

Route 3

Corfe Castle & the Purbeck Ridge

Cream teas with breathtaking views

Pedalling around Purbeck will feel like you're in another world. As you leave Corfe Castle behind you this route takes you to some of the lesser known sights and sounds of the area, to help you really get under the skin of this beautiful place.

To get the best views there are a few hills along the way. But don't let that put you off - this is perfect Tea and Cake country, so there's plenty of places to top up your energy levels in a very delicious way!

TREAT YOURSELF

Get into the holiday spirit - cream teas or coffee & cake are a great excuse to relax and enjoy the stunning views. Corfe Castle, Worth Matravers and Swanage all have teashops to tempt you (and there's even a Cake Emporium in Swanage too!).

DANCING LEDGE, TILLY WHIM, WINSBIT BOTTOM ...

Once you head towards Worth Matravers you'll soon get a view of the sea. This is part of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site, which has a great story of over 185 million years of rock history to tell. What an outstanding backdrop to your ride!
jurassiccoast.org

DURLSTON CASTLE

Durlston Castle and Country Park is well worth a detour - head to the Castle for exhibitions and information about the wildlife of the area, or try their '7 mile menu' celebrating the wealth of local produce. Beautiful walks along the coast and through wildflower meadows can easily while away an afternoon.
durlston.co.uk

PURBECK MARBLE

You will see the Jurassic Coast rocks up close in the field walls (look out for the zigzag local style), barns and even roof tiles. Purbeck limestone has been quarried here for centuries and features in abbeys and cathedrals across the country including Westminster and Salisbury.

LESS IS MORE!

Take a closer look at the fields as you cycle by and you could spot some rare grasses and flowers - with great names like Shepherd's Needle and Venus' Looking Glass. These thrive in this area where less fertilizers are used. As you pedal (or push!) up the Ridge you'll see the grassland packed full of wildflowers in the summer.




PURBECK ICE CREAM is a founder member of Dorset Food & Drink, based at Kingston near Corfe Castle, making traditional and quite unusual flavours!



Swanage Railway gives you an option to 'puff' back to the start without losing your breath. This regular service will take you and your bike back to Corfe Castle in style.



VISIT SWANAGE OUT OF SEASON - the annual Fish Festival and the Walking and Literary Festivals are worth a return trip.



The unique Square and Compass Pub (complete with Fossil Museum) in Worth Matravers is worth a visit!



Before you set off, check detailed maps & updates at dorsetfoodanddrink.org

DISTANCE: 15 miles

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 Eat &
drink
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 Great
view
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 Farm
shop
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 Sleep
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 Your
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- 1 SWANAGE BAY FISH**
 Seasonal fresh fish all year, caught by our own & other local fishermen. swanagebayfish.com
- 2 CHOCOCO**
 Fine handmade chocolates with original chocolate & local ingredients. chococo.co.uk
- 3 LOVE CAKE**
 Swanage's first Cafe-Deli-Cake Emporium, baking devilishly delicious cakes, brownies and puddings. Catering offer too. [f](#)
- 4 SEVENTH WAVE**
 Good quality, freshly cooked dishes using as much local produce as possible, set in the grounds of Dursilton Country Park. 7eventhwave.com
- 5 NORDEN FARM SHOP**
 Crammed with lots of local food and drink for all your daily needs.
- 6 DRAGONS BAKERY**
 Freshly baked bread, cakes and pastries in the heart of Corfe Castle
- 7 CORFE CASTLE TEA ROOM**
 Enjoy a Dorset cream tea overlooking Corfe Castle itself. nationaltrust.org.uk
- 8 CASTLE VILLAGE STORES**
 Selling many locally produced products from Dorset. corfecastlevillagestores.co.uk
- 9 SQUARE AND COMPASS**
 Home pressed ciders are the perfect accompaniment to a hot pasty. Complete with fossil museum. squareandcompasspub.co.uk
- 10 WORTH MATRAVERS TEA & SUPPER ROOM**
 Vintage china and lovely staff, serving lunches, afternoon teas and summer suppers. worthmatraverstearoom.co.uk

Suppliers only

- 11 PURBECK ICE CREAM**
 Produced with passion using fresh milk, thick double cream and an abundance of natural flavours. purbeckicecream.co.uk
- 12 CRAB APPLE CATERING**
 Creating fantastic events & parties with glorious canapés, buffets and meals. crabapplecatering.co.uk
- 13 JAVA COFFEE**
 Mobile coffee van serving high quality coffee and loose leaf tea, with homemade cakes and savouries. [f](#)
- 14 JURASSIC COTTAGE FOODS**
 Specialists in nostalgia! Traditional foods using traditional methods. jurassiccottagefoods.com

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