

# PURBECK HEATHS

National Nature Reserve

## CAR FREE DAYS IN PURBECK



Enjoy the journey, not just the destination

## 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](https://www.morebus.co.uk/purbeck-breezer)

**SOUTH WEST TRAINS**  
Services between London-Bournemouth-Poole-Wareham-Weymouth. Wareham is the closest mainline train services to the Purbeck Heaths: [southwesternrailway.com](https://www.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 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: [beryl.cc](https://www.beryl.cc)

**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 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 autumn.

**ENTRANCE FEE**  
Free for those arriving by bike. Donations welcome.

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- FACILITIES**
- Toilets
  - Café
  - Gift shop
  - Cycle racks
  - Bird hides
  - Nature watching
  - Visitor hub

## 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 Quay, 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.



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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
  - Nature watching
  - Visitor hub

## EXPLORE THE HEATHS



**Our impacts on the environment**  
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 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)**  
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](https://www.purbeckheaths.org.uk).

**Travelling from Norden Farm campsite or Burnbake campsite?**  
Download the suggested itineraries.



## 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 heathland nature including hares in spring, wildflowers in summer and purple heath in late summer.

**ENTRANCE FEE**  
No entrance fee.



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  - Watersports hub
  - Visitor hub
  - Beryl Bike Hire

## DAY OUT AT BLUE POOL



**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)



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- FACILITIES**
- Toilets
  - Café
  - Gift shop
  - Cycle racks
  - Walking routes
  - Nature watching
  - Visitor hub

## 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 Cyclcexperience App, downloadable for free.



**ARNE NATURE RESERVE**  
The easiest & flattest route, following a quiet 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  
**Time:** 3-4 hours  
**Difficulty:** Easy

**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.



# EXPLORE PURBECK HEATHS

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ENJOY RESPONSIBLY

Please do not light a fire or BBQ on the heaths, they catch fire easily. Some campsites may allow BBQs or firepits in allocated areas, check directly with your campsite.

MAP KEY

Urban Area

Single Grazing Unit

NNR Area

Campsite

View Point

Picnic Area

Café

CyclExperience Bike Hire

Purbeck Mining Museum

Walking Routes

Nature Watching

Gift Shop

Beach

Play Area

Entrance Fee

Toilets

Beryl Bikes

Dog Park

30

Breezer 30 Seasonal Bus Route

40

Breezer 40 Bus Route

50

Breezer 50 Bus Route

2RN

2RN Bus Route Stopping Points

South West Coast Path

The Purbeck Way Walk

National Cycle Network Route 2 (Road)

National Cycle Network Route 2 (Off-road)

Bike To The Beach Route

Arne Nature Reserve Route

Poole Harbour Trail #1

Poole Harbour Trail #2

SCAN FOR ROUTES

Download more walking and cycling routes from the resources section of the Purbeck Heaths website

The map displays the Purbeck Heath National Nature Reserve, a coastal area in Dorset, England. It features a variety of heaths including Arne, Stoborough, Hartland Moor, Middlebere, Rempstone, Newton, Godlingston, and Studland. Key locations marked include Wareham, Corfe, Swanage, and Brownsea Island. The map highlights several visitor hubs with icons for facilities like toilets, picnic areas, and bike hire. It also shows various transport routes, including bus routes (Breezer 30, 40, 50, 2RN) and cycling routes (National Cycle Network, Bike To The Beach, Arne Nature Reserve). Other features include campsites, dog parks, and specific points of interest like the Blue Pool and Purbeck Park. A map key on the left explains the symbols used, and a QR code at the bottom left provides access to more resources. A disclaimer and copyright notice are located in the bottom right corner.

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