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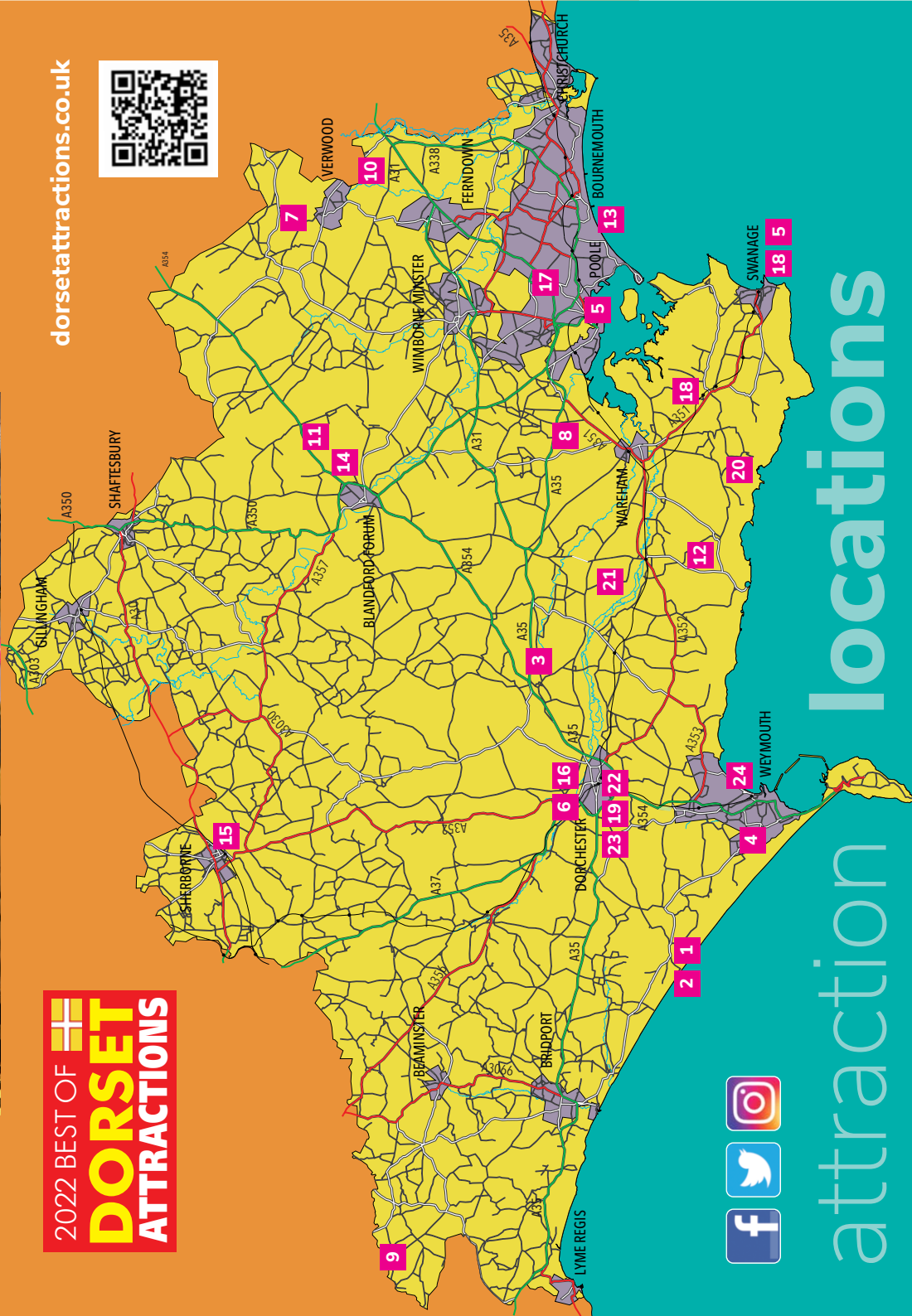
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Abbotsbury Swannery



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The only colony of nesting mute swans in the world. See over 600 free flying swans, cygnets hatching mid-May to June end. Mass feeding 12 noon and 4pm daily. Giant Swan Maze (open weather permitting). Snacks, lunches, and teas served in the licensed Swannery Café by the children's play area.

Booking & info: abbotsburyswannery.co.uk
T: 01305 871858 P: DT3 4JG



City Cruises Poole



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City Cruises offer award winning boat trips all year round. Why not spend the afternoon enjoying a picturesque tour of Poole Harbour or relaxing as you take a trip along the historical Jurassic coast seeing historical landmarks such as Sandbanks and Old Harry Rocks.

Booking & info: citycruisespoole.com
T: 020 77 400 400



Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens



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Travel the world in 30 acres, this garden showcases nearly 6,000 plants from all around the world. The Coffee Shop has a splendid veranda which overlooks the sunken garden. There is also a very well stocked plant centre, quality gift shop and free car parking.

Booking & info: abbotsburygardens.co.uk
T: 01305 871387 P: DT3 4LA



Dorset Museum Dorchester

Dorset Museum

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A place to connect with 250 million years of Dorset's history. Discover the richness of our county's natural historical and cultural heritage through our world-class collections. Everybody will find something here to interest, inspire, fascinate and inspire. We hope it will ignite a desire to explore Dorset.

Booking & info: dorsetmuseum.org
T: 01305 262735 P: DT1 1XA



Athelhampton House & Garden

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One of Dorset's oldest and favourite visitor attractions. This Tudor Manor is situated in award winning formal gardens. New in 2022, will see additional rooms, including the Elizabethan Kitchen open for the first time. You can explore the house, wander the gardens and enjoy produce from the restored kitchen garden, in the restaurant.

Booking & info: athelhampton.co.uk
T: 01305 848363 P: DT2 7LG



Dorset Heavy Horse Farm Park

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Visit Dorset's favourite family run farm park - Award winning-day out! Enjoy carriage & tractor rides, daily shows, farm tours, exhibits from days gone by, extensive play areas, children's rides, go-carts, WW1 trenches, Western Café & more! A full days events for ADULTS & CHILDREN.

Book & info: dorset-heavy-horse-centre.co.uk
E: office@dorset-heavy-horse-centre.co.uk
T: 01202-824040 P: BH21 5RJ



Bennetts Water Gardens

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Renowned for its replica Monet Bridge and National Plant Collection of Water Lilies flowering through the summer with 8 acres of lakeside walks and garden trails for children. Tropical House, Heritage Museum, Gift Shop & Plant Centre. Licensed Café Monet serves lunches, homemade cakes and cream teas. Under 5s Free.

Booking & info: bennettswatergardens.com
T: 01305 785150 P: DT3 4AF



Farmer Palmer's Farm Park



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Palmer Family owned & run. Designed for children 8 yrs & under. Fantastic day out with so much to do to keep your little VIP's entertained! Incredible Team. Interactive animal experiences. Rain or shine, Indoor and outdoor play areas, Dinosaur Trail, Brilliant Restaurant. Book Online.

Booking & info: farmerpalmer.co.uk
T: 01202 622022 P: BH16 6EU



Forde Abbey House & Gardens

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The Kennard Family welcomes you to their unique 850 year old house and 30 acres of award-winning gardens, with topiary lined avenues, England's tallest powered fountain, walled kitchen garden and renowned Mortlake tapestries. Visit the gift shop, plant nursery, enjoy lunch or homemade cakes in our tea rooms.

Booking & info: fordeabbey.co.uk
T: 01460 221290 P: TA20 4LU



Splashdown Waterpark

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The south's favourite all action waterpark attraction. Thrills and spills as you slide your way down some the UK's most exciting waterslides. Seasonally outside, but year round fun inside. See website for full details of opening times sessions and prices.
ONLINE BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Book & info: splashdownwaterparks.co.uk
T: 01202 716123 P: BH12 4NY

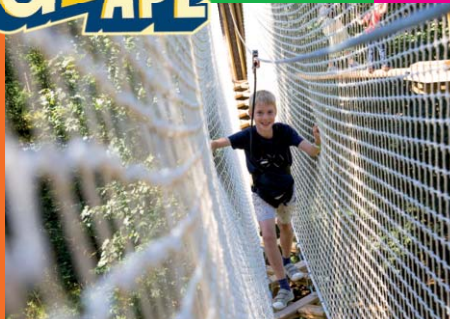


Go Ape - Moors Valley

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Live life adventurously at GO APE Moors Valley! Test your skills on three High ropes, high thrill adventures. Experience the woods in a whole new way on Forest Segways. Even tiny tots can take to the trees without the need for a harness on Go Ape's exclusive, 'Nets Adventure'. Adventures for all the family in the beautiful New Forest. Join the tribe and live life adventurously!

Booking & info: goape.co.uk/moors-valley
T: 01603 895500 P: BH24 2ET



Swanage Railway

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Located in the Isle of Purbeck, the rebuilt Swanage Railway is the perfect place to enjoy a great family day out on Dorset's Jurassic Coast. The heritage railway attraction operates full-size steam and diesel passenger trains along the five and a half miles of line from Norden to Corfe Castle & down to the seaside town of Swanage.

Booking & info: swanagerailway.co.uk
T: 01929 425800 P: BH19 1HB



Great Dorset Steam Fair

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The Great Dorset Steam Fair is recognised as the World's leading and largest heritage event, showcasing Great Britain's rich industrial, agricultural and leisure history. The event is an excellent educational, action packed day out for all the family. Held over 5 days on the August Bank Holiday weekend annually.

Booking & info: gdsf.co.uk
T: 01258 860361 P: DT11 8HX



The Dinosaur Museum

Dorchester

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This is a real museum for today. It's not a theme park and there's not an animatronic in sight! It's Britain's original Dinosaur Museum, with skeletons, fossils, dinosaur reconstructions and interactive displays. See millions of years of amazing creatures from the Jurassic Coast and beyond at this award-winning museum. Covid safe. Dog friendly. Open daily.

Booking & info: thedinosaurmuseum.com
T: 01305 269880 P: DT1 1UW



Lulworth Castle

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This magnificent C17th castle is steeped in history. Climb the tower for spectacular panoramic views of countryside and coast, enjoy a picnic or a light bite in the Castle Tearoom. Children's playground and ancient woodlands to explore. Visit the C18th Roman Catholic Chapel and the C15th Church.

Booking & info: lulworth.com
T: 01929 400352 P: BH20 5QS



The Etches Collection

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Our Museum of Jurassic Marine Life in Kimmeridge is the finest collection of Late Jurassic age fossils in Britain. Watch sea monsters swimming above the gallery whilst the exceptionally preserved fossils below provide an insight into how these marine creatures lived, bred and died. Family friendly activities, fully accessible, gift shop and refreshments.

Booking & info: theetchescollection.org
T: 01929 270000 P: BH20 5PE



Rock Reef & Pier Zip



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RockReef is an all year, all weather exciting activity attraction with 28 fun themed climbing walls and adrenaline activities. Outside is the awesome PierZip, the first pier to shore zip wire in the world! located at the end of the iconic Bournemouth Pier, suitable for ages 4+.

Booking & info: rockreef.co.uk
T: 01202 983983 P: BH2 5AA



The Tank Museum

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Experience the biggest day out in history! The Tank Museum brings the story of tank and their crews to life, with the world's finest collection of tanks displayed in awe-inspiring exhibitions. Live displays, kids activities and epic events throughout the year. Book online and save

Booking & info: tankmuseum.org
T: 01929 405096 P: BH20 6JG



Royal Signals Museum

*Adults MUST bring ID

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DISCOVER - Spies, Codes and secret Agents. Codes and Code-Breaking! From Semaphore to Satellites and Fire to Fibre optics - EXPERIENCE the interactive History, Science and Technology of communications at the Royal Signals Museum. Plus - Women at war - Animals at War - Despatch Riders and Motorcycle Collection.

Booking & info: royalsignalsmuseum.co.uk
T: 01258 4822248 P: DT3 4LA



The Teddy Bear Museum

Dorchester

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An unmissable and enchanting experience for the young and young at heart. Over 100 years of teddies of all sizes displayed in a charming vintage setting. Featured on Blue Peter and BBC's Antiques Road Trip.

THE TERRACOTTA WARRIORS In the Exhibition Hall
An inspiring exhibition of China's Terracotta Warriors recreating the wonder of these amazing treasures of ancient China. Antiquities & Replicas.
Booking & info: teddybearmuseum.co.uk
T: 01305 266040 P: DT1 1JU



Sherborne Castle & Gardens



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Discover Dorset's best kept secret! Built by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1594, home of the Digby Family since 1617. Explore acres of "Capability" Brown's Landscape Garden. Listen to a Garden audio tour & discover the great stories of the castle walking in the footsteps of Royalty & Sir Walter Raleigh. Visit the Family Museum.

Booking & info: sherbornecastle.com
T: 01935 813182 P: DT9 5NR



The Tutankhamun Exhibition

Dorchester

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Tut's 100th anniversary year. Be with Howard Carter as he makes the greatest archeological discovery of all time. Step back to 1922. Enter the tomb, come face to face with Tut's mummy and his greatest treasures, all brilliantly recreated. "Gold everywhere the glint of gold". Britain's only exhibition of its kind. Featured globally on TV. Covid safe. Dog friendly. Open daily.

Booking & info: tutankhamun-exhibition.co.uk
T: 01305 269571 P: DT1 1UW



Shire Hall

Dorchester



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An award-winning social justice museum in the heart of Dorset, Shire Hall Museum brings over 200 years of justice and injustice to life. With a variety of interactive events and exhibitions throughout the year, there is something for everyone to enjoy at Shire Hall.

Booking & info: shirehalldorset.org
T: 01305 261849 P: DT1 1UY



Weymouth SEA LIFE Adventure Park



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Explore an amazing underwater world! Weymouth SEA LIFE is home to over 2,000 creatures, including the UK's only colony of Fairy Penguins. With our Caribbean Cove adventure play area, Splash water zone and new 'Night & Day' ocean experience there's lots to discover. Prebooking essential.

Booking & info: visitsealife.com/weymouth
Postcode: DT4 7SX



Discover our ocean by night & day