WHERE TO PARK

The best place to park is Charmouth Road, Holmbush and Hill Road car parks on the edge of Lyme Regis. All West Dorset District Council, Lyme Regis Town Council and NCP car parks operate on a pay and display basis.

Disabled Badge Holders: Please refer to the disabled parking notices on display in each car park.

Larger Vehicles: Lorries, coaches, motorhomes, caravans, caravannez, trailers etc can be accommodated at the Holmbush car park and Charmouth Road car park. For more information visit www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk or www.travelinesw.com

STAR ATTRACTIONS

Meet the Lyme Bay Ichthyosaur at the family orientated Lyme Regis Museum, live sea creatures at Marine Aquarium and view over 12,000 fossils at Dinosaurland. Wander the artisan quarter of Town Mill complete with a fully restored watermill, galleries, crafts folk, a café, microbrewery and dell.

On the outskirts of Lyme is a cliff top golf course and driving range. Within just a few miles is Seaton Jurassic, the Seaton Tramway and Pecorama’s Miniature Beer Heights Light Railway, beautiful gardens and indoor and outdoor play areas.

PLENTY TO SEE BESIDE THE SEA

Stroll along Marine Parade to Cobb harbour a great spot to sit and watch the boats come and go. On clear days you will be rewarded with spectacular views right around the coast to the famous Chesil Beach and as far as Portland. The beach here is perfect for sandcastle building and the calm waters ideal for bathing, splashing and paddling. The terraced, Langmoor and Lister Gardens provide stunning views of the beach and coastline. Here you can enjoy a peaceful woodland walk, crazy golf, putting and table tennis.

FUN ON THE WATER

Cast a line on a mackerel fishing trip, take a gentle boat cruise, hire a kayak or paddle board or really get the heart pumping with an exhilarating rib ride.

WHAT TO SEE • WHAT TO DO • TOWN TRAIL AND MAP
The Marine Theatre

The Marine Theatre, opened in 1864, was originally built as a ‘bath house’. It is the oldest purpose-built theatre in the county, and was later extended to provide a second gallery in 1877. Today, the theatre still hosts a diverse range of performances throughout the year, from professional West End productions to local community groups. It is a fantastic venue for both professionals and emerging artists, offering a unique blend of cultural experiences.

Theatre History Museum

Located adjacent to the Marine Theatre, the Theatre History Museum showcases the rich history of the theatre and its role within the local community. The museum houses a collection of artefacts, photographs, and documents that tell the story of the theatre from its inception to its present day. The museum also provides educational resources for schools and other organisations, offering a glimpse into the past through interactive exhibits and multimedia presentations.

The Cobb

The Cobb is a sheltered stone harbour on Lyme Regis’ north side, providing safe anchorage to ships and boats. It has a long history dating back to the 13th century when it was used as a place to load and unload goods. The Cobb remained an important fishing port until the late 19th century, when it fell into decline due to the growth of larger vessels. Today, the Cobb is a popular spot for fishing enthusiasts and history buffs alike.

Dinosaurs at Lyme Regis

The discovery of dinosaurs at Lyme Regis in the 19th century was a major scientific breakthrough. The town is home to some of the most complete and well-preserved fossil records of marine reptiles on the planet. The Lyme Regis Museum houses a collection of these fossils, offering visitors a fascinating insight into prehistoric life. The museum also organises guided tours led by experts, allowing visitors to explore the site with a knowledgeable guide.

Town trail...

Follow the town trail to find out more about Lyme Regis.

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4. **Where to stay**
   - Links to information about accommodation options in Lyme Regis.

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Other walks in Lyme Regis

1. **Dinosaurland**
   - House in the 1755 Cobb stone chapel.
   - Worth a visit.

2. **The Town Mill**
   - Mill Lane has been fully restored.
   - Open to the public.

3. **St Michael’s Church**
   - A church on this site since the 12th century.
   - The history is well documented.

4. **Long Entry**
   - Once crossed Black Ven to Charmouth, but lost to the sea by 1750.
   - The novel Henry Fielding attempted to abduct 15 year old Sarah Andrew, a wealthy heiress, in this lane in 1725.

5. **Guided Walking Tours**
   - For more detailed exploration of Lyme Regis.
   - Available from the TIC.

For more information, visit www.visit-dorset.com.
Lyme Regis is a beautiful seaside town, set in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, on the border where Dorset meets Devon. Quaint, narrow tangled streets that host individual shops, tempting eateries and galleries lead their way down to the famous 13th Century Cobb harbour and family friendly beach. Lyme Regis offers plenty to see and do. Take time to discover the town’s fascinating history, uncover the lost world of the Jurassic Coast and enjoy the many simple pleasures of being beside the seaside.

**LYME’S JURASSIC COAST**

Lyme Regis forms part of a 95 mile stretch of coastline awarded World Heritage Site status by UNESCO for its outstanding geology. It is ranked alongside the Grand Canyon and Great Barrier Reef as one of the natural wonders of the world. 185 million years of earth history is represented along the coast, providing a fascinating journey through time.

The loose material on the beaches around Lyme Regis and Charmouth are the very best place to find fossils especially after rough weather.

Always check the tide times and the Fossil Collecting Code of Conduct before setting out and please do not climb or dig into the cliffs. Better still, join a guided fossil hunt walk from the Lyme Regis Museum or nearby Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre.

**DELICIOUS DESTINATION**

Dorset is a haven for foodies and Lyme Regis tempts with all things deliciously divine. Cosy tea shops, chic bistros and eateries so close to the sea you almost get your toes wet! Menus chalk up their catch of the day and tasty takeaways offer the simple pleasure of supper on the beach.

**WHAT’S ON ?**

With a full calendar of events there is always something going on. There is a Fossil Festival in May, the RNLI Lifeboat Week in July, Regatta and Carnival Week in August, ArtsFest in September and annual Jazz and Folk Festivals.

Lyme Regis is rightly proud of its cultural hub of arts activity. Art galleries and working craft shops proudly display quality works from local and national artists. The Marine Theatre hosts shows and musical productions throughout the year.

To explore more of the Jurassic Coastline, a Jurassic Coast bus runs regularly between Axminster and Weymouth allowing you to hop on and off along the way including stops at Abbotsbury, West Bay, Charmouth and Lyme Regis.

**GETTING ABOUT**

For walkers, the immediate coastline around Lyme Regis is dramatic and beautiful with many rambling paths, including the South West Coast Path. To the west is the Undercliff Nature Reserve and to the east is Golden Cap, the highest point on the south coast. The National Cycle Network Route 2 is a 30 mile cycle route from Lyme Regis to Dorchester. It passes through the most rural parts of West Dorset and is a great way to get about. The West Dorset Pedal, a pack of five shorter cycle rides, uncovers West Dorset’s finest food and arts. The closest railway station is Axminster, which is served by regular buses to and from Lyme Regis. A regular bus service also runs to Dorchester, Dorset’s historic county town. Call in at the Tourist Information Centre for details.

**The Cobb**

**OYSTER & FISH HOUSE**

**Gene Fossilising**

**Welcome!**

Lyme Regis Museum

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