

Pick up
Your guide to
18 top days out
around Dorset

BEST OF DORSET ATTRACTIONS

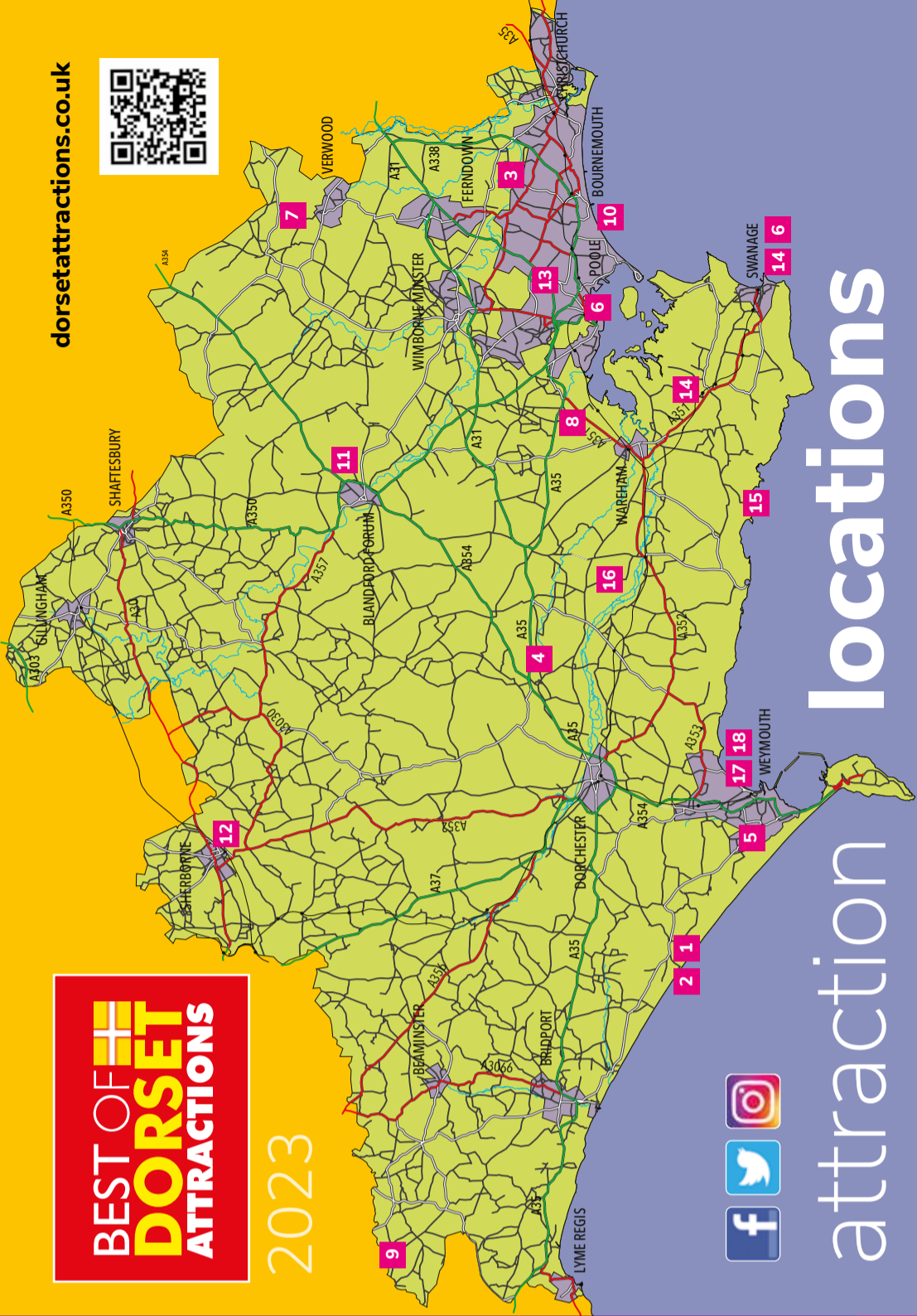
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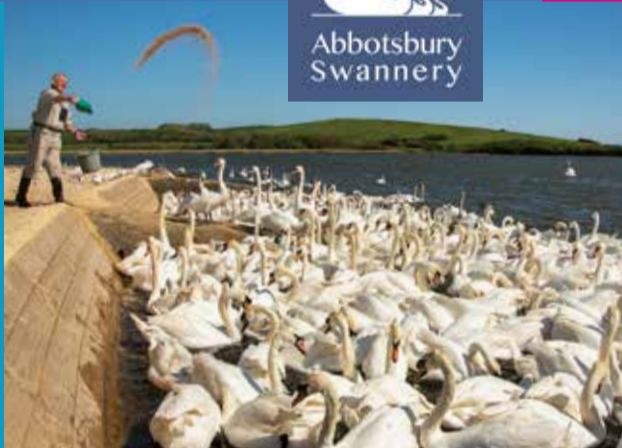
Abbotsbury Swannery

Visit 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. Swan Maze (open weather permitting), pedal go karts, wild meadow walk, coffee & gift shops. Free car parking.

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



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Athelhampton House & Gardens

One of Dorset's oldest and favourite visitor attractions. This Tudor Manor is situated in award winning formal gardens. See newly opened rooms. You can explore the house, wander the gardens and enjoy produce from the restored kitchen garden, in the restaurant. **Kids go free.**

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



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Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens

Travel the world in 30 acres. Visit this massive collection of rare and exotic plants set in its own micro-climate on the Jurassic Coast. Visit through the differing seasons to experience all the Garden's beauty. Coffee shop, quality gift shop & specialist plant centre. Free car parking.

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



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Bennetts Water Garden

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
Sat Nav: DT3 4AF



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Adventure Wonderland

Adventure Wonderland is a fantastic family day out!

Enjoy a full day of fun including rides and attractions, huge indoor play, outdoor play, crazy golf, animal area and showtime in the theatre. Tasty treats in the cafe and super souvenirs in the gift shop.

Booking & info:
adventurewonderland.co.uk
T: 01202 483444
Sat Nav: BH23 6BA



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City Cruises Poole

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



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Dorset Heavy Horse Farm Park

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Visit Dorset's favourite family run farm park - **Award winning day-out for EVERY GENERATION!**

Enjoy carriage & tractor rides, daily shows, hands on farm yard tours, exhibits from days gone by, extensive play areas, children's rides, go-carts, WW1 field trenches, Western Cafe & MORE! A full day's schedule of events runs for both ADULTS & CHILDREN! Voted Dorset's BEST VALUE attraction!

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



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
Sat Nav: BH12 4NY



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: farmerpalmers.co.uk
T: 01202 622022
Sat Nav: BH16 6EU

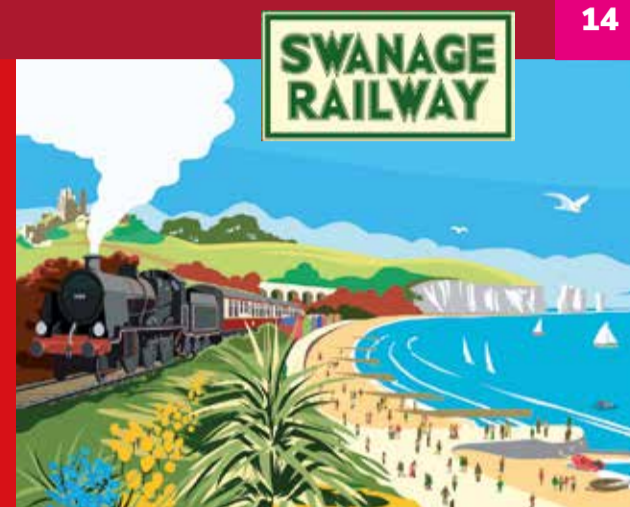


Swanage Railway

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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 Sat Nav: BH19 1HB



Forde Abbey & Gardens

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A 900 year old Abbey set within 30 acres of award winning gardens with naturalised crocus on lawns, topiary-lined vistas, herbaceous borders, bog gardens, kitchen garden, wildflower meadows an arboretum, ponds and meandering pathways with plenty of seating to admire the views. It is also home to the highest powered fountain in the Country. A gift shop, specialist plant nursery, pottery and coffee shop make it a full day out.

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



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 Sat Nav: BH20 5PE



RockReef Indoor Activity Attraction & PierZip

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There is Fun and Adventure for all the family at Rockreef! Exciting activities include 28 fun, themed climbing walls, an Aerial Obstacle course, indoor cave and much more! Outside is the world's only pier to shore zip wire! located on the end of Bournemouth Pier.

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



The Tank Museum

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Experience the biggest day out in history!

The Tank Museum brings the story of tanks 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 10%**

Booking & info: tankmuseum.org
T: 01929 405096
Sat Nav: 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
Sat Nav: DT3 4LA



SandWorld Sand Sculpture Park

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Unique, Creative & Fun

See enormous Sand Sculptures created by leading sand artists. You can get creative in our giant all-weather sand pits, with tools and helpful staff at hand - **A must for all ages!** 4 & under go free. Café, gift shop, wheelchair & dog friendly.

Book online to save: sandworld.co.uk
T: 07411 387529
sport.angle.eyelashes
Sat Nav: DT4 7SX



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. 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
Sat Nav: DT9 5NR



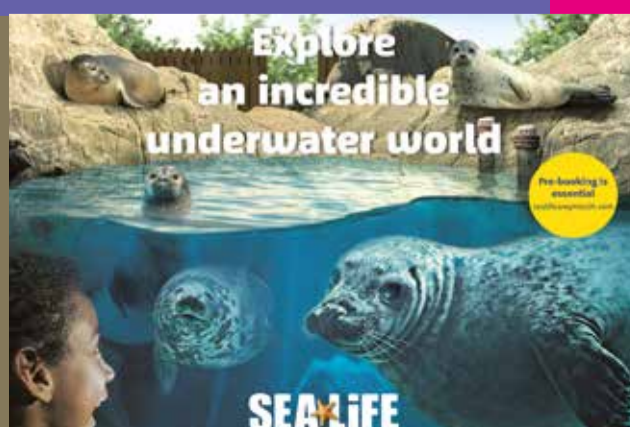
Weymouth SEA LIFE Adventure Park

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Dive in and meet our creatures!

Take a fascinating journey to the ocean depths at Weymouth SEA LIFE Adventure Park. Explore over 2,000 creatures, including our cheeky Humboldt colony and magnificent Harbour seals. Spot majestic sharks and rays as they glide over our ocean tunnel. With fun talks, animal feeds and special events throughout the year - there is plenty for everyone to enjoy!

Booking & info: sealifeweymouth.com
Sat Nav: DT4 7SX



Explore an incredible underwater world

