

Explore PORTLAND

The Island of Adventure



Easily accessible by road, public transport and cycle paths, Portland is an explorers Island just waiting to be discovered. It's rugged landscape, stunning coastline and fascinating history certainly sets it apart as a unique place to visit. Although visible from afar the most dramatic view of the island is as you approach it.



Rising dramatically to 500ft above sea level, Portland is an ideal place to take in some of the most breathtaking views of the magnificent World Heritage Jurassic Coast, which has been placed along the Grand Canyon and the Great Barrier Reef as a site of international importance.

One of the truly amazing views is from the top of Portland looking down onto the area that hosted the sailing events for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Sailing events and out over Chesil Beach, a remarkable pebble bank some 29km long, allow enough time to linger it's a lot to take in. Before you go take a picture of the 5 Olympic rings carved out of Portland Stone.

An extensive network of footpaths on the Island make it easy to explore its unique character or get back to nature Portland's Bird Observatory and Butterfly Conservation areas.



A must is a visit to Tout Quarry, Britain's only quarry sculpture park. Some 50 unusual works of art carved directly into the rock face.



As host venue for the sailing events for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic sailing events, and home of Team GBR Sailing, the waters around Portland provide the perfect setting for a whole host of water based activities from paddle boarding to diving. Why not have a go yourself; you never know you could be a natural.

You're spoilt for choice for places to eat and drink both inside and out. Fresh fish and locally sourced produce is in abundance on local menus so make sure you allow for a long lazy lunch.



When making your way either onto or off the Island, make sure you stop off at the redeveloped Chesil Beach visitor centre and cafe. Chat to one of the volunteers and see what wildlife you can spot on the fleet and discover how the great barrier of Chesil Beach was formed.



Portland has a colourful and exciting past steeped in maritime history which is bought to life at Portland Museum. A visit to Church Ope Cove will reveal the old 13C church and graveyard where smuggling and piracy legends live on.

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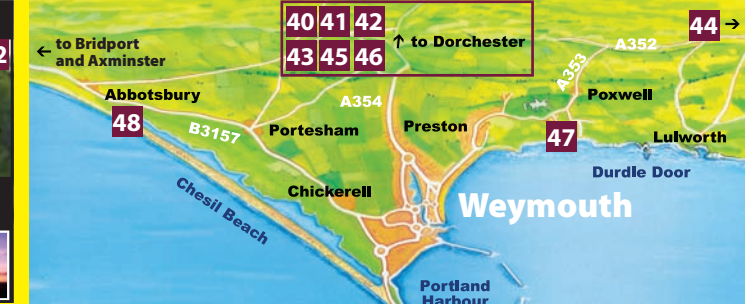
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- Dolphins
- Gardens
- Parking
- Petrol Pump
- Information Centre
- Viewing Point
- Cycle Path
- Minor Injuries Unit
- Sections of the BBC's 'Railway Walk' which are footpaths
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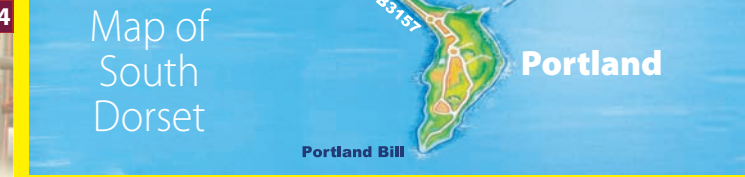
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