

Marbles

Things to do...

On the estate

Walks There are many lovely walks around the estate (a map is in cottage guide). The South West Coast Path runs through the southern boundary of the estate near the beach. You can walk from Marbles to Lyme Regis (takes 2 hours with children approx 3 ½ miles) or to Seaton (approx similar distance) and beyond.

Part 1 - <https://www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk/walksdb/81/>

Part 2 - <https://www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk/walksdb/634/>

Alternatively, just a stroll along the driveways and paths of the estate can while away a few enjoyable hours. This [map](#) will help you find your way around.

The [9A costal bus service](#) runs between Seaton and Lyme Regis and is useful to catch for a return journey to and from the beach resorts. For more information and timetables see [here](#)

Additional bus routes from local towns- <https://avmtbustimes.wixsite.com/mysite>

Jurassic Coaster buses: [https://jurassiccoast.org/visit/travel-information/jurassic-coast-bus-services/Jurassic Coaster Timetable](https://jurassiccoast.org/visit/travel-information/jurassic-coast-bus-services/Jurassic%20Coaster%20Timetable)

The beach - The walk to the private Charton Bay beach takes about 30-40 minutes from the door. The path is rugged and very steep in parts. You may wish to take the car down the track (very rough narrow terrain) and park in the small car parking area before taking the cliff path to the beach. See further information in the cottage guide (feel free to take the notes with, I replenish each week) , but please note that the path can be slippery and is steep in parts so please be cautious with older people and toddlers.



Nearby places to visit/days out



[Lyme Regis](#) (2 ½ miles) – An ancient seaside town with plenty of great shops, galleries, tourist information centre and theatre. Many cafe's, bars and restaurants to choose from, see our [Places to Eat and Drink](#) guide for further information on these. Main beach is sandy and gently shelving, ideal for children and families.

Visit Dorset website: <https://www.visit-dorset.com/explore/areas-to-visit/lyme-regis/things-to-do>

Recommended places to visit in Lyme:

Monmouth Beach is great for fossils, large and small. Please follow the [Fossil code](#) at all times.



RNLI lifeboat centre, boat trips and fishing trips are available from the historic Cobb walls.

Dinosaur museum. <https://www.dinosaurland.co.uk/>

Fossil shops and museum – have a chat with local experts and review their finds

Guided Fossil walk - <https://www.jurassiccoastguides.co.uk/> 3 hr walks, prices start at £120 for up to 6 people.

[Marine aquarium](#) – meet the local 60 year old lobster!

Paddle board lessons - <https://www.boylos.co.uk/sup/sup-lessons-lyme-regis/> or <https://www.jurassicfitness.com/sup> from £25/hr

Kayaks - <http://www.lymekayakhire.com/> from £10/hr

Boat trips – [Lyme RIB rides](#) – from £19 / person, group rates etc available

[Lyme Bay Boat Trips](#) – Fishing and sightseeing, private charter, group bookings from £10

[Nicks Fishing Trips](#) – Fishing and sightseeing, private charter, group bookings

[Lyme Regis Museum](#) – Built on the site of Mary Annings home in Lyme Regis, Ticket prices **Adult** £5.95, **Child** (6-17) £2.75, children 5 and under free, **Great value family ticket** up to 2 adults and 3 children £14.75, **Student** £2.75 (please show student card)

[Marine Theatre](#) – Plays, shows, concerts, check the website for details

[Mini golf and table tennis](#) in the Lister gardens above the beach



Parking is available at (all process current at time of writing (June 2020) and may be subject to change):

[Holmbush car park](#) – On the way into Lyme Regis. £2.00 all day, it is free to park after 6pm.

[Pitt House car park](#) – down the high street, quite tight spaces, NCP expensive prices – 2-4 hours £7.20

[Cobb Gate car park](#) – At the bottom of the high street, on the right. 1 hr 70p, 2 hr £1.60, 3 hr £4.00, per additional hour £4.00

[Broad Street car park](#) – At the bottom of the high street, on the left, pricing as above

[Charmouth Road car park](#) – Through town and up Charmouth road. £2 all day, free after 6pm

[Cabanya car park](#) – next to bowling green (on right) Monmouth Street - £1.40 / hour. Charges apply 8am-9pm (between 6 April and 31 October), and 8am-6pm (between 1 November and 5 April)

[Monmouth Beach car park](#) – Opposite the bowling green (on Monmouth Beach) - £1.40 / hour. Charges apply 8am-9pm (between 6 April and 31 October), and 8am-6pm (between 1 November and 5 April)

Local attractions heading West...

[Seaton](#) (3 miles) –

Pebble beach and harbour, traditional shops and fish and chips. Esplanade and Ice cream stalls.



[Seaton Tramway](#) offers electric tram rides to Colyford.

[Seaton Wetlands](#) provide great nature walks and boarded paths to bird hides along the river Axe. [Seaton Bay Watersports](#) hire kayaks and SUPs from the flags on Seaton Beach.

[Seaton Jurassic](#), newly opened in 2019, museum experience and café/shop.

Every September, the [Colyford Goose Fayre](#) is held on the outskirts of Seaton, a traditional village fayre with a Goose parade and lots of medieval fancy dress.

Parking available in seaton : on the esplanade, from 60p/hour by meter, depending on season or at:

[Seaton Jurassic long stay car park](#) - £1 / hr

[The Underfleet long stay car park](#) - £1 / hr

[Orchard short stay car park](#) - £1 / hr

Tesco and Co-operative offer 2 hours free parking

[Donkey Sanctuary](#) – Free access to meet and learn about adopted and rescued Donkey's.



[Beer](#) (6 miles)

Unspoilt fishing village of smugglers and lace making fame. Sheltered pebble beach offering fishing trips and sailing/pleasure boat trips.



[Beer quarry caves](#) - learn about the Beer stone quarrymen of 2000 years ago

[Pecorama](#) - a must for children of all ages.

[Branscombe](#)

Pretty seaside village. Vibrant Beach cafe, shingle beach, good village pub

[Devenish Pitt Riding Centre](#) – Family run riding centre offering lessons and hacks. Usually closed Mon/Tues except for bank holidays and School holidays.

[Axminster](#)

Market town, variety of shops and Tesco / Co-op supermarket.

[River Cottage Canteen](#), cafe, restaurant and grocery store (01297 631862)– Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstalls Dorset establishment.

[Honiton](#) - Historic town, known for antiques shops and cafe's.

[Sidmouth](#) – Elegant town with stunning architecture, pebble beach and lengthy promenade. Shops, cafes and restaurants to suit all tastes.

[Bicton Park](#) - Historical gardens, 19th Century Palm House, woodland railway, a good family day out.

[Otterton Mill](#) – working water mill and museum. Lovely cafe and studios of local work. Shop selling locally milled flour and groceries.

[Exmouth](#) – Long sandy beaches with sand dunes and a promenade. Several cafe's, mainly open air. Family holiday resort.

[Topsham](#) - lovely fishing village with good range of shops, cafe's restaurants and antiques centre. Boat trips provided from the quay to a lovely riverside pub

[Darts Farm, Topsham](#) – retail shopping centre, Fired Earth, Aga, Orange Tree. High quality local produce and gifts. Great Fish and Chip cafe, good indoor cafe/restaurant, children park, animals and PYO fruit and veg in summer months

Local attractions heading East....

[Charmouth](#) – Pebble beach, great for fossil hunting.



[Charmouth Heritage Coast education centre](#) and Beach Cafe. Traditional shops, several pubs and fish and chip shops.

[West Bay](#) – Traditional fishing town and harbour. Shingle beach, popular family seaside resort. Selection of fish restaurants, pubs and cafe's

[Chideock / Seatown](#) – winding roads leading to a wide open shingle beach, flanked by fabulous cliff top paths. Great pub, "The Anchor" (01297 489215) lovely to eat outside.

[Bridport](#) – Historic Dorset market town. Street markets held every Wednesday and Saturday, Farmers market on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Art centre, galleries, museum.

[Eype](#) – secluded, quiet shingle beach, accessed via winding country lanes. Great walks along beach and cliff top paths.

[Golden Cap](#). Incredible walks along the Jurassic coastline

[Burton Bradstock](#) – Further along the coast, very pretty village with several small shops and pubs. Great beach cafe "[Hive Beach Cafe](#)" (01308 897 070) at National Trust beach.

[Abbotsbury](#) – Another very pretty Dorset village. The [Sub-tropical gardens](#), [Swannery](#) and [childrens park](#) are all well worth a visit, albeit a little pricey.



Inside Marbles

Games: A selection of family games and cards are available in the living room. Please ensure these are kept in good order for all visitors to enjoy

Books, CD's, Blu-Ray & Video: A selection of books, CD's, movies and documentaries are available for you to use during your stay. Please do not remove from the property, any losses will be charged for. Instructions for use can be found in the House Guide

TV: Providing Freeview channels. Please note however, signal reception varies in inclement weather due to rural location. Please do not re-tune the channels. Instructions for use can be found in the House Guide.

Please feel free to add suggestions or comments. This list will be updated each season.