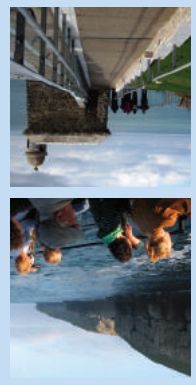
WELCOME TO DURLSTON



Durlston Castle
An extraordinary Victorian building well worth exploring. The completely refurbished Castle offers rooftop views, changing exhibitions, interactive displays, shop and seventhwave - a stunning café and restaurant.

A Wealth of Wildlife
More than 3,000 species of wildlife have been found on Durlston's National Nature Reserve. Bustling seabird colonies, rare orchids, migrant birds, flower-filled meadows and beautiful butterflies mean there's always something new to discover.

Jurassic Coast
Durlston's rocks tell a key chapter in the formation of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site. In Durlston Bay, the remains of tiny prehistoric mammals found within the layers of Purbeck Limestone reveal the story of life 135 million years ago.

Durlston is the perfect place to start exploring Dorset's internationally acclaimed coast and countryside.

With stunning sea views, superb coastal walking, exciting events and amazing wildlife, there's plenty to see and do. Durlston is carefully managed for conservation and public enjoyment by Dorset County Council.

DURLSTON CASTLE

A Ranger is always on-hand to provide information and help you get the most out of your visit.

Entry to the Castle and all exhibitions is free.

Changing Exhibitions
The Fine Foundation Gallery offers a year-round programme of exhibitions and events. Highlights include an exhibition exploring the themes of this years Purbeck Film Festival, an exhibition of stunning photographs of night-time Dorset by Kevin Ferriol and an exhibition of wildlife photography by Julian Sawyer… for details see overleaf.

Weddings and Functions
The Castle is a unique and beautiful venue for that special day. Weddings, receptions, seminars, conferences and private parties can all be held at the Castle and at the Learning Centre.

A Victorian Legacy
The Castle and Great Globe are just part of the curious legacy of George Burt, a Victorian entrepreneur also known as the 'King of Swanage'. Discover his fascination with the natural world and grand plans for the Durlston estate as you explore the Park.

Visitor Centre
Restored in 2011, Durlston Castle is a must for visitors to Dorset and the Jurassic Coast.

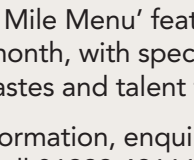
Enjoy amazing interactive displays, relax on the rooftop terrace or check out live wildlife cameras and the latest dolphin sightings. The Castle offers superb access for visitors with disabilities.

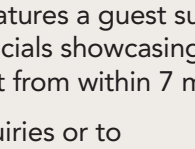
Ranger Service

MUCH MORE...

Your Day at Durlston
With more than 150 events on offer every year, there is something for everyone from mini-beast safaris and treasure hunts, to astronomy evenings, guided walks and art exhibitions.

If you prefer to do your own thing, there are way-marked trails to follow, a bird-watching hide or just relax and enjoy the views and tranquility. For less mobile visitors, a Tramper electric buggy and a Trekinetic off-road wheelchair are available to help you explore.





Outdoor Learning
Durlston is a superb outdoor classroom. Ranger-led 'Discovery Sessions' offer teachers and students an unforgettable day, linked to the National Curriculum. Please book if visiting with a group.

Friends of Durlston
A range of benefits are available to members, and just by joining you are helping to protect and enhance this very special place.

durlston.co.uk
Find out more on our website
www.durlston.co.uk or follow us on Twitter or Facebook.

FOOD + DRINK

Relax and unwind in seventhwave café, bar & restaurant which offers stunning views from our indoor dining room and terrace.

Open daily from 9.30-4pm for breakfast, lunch, light bites, cakes, treats and hot & cold drinks.

We will be offering a fantastic Christmas menu throughout December - please book.

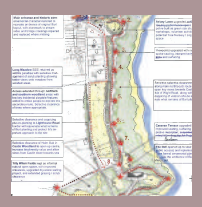
Our '7 Mile Menu' features a guest supplier each month, with specials showcasing great local tastes and talent from within 7 miles.

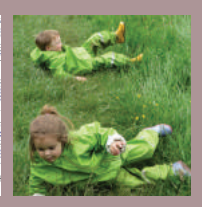
For information, enquiries or to book call 01929 421111, email seventhwaverestaurant@gmail.com

PLEASURE GROUNDS

Parks for People
Over the next few years, the Rangers, volunteers, local organisations and charities will work together to restore and enhance Durlston's Victorian landscape for people and wildlife. We need your help to secure the future of this historic landscape! Why not...

- Sponsor a bench, viewpoint, dry-stone wall, artwork or a piece of play equipment?
- Make a donation online or at the Castle?
- Enjoy a day volunteering?
- Tell us what you think and develop ideas?
- Contact the Rangers to find out more....





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The Park, car parks, hide and toilets (at the Learning Centre) are accessible throughout the year between sunrise and sunset.

Durlston Castle:
- November - March
  10.00am – 4.00pm, every day
- April - October
  10.00am – 5.00pm, every day
  (except Christmas & Boxing Days)
- 01929 424443

Durlston café:
- Serving 9.30am - 4.00pm
  café enquiries:
- 01929 421111
seventhwaverestaurant@gmail.com

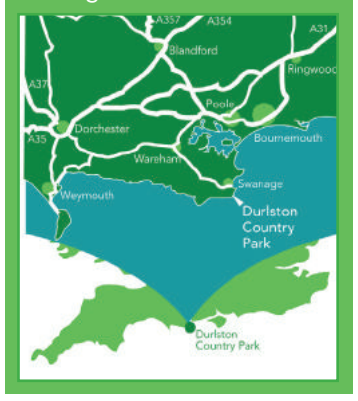
Fine Foundation Gallery:
- 11.00am - 5.00pm, every day
  (except when changing over exhibitions. See 'What's On' for details).

Overnight camping and car parking are not permitted.

Parking charges directly support the conservation of Durlston.

Dogs are welcome on a lead or under very close control, but please clean up after your dog.

How to find us:
Follow the brown tourist information signs through Swanage.



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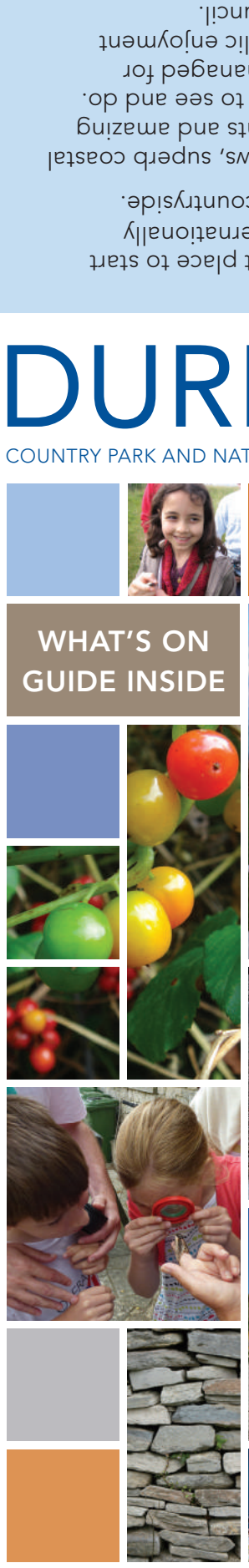
OCTOBER - APRIL 2017 / 2018

WHAT'S ON GUIDE INSIDE



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WHAT'S ON: AUTUMN 2017 - SPRING 2018

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For all events, **meet at Durlston Castle Reception unless stated otherwise**. Where booking is required, email info@durlston.co.uk or call 01929 424443

Adults £3 / children & FoDs £2, unless stated otherwise

FFG - Fine Foundation Gallery / **LC** - Learning Centre

Exhibitions in the FFG

Many of our events are 'Dementia Friendly' but ones with the flower logo are especially suitable. These events are supported by 'Stepping Into Nature' & the Big Lottery Fund

OCTOBER

Sat 7 Oct, 7pm
Stargazing
Join Wessex Astronomical Society to view Saturn, galaxies, star clusters, autumn constellations. Weather dependent. Phone 01929 424443 on day to confirm. £3 **LC**

Fri 13 Oct - Sun 29 Oct, 10.30am - 5pm
Purbeck Film Festival Exhibition
Exhibition exploring the messages behind the films, including Biotrack's high tech world of animal tracking and questions about the conservation of sea life raised by the film Sharkwater, supported by the Isle of Purbeck Sub Aqua Club and others. FREE **FFG**

Sun 15 Oct, 2pm
Rough Guide to Durlston
Guided walk - wildlife, history, geology and more! £3

Sun 15 Oct, 7.30pm
Purbeck Film Festival Film: 'Sharkwater' (PG)
A battle between the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society & shark poachers in Guatemala, exploring how these magnificent creatures have gone from predator to prey. £7 incl parking **FFG**

Tues 17 Oct, 7pm
Purbeck Film Festival Film: 'Mulholland Drive' (15)
Intriguing, bizarre, astounding, surprising, confounding and brilliant, David Lynch's 'Mulholland Drive' is a dark, complex and enthralling mystery. £7 incl parking **FFG**

Thu 19 Oct, 7.30pm
Purbeck Film Festival Special Event: 'Theatre of the Wandering West'
Cabinet of Living Cinema return with a live music performance, animation & film. A moving story of love & loss, set in Kafka's Prague. Lottery funded through Arts Council. £11 incl parking **FFG**

Sat 21 Oct, 10 – 11am
Nordic Walking Taster
Join a local NWUK instructor to see how this fun activity can help you get fitter in the fresh air! No experience necessary, poles provided. Please book through www.purbecknordicwalking.co.uk or calling 03331234540. FREE **LC**

Sun 22 Oct, 10am
October Birds
Walk to look for migrant and resident birds. £3

Sun 22 Oct, 7.30pm
Purbeck Film Festival Special Event: 'The Good Lie' (12A)
We follow the lives of 6 siblings who have lost everything in the second Sudanese Civil War. Their employment counsellor (Reese Witherspoon) is pivotal in supporting them through life changing events. Includes a talk. In aid of Swanage Action for Refugees. £7 incl parking **FFG**

Mon 23 Oct, 10am – 1pm and 2 - 5pm
Puppet Making & Animation Workshops
Two kids workshops led by Andy Gent known for his work on Corpse Bride, Fantastic Mr. Fox & Frankenweenie. For ages 8+. Please book. £12 incl materials & light refreshments **LC**

Tues 24 Oct, 2pm
Bushcraft Bootcamp
Children's event. Join a ranger in the woodland - making dens, cooking marshmallows and creating wild art! Please book. £3 per child **LC**

Tues 24 Oct, 7.30pm
Purbeck Film Festival Film: 'Mindhorn' (15)
Spoof following the antics of a washed up actor, who played Detective Mindhorn. An blend of crime parody & calamitous detective misadventure. £7 incl parking **FFG**

Wed 25 Oct, 11am – 3pm
Wild Wednesdays
Free drop-in craft activities for families in the Belvedere, Durlston Castle. Donations welcome

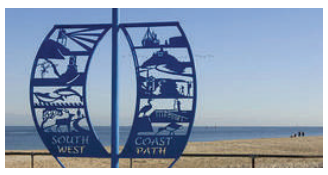
Thu 26 Oct, 2.30pm
Delinquent Dinosaurs and Fantastic Fossils
Family event. Games & activities to explore Durlston's prehistoric past. Please book. £3 **LC**

Thu 26 Oct, 7.30pm
Purbeck Film Festival Film: 'Like Father Like Son'
The life of an architect is overturned when hospital administrators reveal the unthinkable: Keita is not his biological son. His 'true' son has been raised in the dishevelled but warm-hearted home of working-class shopkeeper Yudai Saiki and his wife Yukari. £7 incl parking **FFG**

Fri 27 Oct, 7.30pm
Stargazing
Moon, galaxies, star clusters, autumn constellations. See 7 Oct for details **LC**

Sat 28 Oct, 10am – 2pm
Stop Frame Animation Workshop
Led by Richard Haynes from the Arts University Bournemouth whose work includes Roary the Racing Car, Postman Pat, Shaun the Sheep, and Pirates! In an Adventure with Scientists! Ages 8+. Please book. £12 incl materials & light refreshments

Sun 29 Oct, 10.30am
Purbeck Footprints - Wildlife Photography Walk
Join wildlife photographer Julian Sawyer to 'develop' your photographic skills. Please book. £5



Sun 29 Oct, 9am at Shell Bay for Bus transfer. 10am at Durlston for registration and start
South West Coast Path Challenge
10 mile Sponsored Walk from Durlston Head to South Haven Point in aid of the South West Coast Path! Bus transfer from Shell Bay to Durlston at 9am if you want to leave your car at the finish. For info or to register, www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk

NOVEMBER

Wed 1 - Sat 18 Nov, 10am - 4pm
Miracle of Migration
Discover the amazing journeys undertaken every year by birds, butterflies and moths, with this free exhibition. **FFG**

Sun 5 Nov, 10am
November Bird Walk
Walk to look for winter birds. £3

Mon 6 – Sun 12 Nov, all day
Café Closed
The café will be closed for winter refurbishment. Teas, coffees & cakes will still be available.

Fri 17 Nov, 7.30pm
Stargazing
Leonid meteors, galaxies, star clusters, autumn constellations. See 7 Oct for details **LC**

Sun 19 Nov, 7 – 9pm
Live Jazz: FB Pocket Orchestra
The FB Pocket Orchestra takes its listeners back to the hot jazz, blues, ragtime & popular dances of the 1920/30s & earlier. £8 (parking incl with advance sales) **FFG**

Tues 21 Nov – Tues 5 Dec, 10am – 4pm
Victorian Durlston
Exhibition exploring the curious Victorian history of Durlston & George Burt's Grand Plans for the estate. FREE **FFG**

Sat 25 Nov, 7.30pm
Stargazing
Moon, star clusters, nebulae, galaxies, autumn constellations. See 7 Oct for details. **LC**

Sun 26 Nov, 10.30am
Wildlife Photography Walk
See 29 Oct for details

DECEMBER

Sat 2 Dec, 11am – 12.30pm
Glass Engraving Workshop
Try the art of glass engraving & take home your masterpiece & create a unique glass Christmas card. No experience necessary, tools and glass provided. Courses suitable for ages 8 to 80. Please book. £10 **LC**

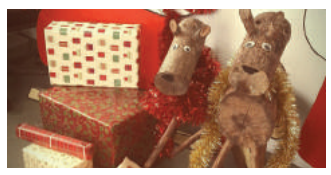
Sun 3 Dec, 2pm
Victorian Durlston Walk
Discover Durlston's curious Victorian past. £3

Tues 5 Dec, 2.30pm
Castle Tour
A free half-hour tour of Durlston Castle. Donations welcome

Sat 9 Dec, 8.30 - 8.45am: Registration, 9am: Race start
Durlston Dash Christmas Special!
Enjoy a 2.5K challenging fun-run through Durlston in festive fancy dress, alongside your fellow Santas, elves and reindeers! All participants receive a medal. 8-13 year olds, refreshments provided. Please book. £2 suggested donation **LC**

Sun 10 Dec, 11am – 2pm
Drawing and Pen Workshop
Draw in pencil, pen and ink. Learn drawing skills & go home with your pieces of work. For beginners or improvers. Please book. £20 **LC**

Thu 14 Dec, 7.30pm
Stargazing
Geminid meteors, galaxies, star clusters, autumn & winter constellations. See 7 Oct for details **LC**



Sat 16 Dec – Mon 1 Jan, 10.30am – 3.30pm
Christmas Trail
With Christmas quickly approaching come down to Durlston and get in the festive spirit with our Christmas Trail. £3

Sat 16 Dec, 11am – 12.30pm
Glass Engraving Workshop
See 2 Dec for details

Sat 16 Dec – Wed 31 Jan, 10am – 4pm
Durlston and the Sea
Find out about the wildlife & history hidden beneath the waves of our coast. FREE **FFG**

Wed 20 Dec, 11am – 3pm
Wild Wednesdays
See 25 Oct for details

Wed 27 Dec, 11am – 3pm
Wild Wednesdays
See 25 Oct for details

JANUARY 2018

Sun 7 Jan, 10am
New Year Bird Walk
Look for winter bird life on a guided stroll. £3

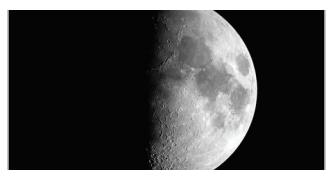
Tues 9 Jan, 2.30pm
Dementia Friendly Stroll
A gentle stroll for people with dementia and their carers. Supported by Stepping Into Nature. Donations welcome **LC**

Tues 16 Jan, 2.30pm
Castle Tour
See 5 Dec for details

Sat 20 Jan, 10 – 11am
Nordic Walking Taster
See 21 Oct for details

Sun 21 Jan, 2pm
Durlston Rocks! Geology Walk
Take a stroll to discover the stories written in the rocks. £3

Fri 26 Jan, 7.30pm
Stargazing
Moon, star clusters, galaxies, Orion Nebula, winter constellations. See 7 Oct for details **LC**



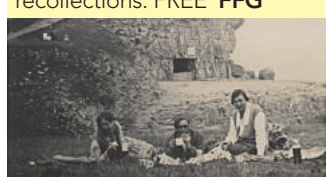
Sun 28 Jan, 10.30am
Wildlife Photography Walk
See 29 Oct for details

Tues 30 Jan, 2.30pm
Castle Tour
See 5 Dec for details

FEBRUARY

Sat 3 Feb, 10 – 11am
Nordic Walking Taster
See 21 Oct for details

Sat 3 Feb – Sat 3 Mar, 10am – 4pm
Durlston Past
Exhibition tracing the history of Durlston through the 20th Century, using photos and recollections. FREE **FFG**



Sun 4 Feb
Durlston Past, Present and Future Walk
Discover Durlston's curious Victorian past & exciting future. £3

Sun 11 Feb
February Bird Walk
Take a stroll with a Ranger to look for winter bird life. £3

Mon 12 Feb, 2 pm
Beachcomber Crafts!
Children's event. Join a Ranger for beach arts & crafts - getting creative with everything from shells, driftwood & beachcombed rubbish! Please book. £3 **LC**

Tues 13 Feb, 2.30pm
Castle Tour
See 5 Dec for details

Wed 14 Feb, 11am – 3pm
Wild Wednesdays
See 25 Oct for details

Thu 15 Feb, 2.30pm
Dolphins & the Deep Blue Sea
Family event. Discover the lives of the Durlston Dolphins, with games & activities. Please book. £3 **LC**

Sat 24 Feb, 7.30pm
Stargazing
Moon, Orion Nebula, galaxies, spring constellations. See 7 Oct for details **LC**

Sun 25 Feb, 10.30am
Wildlife Photography Walk
See 29 Oct for details

Tues 27 Feb, 2.30pm
Castle Tour
See 5 Dec for details

MARCH

Sun 4 Mar, 7.30pm
Impressions of Spring & Summer: Classical Music with the BSO
BSO Trio of Flute, Viola & Harp. Musicians Barbara Brown (flute), Tom Beer (viola) & Eluned Pierce (harp) present music including Beethoven, Debussy, Handel & Bizet in a spring concert arranged by Artsreach, the county's touring arts charity. Booking advised. £10/£6 **FFG**

Tues 6 – Wed 21 Mar, 10.30am – 4pm
Purbeck: Up Close & Personal
Local wildlife photographer Julian Sawyer walks the many paths that crisscross the Isle of Purbeck, getting close to its wildlife & taking photographs in its most natural form without impacting on its day to day life. FREE **FFG**

Tues 13 Mar, 2.30pm
Castle Tour
See 5 Dec for details

Sat 17 Mar, 8.30 - 8.45am: Registration, 9am: Race start
Durlston Dash
Enjoy a 2.5K challenging fun-run through Durlston! All participants receive a medal. 8-13 year olds, refreshments provided. Please book. £2 suggested donation **LC**

Sat 24 Mar, 8pm
Stargazing
Moon, star clusters, Orion Nebula, galaxies & spring constellations. See 7 Oct for details **LC**

Sun 25 Mar, 10am – 3pm
Durlston Castle Spring Wedding Fair
Explore this unique venue, find out about dates and meet the teams who could help plan your special day! With local suppliers on hand to help you with finishing touches. For details, please email events@bluebayevents.co.uk **FFG**

Sun 25 Mar, 10.30am
Wildlife Photography Walk
See 29 Oct for details

Tues 27 Mar, 2.30pm
Dementia Friendly Stroll
A gentle stroll for people with dementia and their carers. Supported by Stepping Into Nature. Donations welcome **LC**

Fri 30 Mar – Sun 15 Apr, 10.30am – 3.30pm
Easter Trail
An exciting Easter trail around the park with a delicious prize to be won! £3

Fri 30 – Sun 15 April, 10.30am – 5pm
'Landing Among the Stars': Exhibition of Night-time Photography
Witness the magic of the starry nights in Dorset & beyond captured by photographer Kevin Ferrioli. FREE **FFG**

Sat 31 Mar, 11am – 2pm
Drawing and Pen workshop
See 10 Dec for details

APRIL

Wed 4 Apr, 11am – 3pm
Wild Wednesdays
See 25 Oct for details

Thu 5 Apr, 2.30pm
Bottle Rockets
Bring along a pop bottle and have a go at building and launching your very own rocket! Please book. £3 **LC**

Sat 7 Apr, 11am – 3pm
Drop-in Willow Weaving
Try willow crafting for beginners with drop-in sessions. Variety of makes from 50p

Sat 7 Apr, 8.30pm
Stargazing
Venus, star clusters, galaxies, spring constellations. See 7 Oct for details **LC**

Sun 8 Apr, 11am
Mindfulness Walk
Join 'mindful nurse' Nikki Harman for a stroll to learn some simple relaxation techniques. Please book. £5 **LC**

Sun 8 Apr, 2.30pm
Early Spider Orchids and Other Spring Flowers
Take a stroll to look for spring flowers, including orchids. £3

Tues 10 Apr, 2.30pm
Castle Tour
See 5 Dec for details

Wed 11 Apr, 11am – 3pm
Wild Wednesdays
See 25 Oct for details

Thu 12 Apr, 2.30pm
Glorious Gardens
Children's event. Join a Ranger in our nature garden - learning about garden wildlife, making bird feeders & pond dipping! Please book. £3 per child **LC**

Sat 14 Apr, 10 – 11am
Nordic Walking Taster
See 21 Oct for details

Sun 15 Apr, 2.30pm
Birds of the Cliffs Walk
Discover life in Durlston's internationally important seabird colonies. £3

Fri 20 Apr, 8.30pm
Stargazing
Moon, Venus, nebulae, galaxies & spring constellations. See 7 Oct for details. **LC**

Sun 22 Apr
The Spring has Sprung! Guided Walk
Take a stroll to look for spring wildlife. £3

Wed 25 Apr, 10.30am
Clifftop Tour
A gentle half-hour stroll along the clifftop. Donations welcome

Sat 28 Apr, 2.30pm
Dementia Friendly Stroll
See 9 Jan for details

Sun 29 Apr, 10.30am
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