

sport and leisure

Guide to West Dorset sport and leisure activities



Fishing

Whether you cast a line from the famous Chesil Beach or prefer the quiet of inland lakes, West Dorset will reward you with endless hours of fishing pleasure. Inland there are well-stocked lakes aplenty. Coarse fishing runs from mid-June to mid-March, while trout lakes provide excellent sport from March through to October.

Coarse fishing

Broadmayne Lakes
Nr Dorchester DT2 8HA
01305 835283
Mobile: 07816175579

Mangerton Valley Coarse Fishing Lake
Bradpole, nr Bridport DT6 3SF
01308 458482
2 acre lake. Open all year.

Pallington Lakes
Tincton, nr Dorchester DT2 8QU
07887 950357

Revels Fishing Farm
Nr Buckland Newton DT2 7TW
01300 345301
Seven day-ticket fishing lakes, situated between Sherborne & Dorchester. Open 7 days a week 0600-1800. Night fishing available.

Water Meadow Fishery
Pitt Farm, North Perrott, Crewkerne TA18 7SR
01460 72856
Two lakes totalling 1.75 acres.

Wood Farm
(open mid March to late Oct)
Charmouth DT6 7BT
01297 560697

Trout fishing

Amherst Lodge Farm Fly Fishery
Uplyme DT7 3XH
01297 442773
Open all year. Six freshwater trout lakes fed by the River Lym.

Flowers Farm Lakes
Hilfield, nr Dorchester DT2 7BA
01300 341351
Five spring fed lakes in an attractive environment.

Lower Bruckland Fishery
Bosshill, nr Seaton
01297 552861

Mangerton Mill
Mangerton, nr Bridport DT6 3SG
01308 458482

Revels Fishing Farm
Nr Buckland Newton DT2 7TW
01300 345301

Sutton Bingham Reservoir
Yeovil BA22 9QL
01935 872389
142 acre reservoir offering fly fishing from the bank or a boat.

Wessex Fly Fishing Lakes
Tolpuddle DT2 7HF
01305 848460
Five purpose dug lakes totalling 4

acres, set in water meadows and woodland close to the River Piddle.

Sea Fishing

Contact Tourist Information Centres for details.

Environment Agency
(river fishing)
01258 456080

Anyone over the age of 12 fishing in freshwaters in England or Wales must have a valid Environment Agency rod licence. No licence is required to fish from the beach, Rod licences are available from Post Offices or online at www.environment-agency.gov.uk or tel 0870 1662 662.

Enjoy the fresh air and get active! For the outdoors enthusiast there's cycling, walking, bowls, water sports, fishing, golf, go-karting, horse riding and tennis. There are nearly 300 coast and countryside guided walks to choose from and West Dorset also provides excellent opportunities for cyclists of all abilities, from quiet country lanes through peaceful villages to more challenging routes. Golfers can tee off at eleven superb courses and there's no shortage of opportunity for the horse-riding enthusiast. For indoor entertainment, our leisure centres provide everything from swimming, tennis and badminton to squash, fitness suites and summer play schemes.

Leisure Centres

Bridport Leisure Centre
Brewery Fields, Bridport DT6 5LN
01308 427464
Multi-purpose sports hall, badminton, weight training, indoor bowls, volleyball, indoor tennis, pool table, darts, squash courts, sports activities, two indoor swimming pools.

Woodroffe School
Lyme Regis DT7 3LX
07970 710660
Sports hall, fitness suite.

Budmouth Community Sports Centre
Chickerell Road, Weymouth DT4 9SY
01305 830508

Gryphon Leisure Centre
Bristol Road, Sherborne DT9 4EQ
01935 814011
Sports hall, squash courts, fitness suite, tennis courts, outdoor sports pitches & activities for children.

St. Osmunds Community Sports Centre
Dorchester DT1 2DZ
01305 756472

Thomas Hardye Leisure Centre
Coburg Road, Dorchester DT1 2HT
01305 266772
Multi purpose sports hall, two swimming pools, activity studio, artificial turf pitch, multi gym, many other outdoor facilities

plus various courses and classes. Open early mornings, evenings and weekends in term time, all day during school holidays.

Oxley Sports Centre
Bradford Rd, Sherborne DT9 3DA
01935 818270
Sports hall, swimming pool, exercise classes, childrens activities.

Warmwell Holiday Park
Warmwell, Nr Dorchester DT2 8JE
01305 852911
Indoor pool, wave machine, water slide, ski slope, fishing, gym, skating rink.

Tourist Information Centre contacts

Bridport Tourist Information Centre
47 South Street, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3NY
Tel: 01308 424901 Fax: 01308 421060
Email: bridport.tic@westdorset-dc.gov.uk

Dorchester Tourist Information Centre
Antelope Walk, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1BE
Tel: 01305 267992 Fax: 01305 266079
Email: dorchester.tic@westdorset-dc.gov.uk

Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre
Church Street, Lyme Regis, Dorset DT7 3BS
Tel: 01297 442138 Fax: 01297 444668
Email: lymeregis.tic@westdorset-dc.gov.uk

Sherborne Tourist Information Centre
Digby Road, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 3NL
Tel: 01935 815341 Fax: 01935 817210
Email: sherborne.tic@westdorset-dc.gov.uk

Community Enabling,
West Dorset District Council, Stratton House,
58/60 High West Street, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1UZ
Tel: 01305 252241
Fax: 01305 257039
Email: tourism@westdorset-dc.gov.uk
Website: www.dorsetforyou.com



Tourism website:
www.westdorset.com

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Golf courses - 9 hole

Folke Golf Centre
Alweston, Sherborne DT9 5HR
01963 23330
Parkland course set on gently undulating countryside with panoramic views of North Dorset.

Stunning views to Weymouth, Portland, Dorchester and Maiden Castle. Handicap certificate required.

Mature parkland course on the Dorset/Somerset border with extensive views. Handicap certificate required.

Golf courses - 18 hole

Axe Cliff Golf Club
Squires Lane, Axmouth EX12 4AB
01297 21754

Chedington Court Golf Club
Nr Beaminster DT8 3HU
01935 891413
Attractive parkland course described by Fore! Golf Magazine as 'one of the prettiest courses in England'.

Sidmouth Golf Club
Cotmaton Lane, Sidmouth EX10 8SX
01395 513023
Situated in the Sid valley with wonderful views of Lyme Bay.

Bridport & West Dorset Golf Club
Bridport DT6 4PS
01308 421095
Challenging links course set on cliff top. The signature 6th hole was recently voted in the top 100 holes in the world. A spectacular hole of only 133 yards but dropping from the top of the cliff to a green almost at sea level far below.

Halstock Golf Club
Common Lane, Halstock BA22 9SF
01935 891689

Windwhistle Golf Club
Cricket St. Thomas, nr Chard TA20 4DG
01460 30231
Parkland course with tree lined fairways, beautiful views over the Somerset levels. Handicap certificate preferred.

Came Down Golf Club
Dorchester DT2 8NR
01305 813494
A downland course on chalk downs between Dorchester & Weymouth.

Honiton Golf Club
Middlehills, Honiton EX14 9TR
01404 44422
Flat parkland course overlooking the town.

Wolfdale Golf Club
Old Sherborne Road, Charminster DT2 7SG
01305 260186
Pretty parkland course with stunning countryside views.

Lyme Regis Golf Club
Timber Hill, Lyme Regis DT7 3HQ
01297 442963
Cliff top course with magnificent views of the coast and town. Handicap certificate required.

Yeovil Golf Club,
Sherborne Road, Yeovil BA21 5BW
01935 422965
18 and 9 hole courses. Handicap certificate required.

Sherborne Golf Club
Clatcombe, nr Sherborne DT9 4RN
01935 814431

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Aerobics					
Budmouth Community Sports Centre, Chickerell	01305 830508				
Gryphon Leisure Centre, Bristol Road, Sherborne	01935 814011				
Sherborne School, Abbey Road, Sherborne	01935 810548				
St. Osmunds Community Sports Centre, Dorchester	01305 756472				
Thomas Hardy Leisure Centre, Dorchester	01305 266772				
Badminton					
Budmouth Community Sports Centre, Chickerell	01305 830508				
Bridport Leisure Centre, Brewery Fields, Bridport	01308 427464				
Charmouth Badminton Club	01297 242260				
Gryphon Leisure Centre, Bristol Road, Sherborne	01935 814011				
St. Osmunds Community Sports Centre, Dorchester	01305 756472				
Thomas Hardy Leisure Centre, Dorchester	01305 266772				
Cresta Leisure Centre, Chard	01460 64084				
Basketball					
Budmouth Community Sports Centre, Chickerell	01305 830508				
Gryphon Leisure Centre, Bristol Road, Sherborne	01935 814011				
Sherborne School, Abbey Road, Sherborne	01935 810549				
Balloonng					
Aerosaurus & Exeter Ballooning	01258 480048				
Bath Balloon Flights	01225 466888				
Cameron Balloons (from Sherborne Castle)	08454 564202				
Devon & Somerset Balloons (from Sherborne Castle)	08454 564201				
Bournemouth Eye (tethered flight to 500ft)	01202 314539				
Boat Trips					
Fleet Observer, Wyke Regis, Weymouth	01305 759692				
Tailor made charters & scenic coast cruises					
Lyme Bay RIB Charter	07971258515				
Bowls - Indoor					
Bridport Indoor Bowls Club	01308 424074				
Dorchester Bowling Club, Armada Way, Dorchester	01305 260817				
Bowls - Outdoor					
Dorchester Borough Gardens, Cornwall Road	01305 262691				
Bowling Club, Culverhayes Car Park, Sherborne	01935 812314				
Bowling Club, Monmouth Beach, Lyme Regis	01297 445443				
Dorchester Bowling Club, Armada Way, Dorchester	01305 260817				
Playing Fields, Barrs Lane, Charmouth (Non-members July/Aug only)	01297 560910				
Priory Lane, Bridport	01308 425008				
Cinemas					
Cineworld, Weymouth	08712 002000				
Cineworld, Yeovil	08712 002000				
Electric Palace, Bridport	01308 420205				
Plaza Cinema, Dorchester	01305 262488				
Regent Cinema, Lyme Regis	01297 442053				
Cycle Hire					
Bikeabout, Swanage	01929 425050				
Bespoke Cycle Hire, Bridport	01308 421211				
Cycloan, Dorchester	01305 251521				
Dorchester Cycles, Great Western Road, Dorchester	01305 268787				
Dorset Cycles, Stalbridge	01963 362476				
Mountain Bike Hire, Abbotsbury	01305 871663				
Revolutions, West Road, Bridport	01308 420586				
Too Tyred, Sherborne	01935 812025				
Dancing					
Ask at Tourist Information Centre for details					
Diving and Snorkelling					
Aqua Blue Divers (Scuba Equipment & courses)	01308 422105				
West Bay Diving, West Bay	07768 100903/ 01308 421800				
Go-Karting/Quad Trekking/Racing/White-Water Rides					
Clay Pigeon Raceway, Wardon Hill, nr Dorchester	01935 83713				
Henley Hillbillies, Buckland Newton (also one-man hovercraft, clay pigeon shooting, archery, pistol shooting & Badger Watch)	01300 345293				
Coastal Mountainboarding & Bike Centre, Bridport	0870 321 6080				
Trek & Train, Monkton Wyld, nr Charmouth	07946 892838				
Health Walks					
Level walks of about 30 mins, led by trained health walk leaders.					
Bridport	01308 422655				
Dorchester	01305 264955				
Llama Trekking					
UK Llamas, New House Farm, Mosterton, Beaminster	01308 868674				
Paragliding					
Flying Frenzy, Burton Bradstock	01308 898777				
Putting					
Lodmoor Country Park, Weymouth	01305 767964				
West Dorset Golf Club (summer only), Bridport	01308 421491				
Riding					
Bridleways, Osborne Road, Sherborne	01935 814716				
Devonish Pitt Stables, Farway, Nr Colyton	01404 871355				
Dodpen Stables, Charmouth (under 16's only)	01297 678260/ 07880 901460				
Elwell Riding Lessons, Bridport	01308 459566				
Hill View Stables, Sunnyside Farm, Crewkerne	01460 72731				
Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester	01305 215063				
Lanehouse Equitation Centre, Chickerell (booking essential)	01305 770177				
Ragged Hedge Stables, Martinstown (Pony riding/mini hacks for under 10's)	01305 889181/ 07952 132260				
Ranch House, East Farm Dairy, Osmington Mills	01305 833578				
Weymouth Riding Centre, Chickerell (lessons/no hacks)	01305 771760/ 07053 543310				
Windmills Stables, Weston, Portland	01305 823719				
Sailing					
Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy	01305 866000				
Shooting/Clay Pigeon					
Bridport Clay Shooting Club, nr Broadoak	01308 422126/ 01308 423363				
Henley Hillbillies, Buckland Newton	01300 345293				
Purbeck Shooting School (booking essential)	01929 405101				
Serious Fun Clay Shooting, Bridport	01308 422649/ 0780 226 777				
Southern Counties Shooting Grd, Wardon Hill, Dorchester	01935 836625				
Skateboarding/BMX/Inline Skating					
Blackberry Lane, Sherborne	01935 812807				
Charles St Car Park, Dorchester	01305 266861				
Plottingham Playing Field, Bridport	01308 456722				
The Front, Lodmoor Country Park, Weymouth	01305 771301				
The Trick Factory, St. Michaels Trading Estate, Bridport (indoor)	07811 626503				
Squash					
Bridport Leisure Centre, Brewery Fields, Bridport	01308 427464				
Gryphon Leisure Centre, Bristol Road, Sherborne	01935 814011				
Sherborne Boys School, Abbey Road, Sherborne	01935 810549				
Swimming					
Beaminster Community Pool (Eve's, wkds & Sch Hols)	01308 862657				
Bridport Leisure Centre, Bridport	01308 427464				
Cresta Leisure Centre, Chard	01460 64084				
Crewkerne Aqua Centre, Henhayes Lane, Crewkerne	01460 77665				
Flamingo Pool, Lyme Road, Axminster	01297 35800				
Goldenstones Leisure Centre, Yeovil	01935 845888				
Newlands Holiday Park, Charmouth	01297 560259				
Oxley Sports Centre	01935 818270				
Parkdean-West Bay Holiday Park**, Bridport	01308 422424				
Sherborne School**, Abbey Rd, Sherborne	01935 810548				
Sidmouth Swimming Pool, Ham Lane, Sidmouth	01395 577057				
Thomas Hardy Leisure Centre**, Dorchester	01305 266772				
Warmwell Holiday Park, Nr Dorchester	01305 852911				
	(**Restricted opening)				
Tennis					
Beaminster Tennis Club	01308 862502				
Bridport Tennis Club	01308 427432				
Dorchester Borough Gardens, Cornwall Rd, Dorchester	01305 262691				
Gryphon Leisure Centre, Sherborne	01935 814011				
Highlands End Caravan Park, Eype	01308 422139				
Playing Fields, Barrs Lane (July/August), Charmouth	01297 560826				
Sherborne School, Abbey Rd, Sherborne	01935 810548				
Sherborne Tennis Club, Sherborne	08454 563591				
Uplyme (contact Post Office), Uplyme	01297 443288				
Wood Farm, Charmouth	01297 560697				
Tennis - Real					
The Hyde Court, Walditch	01308 420777				
Tenpin Bowling					
Bowlingo, Brewers Quay, Hope Square, Weymouth	01305 777622				
Bowlplex, Old Station Way, Yeovil	01935 434555				
Lakeside Superbowl, St Nicholas Street, Weymouth	01305 781444				
Walks (Guided)					
Contact TICs for details of guided fossil hunting, town and coastal walks					
Zorbing					
Zorb® South UK	01929 426595				

