeridge	BH20 5PE	01929 270000
Wareham Town Museum	BH20 4NS	01929 553448
West Bay Discovery Centre	DT6 4EN	01308 427288

Tourist Information Centres

Bournemouth	BH2 5AA	01202 123800
Bridport	DT6 3LF	01308 424901
Budleigh Salterton	EX9 6NG	01395 445275
Discover Purbeck	BH20 4LR	01929 552740
Dorchester	DT1 1EE	01305 267992
Exeter	EX1 1GF	01392 665700
Exmouth	EX8 1AL	01395 830550
Poole	BH15 1BW	01202 128888
Seaton	EX12 2WD	01297 300390
Sidmouth	EX10 8XR	01395 516441
Swanage	BH19 1LB	01929 766018
Visit Dorset	visit-dorset.com	
Visit Devon	visitdevon.co.uk	

Beach Safety & Fossil Collecting



Stay away from the cliffs

Rockfalls can, and do, happen at any time.



The best place to find fossils is on the beach

Look for loose fossils trapped between boulders and among pebbles on the shoreline.



Know your tides

Always go fossil collecting or beach walking on a falling tide.



Watch out for mudflows

They can look deceptively like the beach. Be aware of shelving beaches and large waves, especially in rough weather.



Warning signs are there for your safety

Please don't ignore them. Always tell someone where you are going and when you expect to be back.



Travel Information

The map of Jurassic Coast bus routes is given as a guide. Please check all public transport details at www.travelinesw.com or call 0871 200 22 33 before travelling.

There are direct and regular train links from London and Bristol to the Jurassic Coast.

For more information about how to access and get around the Jurassic Coast visit: www.jurassiccoast.org/travel

Become a Jurassic Coast Trust Member

By joining us as a Member, you will not only be helping us to preserve the beaches, scenery, heritage, geology and outstanding natural beauty of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site, you'll also get the opportunity to access a range of special offers and unique events.

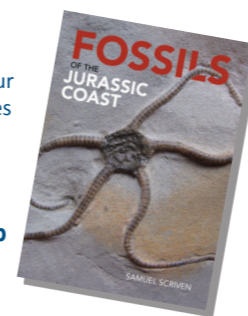


All Members receive a free copy of the Official Guide to the Jurassic Coast. Individual, Joint and Family Membership options are available.

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Fossils of the Jurassic Coast

This book takes you on a journey through time as it explores the unique fossil record of the World Heritage Site. Fully illustrated with colour photographs, it will help you explore the stories of the coast for yourself.



You can buy a range of Jurassic Coast books, guides, maps and tickets to events from our online shop: www.jurassiccoast.org/shop

Respect, Protect & Enjoy

To make the most of your visit to the Jurassic Coast:



Plan ahead

Check the weather, how far the beach is from the car park and what is open.



Have a plan B

Have a plan B in case your first choice of destination is too busy. There are plenty of quieter beaches to explore. Visit our website for a load of inspirational travel ideas.



Take your rubbish home

If bins are full, or if there aren't any bins, please take your rubbish home.



Only camp in designated campsites. Wild camping is illegal.



Protect heaths, forests and countryside from fires.

BBQs and campfires can easily get out of control and are illegal in many places.



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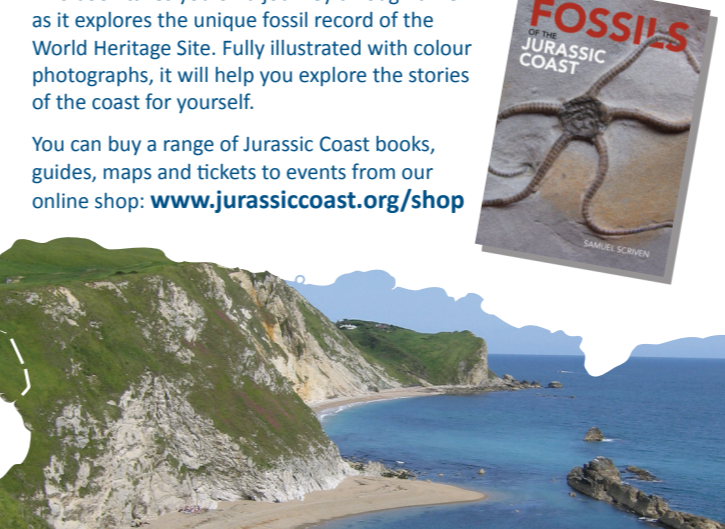
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Ladram Bay, East Devon by Steve Belasco



East Cliff, West Bay, Dorset. Image courtesy of the National Police Air Service



Man O' War Cove, Dorset



United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization



Dorset and East Devon Coast inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2001



Visitor Centre (V icon)
Tourist Information Centre (i icon)
Museum (M icon)
Railway Station (R icon)

Boat Trips (Boat icon)
National Trust (NT icon)
Viewpoint (Eye icon) (Please note, some viewpoints can only be reached on foot)
South West Coast Path National Trail (Green dashed line)

National Cycle Network Route (Bicycle icon)
Bus Route (All year round) (Yellow line)
Bus Route (Summer only) (Pink dotted line)

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Sandy Beaches and Triassic Deserts

Here you will find the oldest rocks of the Jurassic Coast, notable for their distinctive red colour. Jump on a bus to visit this section of the coast. Combine the bus with a boat trip from Exmouth to Sidmouth for the best views of the stunning sea stacks of **Ladram Bay**. These red rocks were formed in a Triassic desert between 250 and 230 million years ago. There are sandy beaches at Exmouth and Sandy Bay.



Nearby Fossil Interest
 Triassic beasts at Sidmouth Museum and Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter.

Landslide Wilderness and History that Rocks

Explore the wild and rugged **Undercliffs National Nature Reserve**. Visit the pretty village of Beer and learn about its quarrying history at **Beer Quarry Caves** or the **Fine Foundation Heritage Centre Beer** on the beach.

Nearby Walk
 The South West Coast Path guides you through the hidden chasm of the **Hooken Landslide** to the picturesque village of Branscombe.



The Birthplace of Palaeontology

Walk in the steps of famous scientists and find your own fossils on the beaches at **Charmouth** and **Lyme Regis**. Book on to a guided fossil walk with **Lyme Regis Museum** or **Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre** to learn more about how fossils unlock the Earth's history.

Nearby Walks
 At 191 metres, **Golden Cap** is the highest point on the south coast of England and offers a magnificent vista over Lyme Bay. The cliffs you can see from here record the entire Jurassic period.

West Bay Pier is the perfect place to view the golden sandstone cliffs of West Bay and **Burton Bradstock** which were laid down in shallow tropical seas, 180 million years ago.



Nearby Fossil Interest
 Fossil starfish at Bridport Museum.

The Great Beach and an Isle of Stone

Visit the **Fine Foundation Chesil Beach Centre** to learn more about this 18 mile long natural barrier beach, as well as the wildlife which lives in and around the **Fleet Lagoon**. Explore **Portland** and uncover the history of quarrying that has a legacy stretching around the world.

Nearby Fossil Interest
 The World's Biggest Bite, a giant pliosaur skull and jaws, at Dorset County Museum in Dorchester.



A Landscape Laboratory and Unique Fossils

Lulworth Cove and **Durdle Door** are probably the most iconic and well known of the Jurassic Coast's many breath-taking landmarks. This also makes them incredibly busy, so be prepared to share the views and the beaches with lots of visitors! Heading east, discover the pretty village of **Kimmeridge** and **The Etches Collection-Museum of Jurassic Marine Life** which displays a collection of the finest fossils ever found in **Kimmeridge Clay**, including species new to science.

Nearby Walk
 Walk from **Lulworth Cove** through the **Lulworth Ranges** (check for opening times) to reach the **Fossil Forest**. 145 million years ago, this prehistoric landscape would have been a forest of cypress-like conifer trees, but now all that remains are the algae burrs which surrounded the trees. It is a stunning and secluded spot – take a picnic to enjoy in the seating area overlooking the ocean. Please note, there are 97 steps down to the **Fossil Forest** (and back up!).



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Wild Walks and Cretaceous Chalk

Durlston Country Park has wonderful views, regular dolphin sightings and a Victorian folly castle turned visitor centre. The coast from **Durlston Head** to **Handfast Point** records the entire 80 million years of the Cretaceous period. The sheer faced, white chalk sea stacks of **Old Harry Rocks** can be viewed from land or sea and mark the eastern end of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site. The best way to see them is by taking a boat trip from **Poole** or **Swanage**.

Nearby Walk
 Take in the rich wildlife of the **Isle of Purbeck** as you discover dramatic cliff quarries such as **Dancing Ledge** and **Winspit** on the **South West Coast Path**.

