PURBECK HEATHS

National Nature Reserve

CAR FREE DAYS IN PURBECK





not just the destination

DAY OUT AT ARNE

LOCATION

The ideal place for walking, nature watching, outdoor eating, beach paddling, amazing views, heathland nature story. Open all year round.

BEST WAYS TO TRAVEL

Train to Wareham and onwards travel on the seasonal 2RN shuttle bus. Seasonal train to Purbeck Park at Norden and onwards travel by bike, or cycle from Burnbake Campsite.

THINGS TO SEE

Listen out for cuckoos in spring, changing colours of the heather in late summer, deer along the roadside in

ENTRANCE FEE

Free for those arriving by bike. Donations welcome.

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DAY OUT AT BROWNSEA ISLAND

LOCATION

The ideal place for a ferry experience, walking, nature watching, tree climbing, outdoor eating, island adventures, beach paddling, amazing views. Island open mid March to end October.

BEST WAYS TO TRAVEL

Accessible only via foot passenger ferry (no bikes allowed). Main service from Poole Ouav, accessed by train to Poole and onwards travel to the quay by Beryl bike or walk.

THINGS TO SEE

Stunning views of the harbour from the train between Wareham and Poole. Explore the historic Poole Trail from the station to the quay.

DAY OUT AT

BLUE POOL



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ENTRANCE FEE

Entrance fee combined with ferry price. Landing fee for those arriving on paddle craft.

FACILITIES

Toilets

Café

No bikes allowed

Mature watching

Wisitor hub

via train (Wareham) and/or bus (Wareham, Studland, Purbeck Park at Norden) with onward travel either on foot via the existing paths or bike via the existing cycle tracks. We are working really hard to improve the sustainable and active travel options for people and nature and we hope you can join us on this journey!

Purbeck Heaths National Nature Reserve (NNR)

This is a complex, protected landscape where some endangered species need bare ground to thrive, and others need protection from trampling and disturbance. To minimise our impact whilst maximising our experiences and connection to the nature, the best thing we can do is travel to the main entry points

Declared in 2020, is internationally important for nature. The land is owned and managed by several different organisations who are working together to enhance this special place for you to enjoy and wildlife to flourish. For more information, please ask at one of the visitor hubs and explore our website **purbeckheaths.org.uk**.

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Travelling from Norden Farm campsite or Burnbake campsite?

Download the suggested itineraries.

EXPLORE THE

Our impacts on the environment

HEATHS

Purbeck Heaths NNR









CAR-FREE TRAVEL OPTIONS

CYCLEXPERIENCE **BIKE HIRE**

To explore this amazing landscape on bike, hire a push bike or e-bike from Purbeck Park, Norden, to get to the beaches at Studland or Arne nature reserve or a looped route. Off-road forest cycling available on the Sika Trail in Wareham Forest. T. 01929 481606

MOREBUS PURBECK BREEZER

Sun, sea, sand and bus rides! Hop on board the Purbeck Breezer from Bournemouth (50), Poole (40) or Swanage (30 or 50) to access the Purbeck Heath's entry points at Wareham, Studland and Purbeck Park: morebus.co.uk/purbeck-breezer

SOUTH WEST TRAINS

Bournemouth-Poole-Wareham -Weymouth. Wareham is the closest mainline train services to the Purbeck Heaths: southwesternrailway.com

2RN BUS

Seasonal shuttle bus operated by Dorset Community Transport between May-September from Wareham train station and Arne with Stoborough and Ridge pick-ups, as well as a Purbeck Park at Norden-Arne route. To check timetable, route and costs contact RSPB Arne directly T. 01929 553360

BERYL BIKE HIRE

Hire one of the 680 Beryl 6 push bikes or e-bikes from any of the hundreds of parking bays operating in Bournemouth, Poole or the four National Trust Studland car parks. Bays also available at Sandbanks Ferry terminal and most train stations. E-scooters not available across the Dorset Council border:

SWANAGE RAILWAY

Traditional steam and diesel locomotives operate between Purbeck Park at Norden and Swanage, with route linking directly from Wareham train station.

DAY OUT AT KNOLL BEACH

LOCATION

Stunning sandy beaches, sand dunes systems, bird hides overlooking Little Sea lake.

BEST WAYS TO TRAVEL

Cycle on the National Cycle Network Route 2 from Wareham train station or Purbeck Park at Norden. From Bournemouth, take the number 50 bus or hire a Beryl bike over the Sandbanks Ferry.

THINGS TO SEE

Grazing animals, Agglestone Rock and stunning coastal and harbour vistas. Seasonal heathand nature including hares in spring, wildflowers in summer and purple heath in late summer.

ENTRANCE FEE

No entrance fee.



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FACILITIES

Toilets

Gift shop

Bird hides

Visitor hub

Nature watching

Cycle racks

Café

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LOCATION Tranquil walks around the

brilliant blue lake (former clay pit), children's play area, woodland exploring, on-site refreshments. Open all year round.

THINGS TO SEE

The village and castle of Corfe if coming from Swanage, archaeological features of interest in the landscape.

BEST WAYS TO TRAVEL

Number 30 or 40 bus to the Blue Pool stop then a 1km walk along the footpath. Recommended walk from Corfe via Norden Farm.

ENTRANCE FEE

Adults £7.50 Over 5s £3.75 Under 5s Free

(Correct as of January 2023)

DOGS & BIKES

BIKE ROUTES

SIKA TRAIL

At Wareham Forest. 3km and 11km route on waymarked posts through Forestry England woodland, accessible from the Sika Trail car park.

CYCLING FROM PURBECK PARK AT NORDEN

Navigate these routes from Purbeck Park via the Cyclexperience App, downloadable for free.

ARNE NATURE RESERVE

The easiest & flattest route, following a guiet lane to the stunning RSPB Nature Reserve and a secluded beach.

Length: 5 miles Time: 1-2 hours **Difficulty:** Easy

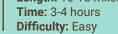


BIKE TO THE BEACH

If you cycle only once in Dorset, this is the route you should do! It is mostly flat, following off-road trails to Studland Beach with heathland and coastal views.

Length: 10-15 miles

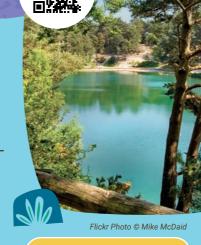




DOGS

Dogs need to be on short leads between **February**-**August** during the migratory ground nesting bird season and at any time around livestock. To take your dog for an off-lead walk, head to Bog Lane and Purbeck Dog Park near Rempstone.







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Walking routes Nature watching

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