

Your guide to

# Days out by bus in Dorset



## Discover Dorset by bus

We've made it easier than ever to explore Dorset's must-see spots with this handy guide to days out by bus.

Whether you're local in search of a new adventure or visiting the area for the first time, we've got you covered.

Think golden sands at Weymouth Beach – perfect for a classic seaside day out – or the dramatic coastal views at Portland Bill, part of the stunning Jurassic Coast.

Enjoy the vibrant atmosphere of Brewery Square with its shops and restaurants, or explore the peaceful charm of Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens, home to rare plants and coastal views.

For a unique family experience, visit Monkey World – a renowned ape rescue centre offering fun and education for all ages.

**And the best part? All of these spots and more are just a bus ride away. Hop on board today and see where the bus can take you!**



### Weymouth Beach

Enjoy golden sands, charming donkey rides, and a bustling seafront brimming with entertainment. Whether you're building sandcastles, strolling along the promenade, or simply soaking up the lively atmosphere, it's the perfect spot for a quintessential British seaside experience.

[weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk/services](http://weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk/services)

Catch any service to the King's Statue



### Chesil Beach

Discover this stunning 18-mile stretch of pebbles, offering breathtaking views of the coastline. Perfect for nature lovers and those who enjoy peaceful coastal walks.

[visit-dorset.com/explore/coast-and-beaches](http://visit-dorset.com/explore/coast-and-beaches)

Catch service 1 or 11 (open-top bus)



### Weymouth Town Centre

Take a leisurely walk down St. Mary Street and St. Alban Street, where you'll find the perfect blend of local character and everyday convenience right in the heart of the town.

[visit-dorset.com/explore/areas-to-visit](http://visit-dorset.com/explore/areas-to-visit)

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### Weymouth Harbour

Stroll along this scenic harbour lined with colourful boats, independent cafés, and fresh seafood restaurants. Whether you're sipping coffee by the water or enjoying a leisurely lunch, it's the perfect place to unwind and soak up the coastal atmosphere.

[weymouth-harbour.co.uk](http://weymouth-harbour.co.uk)

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### Brewery Square

Discover a lively quarter filled with stylish dining, unique shopping, and exciting events all year round. Whether you're looking for a relaxed meal, a spot of retail therapy, or live entertainment, this is the place to be for locals and visitors alike.

[brewerysquare.com](http://brewerysquare.com)

Catch service 10 or X51



### SEALIFE Centre

Dive into a world of wonder at this interactive, family-friendly aquarium. Get up close with fascinating sea creatures and enjoy hands-on exhibits that bring ocean life to life for visitors of all ages.

[visitsealife.com/weymouth](http://visitsealife.com/weymouth)

Catch services X50 (open-top bus), X54, 13 or 4



### Lodmoor Country Park

A spacious, family-friendly park offering nature trails, play areas, and a charming mini railway for little ones to enjoy. Perfect for a day out with the family, this park combines outdoor adventure with plenty of opportunities to relax and explore nature.

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Catch services X50 (open-top bus), X54, 13 or 4

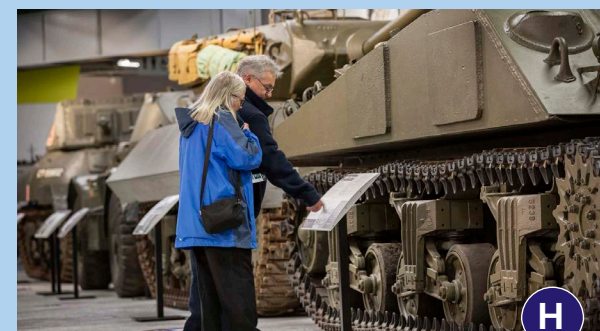


### Portland Bill Lighthouse

Visit the striking red and white lighthouse that stands proudly on the coastline, offering breathtaking panoramic sea views. Discover its rich maritime history through engaging displays and learn about the vital role it has played in guiding sailors for over a century.

[portlandbillighthouse.co.uk](http://portlandbillighthouse.co.uk)

Catch service 11 (open-top bus)



### The Tank Museum

Looking for the biggest day out in history? Come visit The Tank Museum – Dorset's largest indoor attraction. Book online & save 15%. Unlimited returns for a year with every regular ticket, plus free trails and tours, soft play, on-site café and parking.

[tankmuseum.org](http://tankmuseum.org)

Catch service X54 connect with service 55 at Lulworth



### Sandworld

Be amazed by intricate, larger-than-life sand sculptures crafted by world-class artists. Set within the heart of Lodmoor Country Park, this unique attraction offers an inspiring experience where imagination is brought to life in sand.

[sandworld.co.uk](http://sandworld.co.uk)

Catch services X50 (open-top bus), X54, 13 or 4



### Portland Castle

Explore this impressive coastal fortress built by Henry VIII to defend against invasion. Packed with centuries of history, it offers a fascinating glimpse into Tudor life, military strategy, and the stories of those who once walked its battlements.

[english-heritage.org.uk](http://english-heritage.org.uk)

Catch service 1 or 11 (open-top bus)



### Monkey World

Discover a 65-acre woodland park that's home to over 230 rescued and endangered monkeys and apes, representing 25 different species from around the world. A truly unique day out where every visit supports vital conservation and animal welfare efforts.

[monkeyworld.org](http://monkeyworld.org)

Catch service X54 connect with service 55 at Lulworth



### Abbotsbury Swannery

Nestled along the dramatic Dorset Coast, this unique sanctuary is home to one of the world's only managed colonies of over 600 Mute Swans. A truly unforgettable sight and a peaceful haven for nature lovers of all ages.

[abbotsburyswannery.co.uk](http://abbotsburyswannery.co.uk)

Catch service X52 (open-top bus) or X53



# Your buses in Weymouth



## Great value tickets

Our **FirstDay Weymouth tickets** give you unlimited travel in Weymouth as well as to Dorchester and all of Portland including Portland Bill.

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| <b>Adult</b>  | <b>£7</b>    |
| <b>Child</b><br>Ages 5-15   | <b>£3.50</b> |
| <b>Group</b><br>Valid for up-to five people with no age restrictions. | <b>£15</b>   |

### Want an easier way to pay?

**Tap On Tap Off** uses contactless payments to cap our adult bus fares so you'll never pay more than the day ticket price each day that you travel with us.

Scan the QR code to see more:



## Our other routes

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| <b>1</b>     | <b>Weymouth – Portland</b><br>every 15 mins daytimes<br>Mon-Sat, 30 mins evenings,<br>20 mins daytimes Sun                            |
| <b>2</b>     | <b>Weymouth – Littlemoor</b><br>every 15 mins daytimes<br>Mon-Sat, 20 mins daytimes<br>Sun, 50 mins evenings                          |
| <b>3</b>     | <b>Weymouth – Southhill</b><br>every 50 mins off-peak<br>Mon-Fri only   |
| <b>4</b>     | <b>Weymouth – Preston</b><br>every 20 mins daytimes Mon-Sun,<br>40 mins evenings  |
| <b>8</b>     | <b>Weymouth – Chickerell</b><br>every 30 mins daytimes<br>Mon-Sat, 45 mins evenings,<br>60 mins Sundays                               |
| <b>10</b>    | <b>Weymouth – Poundbury</b><br>every 15 mins daytimes Mon-Fri,<br>20 mins daytimes Sat, 30 mins<br>daytimes Sun, 60 mins evenings     |
| <b>12 13</b> | <b>Weymouth – Littlesea/<br/>Bowleaze Cove Holiday Park</b><br>hourly daytimes Mon-Sun,<br>half hourly in Summer<br>Hols, no evenings |
| <b>X51</b>   | <b>Weymouth – Dorchester –<br/>Bridport – Axminster</b><br>every 2 hours daytimes<br>Mon-Sun, no evenings                             |
| <b>X53</b>   | <b>Weymouth – Abbotsbury –<br/>Bridport – Axminster</b><br>every 2 hours daytimes<br>Mon-Sun, no evenings                             |
| <b>X54</b>   | <b>Weymouth – Lulworth –<br/>Wareham – Swanage</b><br>every 2 hours daytimes<br>Mon-Sun, no evenings                                  |

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### Open-top routes

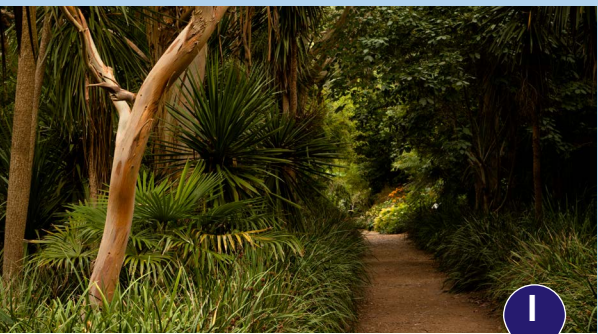
Hop on one of our open-top Explore Dorset buses, grab the best seat in the house (up top, of course!), and let us take you to some of the best views Dorset has to offer.

Sit back and enjoy the breeze while we take care of the driving!

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| <b>11</b>  | <b>Weymouth – Portland Bill</b><br>every 2 hours Mon-Sun, then hourly<br>Mon-Sat and every 2 hours on<br>Sundays during the Summer holiday |
| <b>X52</b> | <b>Weymouth – Abbotsbury –<br/>Bridport</b><br>every 2 hours daytimes Mon-Sat,<br>no Sun or evenings                                       |
| <b>X50</b> | <b>Weymouth – Lulworth – Wareham<br/>– Swanage (Summer Hols only)</b><br>every 2 hours daytimes Mon-Sun                                    |
| <b>55</b>  | <b>Lulworth – Wool – Bovington Tank<br/>Museum &amp; Monkey World</b><br>every hour daytimes Mon-Sun                                       |

### Want timetables?

View timetables, see next departures for your bus stop and find the closest stops to your location, **scan the QR code:**



## Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens

Discover a hidden paradise on the Jurassic Coast. Wander through 30 acres of lush, sheltered gardens filled with over 6,000 rare and exotic plants from around the world. A peaceful escape with breathtaking views, perfect for nature lovers and garden enthusiasts alike.

[abbotsburygardens.co.uk](http://abbotsburygardens.co.uk)

Catch service **X52 (open-top bus)** or **X53**



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Overlooking Weymouth Bay, these beautifully maintained gardens are perfect for a quiet stroll or a scenic picnic.

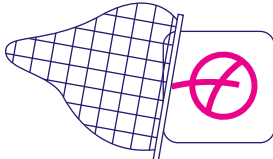
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## Get tickets, times & more on the app

- Plan journeys.
- View timetables.
- Find live bus times.
- Buy tickets whenever you like.
- See how many seats are free.
- Live track your bus on the map.

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[firstbus.co.uk/dorset](http://firstbus.co.uk/dorset)



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