



Dorchester

Places to visit

Dorchester is the perfect base from which to explore the wider county of Dorset. Home to a great number of museums – from the Dorset Museum to the Tutankhamun Museum - it's even possible to step into the world of Thomas Hardy. Leaving Dorchester to the west you will discover Maiden Castle, one of the largest and most complex Iron Age hillforts in Europe, and to the east, the National Trust property Max Gate.

Literary Links

Thomas Hardy's fictional 'Casterbridge' was actually Dorchester. The author is immortalised with a statue beside the Top O' Town roundabout.



Find our Literary Walking Guides on our website and join the Hardy Way walk from the station. See the Long-Distance Walking Association website ldwa.org.uk for more information.



Moreton

In 1923 T.E. Lawrence joined the Tank Corps at Bovington and purchased the nearby Clouds Hill as his home. During the Second World War a bomb destroyed the windows of St Nicholas Church. These were replaced with designs by Sir Laurence Whistler over a period of thirty years. The village is approx. 25 minute's walk from the station and picturesque Moreton Ford on the River Frome is 10 minutes further on.



Places to visit

Why not walk the Lawrence of Arabia Walking Trail and visit Clouds Hill? Or see the etched windows at St Nicholas Church then visit the nearby Walled Garden. The Cider Museum and Sculpture by the Lakes are slightly further from the village.

Literary Links

T. E. Lawrence is buried in Moreton in a graveyard opposite the church. Find our Literary Walking Guides on our website. Join the Lawrence of Arabia Walking Trail from the station. See visit-dorset.com.



Moreton

History

Opened in 1847, Moreton Station serves the local communities of Moreton, and nearby Crossways. The original station buildings have all been demolished.



Transport connections

The station is served by hourly South Western Railway trains and local taxi information is on display.

Cycle/walking routes from the station
Please see our website.



We need your help

Volunteer information

Moreton Station is looking for adoption – Do you think you would like to help care for the station? If so, please contact us via info@purbeckcrp.org.uk.



Wool

Places to visit

A beautiful village, Wool provides an excellent access point for the Jurassic Coast with buses to Lulworth and Durdle Door or the nearby Bovington Tank Museum and Monkey World. Or why not look at the many attractions in the village as portrayed on the information board outside the station near the bus stop. The old part of the village has many picturesque cottages which border a chalk stream.

Literary Links

Wool can boast connections to T.E. Lawrence who lived at Clouds Hill when he was stationed at nearby Bovington, and to Thomas Hardy who featured the village as a main location in his novel 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles'.



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Wool

History

Wool Station was opened in 1847, as part of the Southampton to Dorchester Railway. The original building was demolished in 1969 and the new, prefabricated building, was erected shortly afterwards. The original Goods Shed remains.



Transport connections

Hourly trains serve Wool and buses and local taxis from the forecourt can take you on to Lulworth and Durdle Door.

Cycle/walking routes from the station
See the large wayfinding sign facing the station exit.

We need your help

Volunteer information

Wool Station is looked after by the Friends of Wool Station. However, we are always on the lookout for more help. So, if you want to take pride in your local station, we would love to hear from you.



Wareham

Places to visit

Wareham is a great place to begin your exploration of Purbeck and the Jurassic Coast. There's lots to see in Wareham itself, with walks through the town and around the surrounding countryside and heathland. You can even take a boat trip down the River Frome from the Quay. Wareham Museum offers a rich insight into the history of Wareham and the restored Rex Cinema is a must see. Once you've explored the town, take a bus through the Purbeck Hills and on to the Jurassic Coast and its famous coastline. Further on is the nature reserve at RSPB Arne. Did you know Dorset is home to all six of Britain's indigenous reptile species?

The Friends commissioned the Wareham Area Men's Shed to produce a replica of Stephenson's Rocket and leave a legacy at the station for all passengers and local people transiting the station to see. They created a scaled replica of the historic Stephenson's Rocket steam loco which was planted with flowers to form part of the '200 Years of Train Travel'.



Wareham

History

The original Wareham Station opened in 1847, but when the Swanage branch opened in 1885, a handsome new station was built in the ornate 'Dutch Gables' design to replace it. That building remains in use today.



Transport connections

South Western Railway trains operate frequently from Wareham Station whilst regular buses can take you on to Corfe Castle and Swanage and the surrounding countryside. Cyclists and walkers will find lots to enjoy in Wareham.

Cycle/walking routes from the station
Please see our website.

We need your help

Volunteer information

The Friends of Wareham Railway Station adopted the station in 2012, and maintain the beautiful flower planters along the platforms. Don't miss the information sign in the station car park that the volunteers produced. We are always on the lookout for more help, and would love to hear from you.



Holton Heath

Places to visit

Hidden behind a modern industrial estate, discover the sandy shores of Poole Harbour. Follow the old route of the military railway along the Cordite Way. Passing between the water and nature reserves, trace the old ruins down to the harbour with stunning views over Poole, Brownsea Island and RSPB Arne.

Opposite the station entrance is the vast area of the Royal Navy cordite factory. Mostly decommissioned in 1945 it is still possible to view the ghostly remains of its many buildings (on private MOD land) through substantial boundary fencing.

Sandford Heath National Nature Reserve is a wildlife haven a 5 minute walk away from the station. Some remnants of the Royal Navy cordite factory defences can be found within the nature reserve.



Holton Heath

History

Holton Heath Station, located between remote heathland and farmland, opened in 1916 to serve the adjacent cordite factory built for the Royal Navy that was used extensively during the First World War. The station opened to the public in 1924.



Transport connections

Hourly South Western Railway trains call at the station and it is possible to cycle or walk on towards Wareham and Poole.

Cycle/walking routes from the station
Cycle/walking routes from the station including the Cordite Way and Wareham. Please see Poole Harbour Trails website for more information. <https://pooleharbourtrails.org.uk/>

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Connecting People by Train

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Travel Information

Trains

National Rail Enquiries

03457 48 49 50 nationalrail.co.uk

South Western Railway

0345 6000 650 southwesternrailway.com

Buses (Summer only services*)

Jurassic Coaster

x54 Weymouth-Wareham (-Swanage*)

x50 Weymouth-Swanage*

55 Lulworth and Bovington via Wool Station, Tank Museum and Monkey World*

Operated by firstbus firstbus.co.uk/wessex

Purbeck Breezer

30 Swanage - Weymouth/Dorchester*

31 Wool-Durdle Door-Lulworth*

35 Wareham Holiday Parks- Swanage*

40 Swanage-Wareham-Poole

50 Swanage-Poole-Bournemouth via ferry

Operated by morebus purbeckbreezer.co.uk

Cycling/Walking

A variety of cycling/walking guides are available on our website with links for further information.



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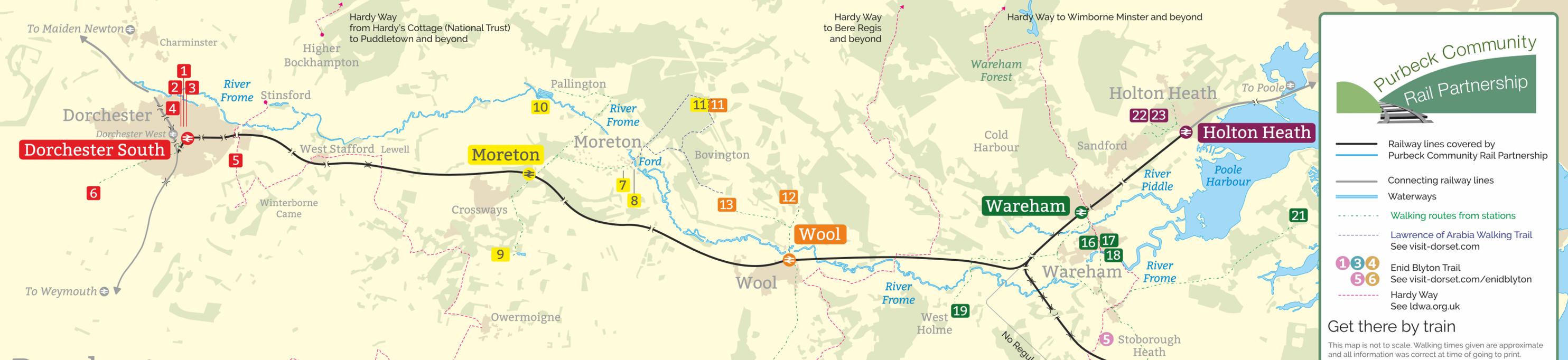
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1 Dorset Museum High West Street
dorsetmuseum.org 01305 262735
A 10 minute walk from Dorchester South Station

2 Tutankhamun Exhibition 25 High West Street
tutankhamun-exhibition.co.uk 01305 269571
An 11 minute walk from Dorchester South Station

3 Dinosaur Museum Icen Way
thedinosaurmuseum.com 01305 269880
An 11 minute walk from Dorchester South Station



4 The Keep Military Museum 25 Bridport Road
keepmilitarymuseum.org 07586 161872
An 11 minute walk from Dorchester South Station



5 Max Gate Alington Avenue
nationaltrust.org.uk/max-gate 0344 249 1895
A 22 minute walk from Dorchester South Station



6 Maiden Castle Maiden Castle Road
english-heritage.org.uk
A 35 minute walk from Dorchester South Station

Moreton



7 The Walled Garden and Dovecote Café
walledgardenmoreton.co.uk 01929 462243
A 35 minute walk from Moreton Station



8 St Nicholas Church Moreton
stnicholasmoreton.org.uk 0843 886 8668
A 35 minute walk from Moreton Station

9 Mill House Cider Museum
The Mill House, 33 Moreton Road, Owermoigne
millhousecider.com 01305 852220
A 35 minute walk from Moreton Station



10 Sculpture By The Lakes
Dorset's Botanic Garden Pallington Lakes
sculpturebythelakes.co.uk 07720 637808
A 50 minute walk from Moreton Station



11 Clouds Hill King George V Road, Bovington
nationaltrust.org.uk/clouds-hill 01929 405616
cloudshill@nationaltrust.org.uk
Approx. 65 minute walk from Moreton Station

Wool



12 Monkey World - Ape Rescue Centre
Tout Hill, Longthorns, Wareham
monkeyworld.org 01929 462537
A 28 min. walk from Wool Stn or a short bus ride on the 55



13 The Tank Museum
Linsay Road, Bovington tankmuseum.org
A 40 min. walk from Wool Stn or a short bus ride on the 55



Jurassic Coast jurassiccoast.org and visit-dorset.com

14 Lulworth Cove A 1hr 45 min walk from Wool Station or you can reach the Cove on both the X54 and on summer buses 30, 31, X50 and 55



15 Durdle Door A 1hr 45 min walk from Wool Station or you can reach Durdle Door on both the X54 and on summer buses 30, 31 and X50

Wareham

16 Wareham Town Museum Town Hall, East St
https://www.greenacre.info/WTM/ 01929 553448
A 13 minute walk from Wareham Station

17 Rex Cinema 14 West Street
therex.co.uk
A 13 minute walk from Wareham Station



18 River Frome Boat Trips The Quay, Wareham
warehamboat hire.co.uk 01929 550688
A 15 minute walk from Wareham Station



19 Holme for Gardens West Holme, Wareham
holmeforgardens.co.uk 01929 554716
A 1 hr walk from Wareham Station, or 8 minute bus ride from Wareham on X54 Jurassic Coaster then 16 minute walk from the Sunnydown bus stop



20 The Blue Pool Nature Reserve & Tea Rooms
Furzebrook Road, Wareham
https://bluepooltearooms.co.uk/ 01929 558150
A 1hr 16 min walk or 9 min bus ride from the station on Purbeck Breezer 40 (or 30 summer only). Alight at the Blue Pool Lane bus stop for a 17 min walk



21 RSPB Arne Arne Road, Arne rspb.org.uk
A 1hr 29 min walk or 10 min bus ride from Wareham Stn on Purbeck Breezer 40. Alight at Stoborough Green for a 3 mile walk along New Road then Arne Road. Or take the seasonal direct Purbeck Shuttle 200 bus

Isle of Purbeck

Holton Heath



22 Sandford Heath National Nature Reserve
https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/sandford-heath

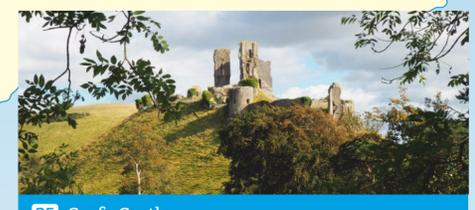
23 Royal Navy cordite factory rncf.co.uk
Some of the remains of the factory and its defences are situated within Sandford Heath Nature Reserve
A 5 minute walk from Holton Heath Station



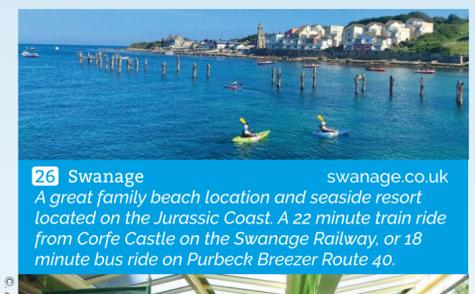
25 Corfe Castle
nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/dorset/corfe-castle
A 20 minute bus ride from Wareham Station on Purbeck Breezer Route 40. From the picturesque railway station ideally located in the village you can catch the Swanage Railway trains to Harman's Cross and Swanage, as well as trains heading north to Norden for Purbeck Park, and Mining Museum.



24 Swanage Heritage Railway
https://www.swanagerailway.co.uk 01929 425800
info@swanagerailway.co.uk
Change at Swanage Station for bus services to Wareham and Bournemouth via the Studland Ferry
https://www.morebus.co.uk/purbeck-breezer



26 Swanage swanage.co.uk
A great family beach location and seaside resort located on the Jurassic Coast. A 22 minute train ride from Corfe Castle on the Swanage Railway, or 18 minute bus ride on Purbeck Breezer Route 40.



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