

# northdown farm

## local activities and foraging guide

### - Free attractions -

**Weymouth Town** DT4 7DQ – Weymouth has two main shopping streets (St Mary Street and St Thomas Street) as well as several other centrally-located interesting shopping areas.

**Weymouth Beach** DT4 7NJ – 3 miles of sandy beach – a haven for young children. With donkey rides, fairground rides, storytelling, pedalos, deck chairs, charming and quintessentially British.

**The Old Harbour, Weymouth** DT4 8BG – Perfect for children who love to fish for crabs and to watch the fishing boats come and go. See our historic boats My Girl and Enchantress by Brewers Quay.

**Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy** DT5 1SA - Portland – 01305 866000. Shops, cafes and lots of boats! See where the 2012 sailing Olympics were held.

**Radipole Lake and Lodmoor Nature reserves, Weymouth, DT4 7TZ** - Excellent bird watching areas.

**Lodmoor Country Park** DT4 7SX – Perfect for a walk or cycle. Also has many paid attractions around or in the park, listed below in 'paid attractions' section. Pirate ship play park and lots of picnic tables.

**Bowleaze Market** DT3 6PW – every Monday

**Dorchester Market** DT1 1QR – every Wednesday

**Weymouth Market** DT4 7TY – every Thursday

**Jordan Hill Roman Temple** DT3 6PL – English Heritage site but free for all. Remains of a Romano-Celtic temple, near Bowleaze Cove.

**Lulworth Cove/ Durdle Door** BH20 5PU- a natural horseshoe harbour situated 10 miles to the East via road

**Sandsfoot Castle** DT4 8QE – Weymouth – one of Henry VIII's Device forts (aka Henrician castles) - 01305 838297

### - Paid attractions -

**Coastline Cruises** – Brewers Quay, Weymouth DT4 8TJ – just over the town bridge from the main shopping area. Daily sailings – 01305 785000 / 07749 732428

**Sandworld** – Lodmoor Country Park, Weymouth DT4 7SX. 07411 387529

**Nothe fort** – Weymouth, DT4 8UF. 01305 766626

**D Day Museum** – Castletown, Portland DT5 1BD – 07850 243675

**Sea Life Centre** – Lodmoor Country Park, Weymouth DT4 7SX. 01305 761070 or 0871 423 2110

**Sea Life Tower** – Lodmoor Country Park, Weymouth DT4 8DX – entry included in sea life ticket.

**Sea Life Land Train** – Lodmoor Country Park, Weymouth DT4 7SX – entry included in sea life ticket.

**Pirate Adventure Mini Golf** – Lodmoor Country Park, Weymouth DT4 7SX. 01305 781797

**Leisure Ranch** – Lodmoor Country park, Weymouth DT4 7SX. Go-Karts, bumper cars, slide. 01305 761420

**Pitch and Put** – Lodmoor Country Park, Weymouth DT4 7SX.

**Rio Grande Railway** – Lodmoor Country Park, Weymouth DT4 7SX. Small gauge diesel train, 7 min journey around the middle of the country park.

**The Front Skate park** – Next to Lodmoor Country Park, Weymouth DT4 7SX.

**Cineworld** – Multiplex cinema, Weymouth town centre DT4 8LY. 0871 200 2000

**Lakeside Superbowl** – Bowling alley, Weymouth town centre DT4 8AD. 01305 781444 or 08430 290 8935

**Alexandra Gardens** – On Weymouth beach, pavilion end DT4 8DL. Rides, amusements & arcades

**Pavilion** – Weymouth sea front DT4 8ED. Theatre shows and entertainment based events. 01305 783225

**Fantasy Island** – Bowleaze Cove DT3 6PW . This is in walking distance from Eweleaze, just along the coast path. 01305 834746. Amusement park offering bumper cars, a ghost train and other rides, along with an arcade, café and soft play area.

**Granby fun factory** – Granby Industrial Estate, Weymouth DT4 9TH. Large children's soft play area and laser zone. 01305 777334 (free parking)

**Abbotsbury Swannery** – 01305 871858 DT3 4JG. Situated on the other side of Weymouth. This is a sanctuary for nesting Mute Swans. Includes children's play area and maze.

**Abbotsbury Children's farm** – 01305 871817 DT3 4JJ. Situated on the west side of Weymouth. – A great place for a family looking for a good day out. There are many animals which you can meet and feed. It is considered one of the best children's farms in Dorset.

**Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens** – 01305 871387 DT3 4LA. 18th-century garden with rare plants and notable magnolia and camellia blooms, and a restaurant.

**Monkey World** – Wareham BH20 6HH – 01929 462534

**Tank Museum** – Bovington – 01929 40596

**Portland Bill Lighthouse** DT5 2JT

**Portland Castle** – DT5 1AZ – 0370 333 1181

**Portland Museum** – DT5 1HS – 01305 821204

**Dorset Snow sports Centre** – Warmwell, Dorchester DT2 8JE – 01305 854216

### - Local Shops -

**Co-op** – 01305 832035 – DT3 6BG – a 5 minute drive or 15 minute walk. On foot - follow the foot path out of the campsite into the village of Sutton Poyntz. Follow the road through the village until you reach the main road. Turn right and carry on down that road. The co-op is on your right.

By car - turn right onto the main road and straight down the Co-op is on your right.

**Spar** – 01305 832114 – DT3 6BG – As above, 100m further along the road on the left.

**Chalbury Wine Stores** – 01305 833190 DT3 6BG - Follow directions for Spar and carry on until you reach Preston roundabout, where you will find it just off the roundabout to your right.

**Rowlands Pharmacy** – 01305 833379 DT3 6LD – Follow directions for Chalbury Wine Stores.

**Sainsbury's** – 01305 761787 – DT3 5BJ – A 15 minute drive from the Eweleaze site. Turn left out of site, go 1½ miles to the roundabout and turn right. Go 1½ miles and join the new road signposted Town Centre. Take the signs for Park and Ride and Sainsbury's is on your right – and it has a petrol station.

**Morrisons** – 01305 761787 – DT3 5JB – Close to Sainsbury's but go past Park & Ride roundabout exit and take first exit off Manor Roundabout.

**Asda** – Weymouth DT4 8JQ. Just west of the Town Bridge and harbour – follow directions to Weymouth Town Centre, then find your way to the far side of the harbour.

### - Food and Drink -

**The Smugglers Inn**, Osmington Mills DT3 6HF – 01305 833125 – A beautiful family pub, just about a 7min drive from Northdown. Situated along the coastal path.

**The Springhead**, Sutton Poyntz DT3 6LW – 01305 832117 - Country pub in an idyllic setting. Follow the footpath marked one on the directions map out of the campsite. When you enter the village the pub is on your left.

**The Spice Ship**, Preston DT3 6BJ – 01305 834651 - A snug country pub with a large outdoor area and garden Just a short drive/ walk as above (see directions for the Spar). The Spice Ship is on the main road in Preston on your left.

**The Bridge Inn**, Preston DT3 6DB – 01305 833380 - Cosy country pub with large outdoor area, set back from the road. Follow the same instructions as the Spice Ship, the Bridge Inn however is slightly further down the road on the right.

**Café Oasis**, Bowleaze Cove DT3 6PN – 01305 833054 – Good food, romantic water side location. This is at the start of the sea wall on the way to Weymouth.

**The Sly Fox**, Osmington DT3 6EU – 01305 832148 – Family run pub located next to the main road in the Osmington village. Take the footpath just over the river; follow this path up and into the village.

**The Spyglass**, Overcombe DT3 6PN – 01305 833141 – Turn right out of the farm. Go straight over the first roundabout. Follow this road along until you reach a mini roundabout, take the first exit here. The Spyglass is on your right.

**The Chatsworth**, Weymouth DT4 8EB – 01305 785012 – A small hotel with sun terrace serving local produce with a speciality of locally caught seafood – situated on the esplanade

**Dorset Burger Company**, Weymouth DT4 7BH – 01305 780888 – Opposite Weymouth train station

**Nautico Lounge**, Weymouth DT4 8EL – 01305 789242 – In Weymouth town centre

**Slug and Lettuce**, Weymouth DT4 8EU – 01305 772913 – In Weymouth town centre

**Nothe Tavern**, Weymouth DT4 8TZ – 01305 839255 – Located at the Nothe Fort in Weymouth. Specialises in fish and grills. Enjoy panoramic views of Weymouth harbour.

**The Boat that Rocks**, Portland DT5 1DX – 01305 823000 – Enjoy panoramic views of Portland Harbour and the Jurassic Coast. Situated on Portland Marina.

**Moreton Tea Rooms**, Moreton DT2 8RJ – 01929 463647 – The food is locally sourced and the menus are mouth-watering. Perfect place for a Cream Tea. Take a right from the farm entrance and follow directions for Crossways.

**Brewery square** – Dorchester DT1 1QR. This new area of Dorchester holds many restaurants including: Zizzi, Pizza Express, Nandos, Wagamama, Carluccios, Creams and more!!

## - Camping Gear -

**Great Western Camping**, Dorchester DT1 1HF – 01305 266800 – Located on High East Street in Dorchester. An outdoor specialist for all your hiking, camping and climbing equipment and outdoor clothing.

**Blacks**, Dorchester DT1 1BL – 01305 231637 – Millets has a large range of camping equipment and clothes. Located on cornhill.

**Tresspass**, Weymouth DT4 8PP – 01305 778304 – Tresspass has a large range of camping clothing and equipment. Located on St Mary Street just behind the esplanade.

## - Dog Friendly Beaches -

### **Eweleaze Farm beach & Shortlake Farm beach**

**Weymouth Beach** DT4 7NJ – Dogs are allowed all year round at the Pavilion end of the beach and also at Overcombe Beach.

**Ringstead** – DT2 8NG situated 2 miles to the East of Eweleaze.

**Lulworth Cove, Durdle Door** BH20 5PU, **Worbarrow Bay** BH20 5QF, **Kimmeridge Beach** BH20 5PF – East of Northdown, in the Purbecks

## - Outdoor Adventure Activities -

**Secondwind Watersports**, DT3 6RY – 01305 815816. Located just west of Eweleaze at Overcombe, Secondwind stocks a large number of watersports gear for hire and sale. They also do Jurassic Kayak tours along the coast.

**Weymouth Watersports**, DT4 9JZ – 07743 346468. Located in Weymouth in Ferrymans way just off Portland Road, they offer a variety of activities such as kayaking and stand up paddle boarding, including stand up paddle boarding yoga.

**Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre (WOEC)**, DT4 0HS – 01305 836428. They offer a variety of activities including, sailing, kayaking, canoeing, stand up paddle boarding, climbing, abseiling, coasteering, orienteering, archery and more. (book in advance)

**Jurassic Trails Cycle Hire**, DT3 6RY – 01305 836428. Based on Bowleaze Coveaway.

**Overcombe**, DT3 6PN – Lies to the north eastern end of Weymouth Bay. Sailing Conditions: The beach faces south east so the best wind directions are from the south west - (cross shore from the right) or easterlies (cross shore from the left). South westerly winds give excellent sailing straight out to sea with the possibility of some swell and breaking waves near the beach.

**Portland**, DT5 1SA – Measuring 3 x 2 miles Portland Harbour is a popular windsurfing location attracting thousands of sailors every year. It can be sailed in any wind direction and being virtually enclosed it offers a reasonably safe environment for beginners and improvers.

### - Fishing -

**Snapper Charters** – All ages deep sea fishing – Book at Eweleaze Booking Centre

**Weymouth Angling Centre** DT4 8AR – 01305 777771 – Located on St. Edmund Street Weymouth – near the Town Bridge. Offers a huge range of fishing tackle for the casual fishermen.

**Boat fishing from Weymouth** – Weymouth is the top charter boat angling venue in the UK. Book your deep sea angling charter trip through the Weymouth Angling Centre.

**Chesil Cove**, Portland DT5 1AR – As you arrive on Portland take a right at the Cove House Inn. Fishing is best to the right of the Cove Inn.

**Atlanta Fishing trips**, Weymouth DT4 0AQ – 01305 781644

**Amarisa**, Weymouth DT4 9PJ – Deep sea fishing charters from Weymouth – 07976 520607

**Meer-Kat**, Weymouth DT3 5JR – 07776 182782 – deep sea fishing charters.

**Chesil bait 'n' tackle**, Weymouth DT4 9BE – 01305 766222 – Shop selling a variety of equipment for fishing.

**Reels and deals**, Weymouth DT4 8EQ – 01305 787848 – Shop selling a variety of fishing equipment.

### - Coastline Cruises -

Jurassic Cruises along the coast from Weymouth, and ferry services to Portland, all daily subject to weather conditions.

For more information and to book please visit the Booking Centre or call 01305 785000 / 07749 732428.

If you are in Weymouth you can visit our harbour-side kiosk located at Brewers Quay, just over the town bridge from the main shopping area – DT4 8TJ