

Taxis:

Paynes Premier Taxis 01297 35895

M-cabs Taxi 01297 42222

Axminster Taxis 01297 34000.

N.B. local taxis get booked up at busy times so it is always worth pre-booking.

LOCAL EATING AND DRINKING

The Tytherleigh Arms

Tytherleigh, 2.2 miles (if walking, turn right out of our car park & follow the lane down to Tytherleigh)

Our favourite local pub. Otter Ale, very popular for Sunday lunches. It is worth calling in advance to check opening/serving times and availability.

EX13 7BE 01460 220214

<http://www.tytherleigharms.com>

River Cottage Kitchen & Deli

Axminster, 5 miles.

As you would expect, Hugh FernleIGH Whittingstall's Kitchen is all about great local food. Whether dining in The Kitchen or buying provisions for your stay, it is well worth a visit. A 10% discount on your food bill when dining is available if you quote Crafty Camping when pre-booking.

EX13 5AN 01297 631862

<https://www.rivercottage.net/restaurants/axminster>

River Cottage HQ

Park Farm 7.5 miles.

Join the famous River Cottage dinners on Friday and Saturday nights, pre-booking essential.

EX13 8TB

<http://www.rivercottage.net/dining/>

Hix Oyster & Fish House

Lyme Regis, 10 miles

A special treat, this famous fish and seafood restaurant has unrivalled views overlooking the cobb and The Jurassic Coast.

DT7 3JP 01297 446 910

www.hixoysterandfishhouse.co.uk

The Harbour Inn,

Lyme Regis, 10 miles

A very popular pub situated on the Beach front, just by the Cobb and Lyme Bay. Family run with good pub food, specialising in seafood.

DT7 3JF 01297 442299

<http://www.harbourinnlymeregis.co.uk>

Swim

Lyme Regis, 10 miles

New in 2018 - a contemporary cafe & bar right on the beach in Lyme Regis. Informal and fun. Specialising in burgers, fish dishes and big breakfasts.

DT7 3JH 01297 442668

<https://www.weswim.co.uk>

Tierra Kitchen

Lyme Regis 10 miles.

Popular vegetarian, vegan & gluten free restaurant in the heart of Lyme Regis.

Popular with carnivores too.

DT7 3PY 01297 445189

<https://www.tierrakitchen.co.uk>

Ollerod (formerly the The Bridge House hotel)

Beaminster 10 miles

A traditional Dorset 13th century Country House Hotel in this popular village with an excellent restaurant serving local produce. Garden terrace open in the warmer months.

DT8 3AY 01308 862200

<https://theollerod.co.uk>

Brassicca

Beaminster 10 miles

Small and excellent restaurant specialising in fresh local produce, menu changes daily, popular with locals and visitors alike.

DT8 3AS 01308 538 100

<https://www.brassicarestaurant.co.uk>

The Anchor Inn

Seatown, 14 miles

Perched on the cliff just above the beach at Seatown, next to Golden Cap with great views along the Jurassic Coast and out to sea. A varied menu of home cooked food. A favourite with coastal path walkers and sea swimmers alike.

DT6 6JU Tel: 01297 489215

<http://www.theanchorinnseatown.co.uk>

Dorshi

Bridport 13 miles

Tucked away down an alleyway off East Street in Bridport, delicious Asian dumplings & noodles and great cocktails too.

DT6 3PX 01308 423221

<http://dorshi.co.uk>

The Bull Hotel

Bridport 12 miles

This popular, easygoing and informal Boutique Hotel in the centre of Bridport offers everything from Moules-frites to Market day Brunch or a selection from the more substantial daily menu. In warm weather there is a lovely stable courtyard at the back.

DT6 3LF 01308 422878

<http://www.thebullhotel.co.uk>

Sladers Yard Café

West Bay, Bridport, 13 miles,

An untouched Maritime Warehouse in West Bay/ Bridport makes a perfect showcase for artists and high quality makers in all media as well as top quality exhibitions. They also have an excellent organic café for delicious meals or cream teas and cakes.

DT6 4EL. 01308 459511

<http://www.sladersyard.co.uk>

Hive Beach Cafe

Burton Bradstock 17 miles,

Enjoy delicious freshly caught fish and local food on their terrace overlooking the beach on the Chesil bank. Open for breakfast, lunch and sometimes for dinner – call 1st to check as it's weather dependent.

DT6 4RF 01308 897 070

www.hivebeachcafe.co.uk

The Seaside Boarding House

Burton Bradstock 17 miles,

On the cliff above Burton Bradstock beach. Similar food ethos to the Hive Cafe (above) in a smart hotel/restaurant atmosphere, outside tables overlooking Lyme bay weather permitting; breakfast until 11 am, lunch and dinner.

DT6 4RB 01308 897205

<https://theseasideboardinghouse.com>

Crab House Café

On the fleet between Weymouth and Portland Bill, 33 miles

A bit further away but well worth the trip - Out-of-the-tank crustaceans served with hammers, buckets and bibs in an informal atmosphere overlooking the sea.

DT4 9YU 01305 788 867

<http://www.crabhousecafe.co.uk>

LOCAL FOOD SHOPPING

Tatworth Stores and Post Office

Tatworth 2.6 miles

For last minute supplies the local store & post office in Tatworth is open every day from 7.00 AM to 10.00 PM seven days a week. Turn left out of the car park, left at the T junction, right at next T Junction, over the railway & river, left at the next T Junction then ¼ mile on the left.

01460220933 TA20 2PY

Thorncombe Village Shop

Thorncombe 2.2 miles

Our local shop in Thorncombe is well worth a visit - deli counter, local fruit, veg & meats . They also have a cafe area for teas, coffees and cakes. Mon-Fri 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Sat - 8.30 to 1.00 p.m. Sun 9.30 a.m. to midday.

01460 30282 TA20 4NF

<http://thorncombe-village-shop.co.uk>

There are also large supermarkets in both Chard and Axminster but much better buy from our fantastic local suppliers:

River Cottage Deli & Local Produce Store

Axminster 5 miles

Fill your own Deli hamper with all sorts of delicious River Cottage Fare. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m seven days per week.

EX13 5AN 01297 631862

<https://www.rivercottage.net/restaurants/axminster>

Millers Farm Shop

Kilminster 6 miles (just off the A35 past Axminster)

A one stop shop for everything fresh, delicious and local (as well as a weekly lorry load of French produce) including occasional wet fish stall and meat from the best local farms. Home grown veg from the farm shop.

EX13 7RA 01297 35290

<https://www.millersfarmshop.co.uk>

Leakers Bakery

Bridport 12 miles

This specialist bakery sells a fine range of breads, savouries and cakes to take away as well as making the frozen pizza dough that we sell here in the woods.

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<http://www.leakersbakery.co.uk>

THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA

Our green wood craft courses – 2 hour taster courses & one, two or five day courses- must be booked in advance - weekdays only.

Spatula making, spoon carving, green woodworking and pole lathing, and ‘make a chair from a tree’. See website for full details.

<http://www.mallinson.co.uk/courses.html>

Jurassic Electric Bikes

Electric bike tours.

Jurassic Electric have designed a range of guided cycling tours to help visitors discover beautiful West Dorset. As well as exploring spectacular landscapes, the tours include opportunities to learn more about the area's vibrant history and sample some of its renowned local produce. Every tour is led by a knowledgeable and qualified guide.

Martin - 07796 135256

www.jurassic-electric.co.uk

Forde Abbey

3 mile drive or 2 mile walk

Forde Abbey is well worth a visit. The estate borders our woods. A wonderful medieval monastery, beautiful gardens, tea room and a nursery. Either drive to the main abbey or walk (only outside the shooting season) - turning left out of our car park and then go straight over to the track opposite at the crossroads. Pls check seasonal opening times.

TA20 4LU 01460220231

www.fordeabbey.co.uk

Pilsden Pen

3 miles

The 2nd highest point in Dorset, the top is just a short steep walk uphill from the car park (on the road to Broadwindsor) a great stop off point for cyclists and motorists – superb views across the Marshwood Vale to Golden Cap and out to sea.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pilsdon_Pen

Black Cow Vodka distillery tours

Childhay Manor, 7 miles.

Black cow vodka is made locally purely from milk, also available at Soho House, Hix, The Savoy, The Groucho & Nobu amongst others. Distillery visits or distillery experience, cocktails and lunch. Booking essential.

DT8 3LQ 01308 868844

<https://www.blackcow.co.uk/shop/>

River Cottage HQ courses

Park Farm 9 miles

Fantastic courses including making bread ovens, butchery, growing, curing and smoking, foraging, beekeeping and lots of fantastic cookery courses to choose from. Pre- booking on their website essential.

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<https://www.rivercottage.net/cookery-courses>

Harry May Boat trips

Lyme Regis/The Cob 9 miles

Mackerel fishing & deep sea fishing trips.

A great day out on the ocean waves before bringing back your catch to enjoy on your BBQ in the woods, booking essential/availability is seasonal.

<http://www.mackerelfishinglymeregis.com>

Lyme Regis Kayak Hire

Lyme Regis, 9 Miles.

Single & double kayak hire as well as wetsuits and fishing gear.

DT7 3JF 01297 443373 email admin@lymekayakhire.co

<http://www.lymekayakhire.com>

Fossil Hunting

Charmouth, 10 miles

A great excuse for a walk on the beach with a difference. Our part of the Jurassic Coast is world famous for its fossils that can often be found washed out of the cliff.

The Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre offers advice & tours and is well worth a visit.

DT6 6LL, 01297 560 772

www.charmouth.org

Furleigh Estate tours

Salway Ash (on the way to Bridport) 10 Miles

Award winning English wine and Fizz. Shop open 11-5 Monday to Saturday. Tours and tasting 11 and 2.30 on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday- booking advisable.

DT6 5JF 01308 488991

<https://www.furleighestate.co.uk>

Beer

12 miles,

Galleries, caves and fishing cove – a great day trip with shopping, pubs, exploring, walking and boat hire.

<http://www.beer-devon.co.uk>

Chideock Champignons

Chideock, 12 miles.

Local mushroom farm that grows and forages high quality gourmet produce. Mushroom foraging tours can be arranged by appointment and in advance only. Contact Nick on 07453263824 or email chideockchampignons@hotmail.com
<https://www.chideockchampignons.co.uk>

Eype Beach

Our favourite locals' beach, off the beaten track, lovely walks along the pebbled beach. No facilities so great for getting away from the crowds in the busy seasons. 3 miles East of Bridport.

No website but here is a video we made for fun: <https://youtu.be/WKXativziVk>

Electric Palace

Bridport, 12 miles

This classic renovated cinema has films, live music, comedy and offbeat events. Popular artists get booked up very quickly so worth booking as early as you can. DT6 3NY. 01308 42835
www.electricpalace.org.uk

Bridport Arts Centre

Bridport, 12 miles

Theatre, Comedy, Music, Film, Dance and much more. DT6 3NR box office 01308 424 204
<http://www.bridport-arts.com>

Palmers Brewery tours

Bridport, 12 miles.

Brewery tours from Easter to the end of October. Tours start at 11 am and last about 2 hours. Pre booking essential.

DT6 4JA 01308427500

<http://www.palmerswinestore.com/palmers-brewery-tours>

Bridport markets

Bridport 12 Miles.

The Bridport Street market takes place in the centre of Bridport every Wednesday and Saturday 8-4 pm.

The Vintage Market is held in the Vintage Quarter at St Michael's trading estate on the last Sunday of the month from Easter through to October - booths and warehouses stuffed with well priced bric-a-brac, antiques and everything in-between.

DT6 3RR

<http://bridportantiques.co.uk/vintage-market>

Hyde Real Tennis Court

Walditch near Bridport, 13 miles.

Real Tennis (which is quite unlike the tennis that most people are familiar with) is Guy's other passion when he's not woodworking. Visitors always welcome to come and have a look at the strange goings on.

DT6 4LB 01308 420777. www.hyderealtennis.co.uk

Lyme Bay Rib charter

West Bay/Bridport, 13 miles

Rib trips along the Jurassic Coast starting at West Bay. Also longer cruises, water taxi and charter or wake boarding & waterskiing. Booking essential.

Contact Simon Miles (Milo) 07971 258515 or email crew@lymebayribcharter.co.uk
<http://www.lymebayribcharter.co.uk>

Abbotsbury Swannery and Sub Tropical Gardens

Abbotsbury, 25 miles

This is the only place in the world where you are able to walk through the heart of a colony of nesting Mute Swans. The close-by Sub-Tropical Gardens are filled with rare and exotic plants from all over the world. Many of these plants were the first introductions to this country, there is also a nursery with a superb range of plants and palms.

DT3 4JG 01305 871858

www.abbotsbury-tourism.co.uk