

Intro

Lulworth Cove is a jewel sitting proudly on the awe-inspiring Dorset coast. A contrast of dramatic, varied coastline, rolling countryside and picturesque, timeless village, it has much to offer visitors of all ages.

Landscape and Scenery

Lulworth is in the middle of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site, featuring rugged limestone outcrops, arches and, of course, the sweet curve of the cove itself. Walkers and sightseers are well served with excellent paths and signage leading to renowned areas like Stair Hole, including the stark ripples of the 'Lulworth crumple', Durdle Door, the Fossil Forest and the Cove. Lulstead cottage is ideally sited between the Cove and Durdle Door, with both a 15 minute stroll. The Lulworth Coastal footpath takes in all these sites in five unforgettable miles.

A number of equally attractive and rewarding sights can be found walking the beautiful, hilly countryside in and around the village of Lulworth, including a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) at Bindon Hill, the imposing Hambury Tout and the quaintly named Scratchy Bottoms.

The Cove has a Heritage centre, worth a visit for in depth information and literature on how the Cove and surrounding landmarks have come about. Its free and open every day.

INFO

Lulworth Heritage Centre	http://www.lulworth.com/education/heritage_centre.htm
Durdle Door	http://www.bbc.co.uk/dorset/content/panoramas/durdle_360.shtml http://www.weymouth-pictures.co.uk/dor/sth/sco/pic_dur01.htm http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Durdle_Door
Stair Hole and the Lulworth Crumple	http://www.soton.ac.uk/~imw/stair.htm

		

History

Lulworth and surrounds are well served by sites of historical interest. Stretching back into the mists of time, The Fossil Forest is walkable from the cove, giving you the chance to see ancient tree stumps from millions of years ago preserved in stone. Lulworth Castle looms large a short journey away in East Lulworth; a 17th century castle built to entertain Royalty. This is the seat of the Weld family, who remain significant landowners in and around Lulworth. while Corfe Castle on the road to Swanage is a ruined Norman era keep.

Lulworth Cove was notorious for smuggling in the 18th and 19th century, with the Coastguard cottages built to house the Customs officials who (vainly) tried to keep it in check.

Strict planning laws have kept Lulworth quaint and cosy, with a number of thatched, tumbledown cottages. West Lulworth's cottages mainly date back 300 years or so.

There's a few interesting museums in the area, the best known being the Tank Museum at Bovington, near Wareham. Dorchester is home to the only museum outside China dedicated to the world famous Terracotta Warriors.

Lulworth Castle:	Lulworth Castle, East Lulworth, Dorset. 0845 450 1054 http://www.lulworth.com/castle_park/castle_park.htm
Tank Museum	Bovington, Wareham, DORSET, BH20 6JG 01929 405096 http://www.tankmuseum.org/
Corfe Castle Museum	The Town Hall, West Street, Corfe Castle DORSET, BH20 5HB 01929 480666 http://www.corfecastletrust.co.uk/museum.php
Wareham Museum	Town Hall, East Street, Wareham DORSET, BH20 4NS 01929 553448 http://www.warehammuseum.fsnet.co.uk/
Terracotta Warriors Museum	Eastgate, High East St, Dorchester DT1 1JU 01305 266040

	www.terracottawarriors.co.uk
Lulworth History info	http://www.weymouth-dorset.co.uk/lulworth

Leisure and Recreation

The area around Lulworth doesn't just offer great things to see. It also offers thrill seekers all the action and activity they'll need, as well as more sedate pursuits for a relaxing day out. We have got some discounts for Lulstead guests, these are mentioned below.

Watersports lovers need look no further than Brenscombe Outdoor Centre near Corfe Castle, a short trip down the road to Wareham. They offer powerboat driving, wake boarding, water ski-ing, canoeing, kayaking and dragon boating in Poole Harbour and along the Jurassic Coast.
01929 481222

Kajaking tours leave from Lulworth Cove in the summer months, run by Jurassic Kayak Tours
01305 835301

Divers need to head for Swanage, or slightly further afield in Poole for approved PADI training centres and boat charters.

For **Fishing**, hoist up your sea legs and get down to Poole Sea Angling.

Learn to **Sail** at Shell Bay Sailing near Studland.

Boat trips leave from Lulworth Cove regularly throughout the summer, run by Lulworth Marine.

Various operators offer trips from Swanage, including The Dorset Belles.

Poole Harbour Wildlife Tours offer boat trips with a natural flavour from Wareham Quay.

Travel the 15 minute drive to Wareham and **hire a boat** for a leisurely trip down the Frome.

Cyclists are well catered for, with a number of trails produced by Purbeck District Council which pass through Lulworth. Check the Pedal around Purbeck leaflet for cycle routes.

Dorset Bike Rides offer guided tours round the local area. 07900 418240

Quad biking is available at Dorset Quad biking near Wareham Forest. 01929 459083

If **Bowls** and a nice bit of **Putting** are more your thing then Swanage Beach Gardens or Swanage Pitch and Putt should be on your to do list.

Horse riding takes place at the Lulworth Equestrian Centre in the nearby village of Coombe Keynes. 01929 400396

Durlston Country Park has over 200 acres of pristine countryside jam packed with local wildlife. You might even catch a glimpse of dolphins off the coast.

Brencombe Outdoor Centre	http://www.brenscombeoutdoor.co.uk/ Studland Road, Corfe Castle, BH20 5JG 01929 481222
Sailing	http://www.shellbaysailing.co.uk/ Shell Bay Sailing, Ferry Road, Studland, Dorset, BH19 3BA 07853 986345 or 01929 439033
Fishing	http://www.pooleseaanglingcentre.co.uk/ 5 High Street, Poole, Dorset, BH15 1AB 01202 676 597
Divers Down Diving School	The Pier, High Street, Swanage 01929 423565.
Swanage Diving	http://www.swanagediving.co.uk/ 4, Victoria Apartments, 1 High Street, Swanage, Dorset BH19 2LN 07917 794075
Cycling	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> http://www.purbeck.gov.uk/tourism - home page/things to see do in purbeck/cycling/purbeck cycle rides.aspx </div> <p>Pedal around Purbeck map</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> http://www.purbeck.gov.uk/tourism - home page/things to see do in purbeck/bowling and putting.aspx </div>
Dorset Quad Biking	Manor Farm, East Bloxworth, Wareham Dorset, BH20 7EB 01929 459083 http://www.dorsetquadbiking.co.uk/
Wareham boat hire	Abbots Quay, Wareham, Dorset BH20 4LW , 01929 550688 http://www.warehamboathire.co.uk/
Lulworth Marine	Lulworth Marine, The Boat House, Main Road, Wareham, Dorset BH20 5RQ

	01929 400560.
Dorset Belles	Parkstone Bay Marina, Turks Lane, Poole, BH14 8EW 01202 558550 http://www.dorsetcruises.co.uk/
Poole Harbour Wildlife Tours	Wareham Quay 07809 727001
Swanage Beach Gardens	01929 424339. http://www.virtual-swanage.co.uk/
Swanage Pitch & Putt	Kirkwood Park, Victoria Avenue, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 1AR 01929 426809 http://www.virtual-swanage.co.uk/
Lulworth Equestrian Centre	Kennel Farm, Coombe Keynes, Wareham,, Dorset BH20 5QR 01929 400396 (day) or 01929 400439 (evening). http://www.lulworthequestriancentre.co.uk
Durlston Country Park	Durlston Country Park, Lighthouse Road, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 2JL (01929) 424443 www.durlston.co.uk

Food and Drink

The Castle Inn, Lulworth Beach House and Lulworth Cove Inn all offer reasonably priced, hearty food in friendly surrounds. Our personal favourite is the Castle; a 16th Century inn that's family-run with a massive choice of well cooked food. It's a short walk down into West Lulworth.

The Castle Inn	Main Road, West Lulworth, Dorset, BH20 5RN. 01929 400 311 http://www.thecastleinn-lulworthcove.co.uk/
Lulworth Beach House	The Beach House, West Lulworth, Dorset, BH20 5RQ 01929 400 404
Lulworth Cove Inn	Lulworth Cove Inn, Main Road, West Lulworth, Dorset, BH20 5RQ 01929 400 333

For day time treats there are a plethora of local ice cream stalls and shops down the Cove, some classic Dorset tea rooms (the Dorset Cream Tea is a must!) a first rate café and Fish and Chip shop near the Cove car park.

For the Children

In addition to all the active, sporty activities for families Lulworth has much to offer children and young people (and their parents!). Lulstead has managed to get some discounts for our guests at certain attractions, shown below. Just show your key when paying.

Oswald Bay, Durdle Door and the Cove have excellent, shingly beaches for youngsters to get involved with. You can find some sand at Durdle Door near the Camp if that floats their boat. Durdle Door also has probably the most sheltered and shallow water. A short trip to Swanage is rewarded with sandy beaches and an attractive resort town.

Lulworth Castle has a **Children's Animal Farm**.

A little further up the road is the fantastically equipped **Farmer Palmers**, near Wareham (10% discount for Lulstead guests). Why not give your youngsters a golden opportunity to interact with some furry friends and get involved in all sorts of fun, farm related activities!

Corfe Castle has a **Model Village** which should appeal to all the family, with an enchanted woodland, Courtyard café and landscaped garden.

Monkey World is an award winning, internationally acclaimed ape rescue centre situated 15 minutes drive away. It also has a 2 acre Adventure Playground!

Arne Toy Museum in Wareham is cute and cheerful. 01929 552018

The Dinosaur Museum in Dorchester has been voted in the top 10 'hands-on' museums for youngsters in the country. Got to be worth a look, a 25 minute drive from Lulworth.

Swanage Railway offers a great way to see the Isle of Purbeck on a restored Steam train.

Splashdown Poole is the ideal treat for a rainy day. Flumes, fun pool and café.

Weymouth Sealife Park lets you come face to face with sharks, seals, penguins and all sorts of fishy folk.

Farmer Palmers	Organford, BH16 6EU 01202 622022 http://www.farmerpalmers.co.uk/
Animal farm	Lulworth Castle, East Lulworth, Dorset. 0845 450 10540 http://www.lulworth.com/castle_farm.htm

Corfe Castle Model Village	Corfe Castle Village, BH20 5EZ 01929 481294. http://www.corfecastlemodelvillage.co.uk/
Monkey World	LONGTHORNS, WAREHAM, DORSET BH20 6HH. 01929 462537
Arne Toy Museum	01929 552018
Dinosaur museum	Icen Way Dorchester DT1 1EW 01305 269880 http://www.thedinosaurmuseum.com/
Swanage Railway	Station House, Swanage BH19 1HB 01929 425800
Splashdown Poole	Tower Park, Poole BH12 4NY 01202 716000 www.splashdownpoole.com
Weymouth Sealife Park	Lodmoor Park, Weymouth DT4 7SX 01305 761070 www.sealifeeurope.com

Links

General information

<http://www.lulworthonline.co.uk/>

<http://www.whatsondorset.co.uk/visitdorset.html>

http://www.purbeck.gov.uk/purbeck_tourism.aspx?gclid=COiJs_yf4ZkCFYQ-3god_w6gaw

<http://www.lulworth.com/>

http://gallery.beautifulengland.net/main.php?g2_itemId=9148