

## South West 660 Route Notes: Sandbanks – Weymouth

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Start from Sandbanks Chain Ferry - toll for regular cars £4.50

- Head via Studland **B3351** to Swanage
- After passing through Studland take left fork signposted Swanage and Pass through Ullwell
- Arrive in Swanage, park along the front if there is space alternative local parking available
- Swanage makes a great stop, quirky Seaside town with a stunning beach, some interesting places to eat and drink. Lovely park and Steam Railway to Corfe Castle
- Setting off from Swanage leave by Victoria Avenue **A351** towards Wareham
- Quite soon after leaving Swanage, take left turn towards Langton Matravers **B3069**
- Langton Matravers is a small but attractive village, with most buildings in the grey stone so typical for this part of the Jurassic Coast
- Next village is Kingston
- The Scott Arms is a nice quirky pub with fantastic views towards Corfe Castle.
- Heading towards Corfe Castle on **B3069** then at T-junction turn left onto **A351**
- Corfe is a very pretty village, best know for the castle it is named after (National Trust), some good places to eat and drink or stay (Mortons Manor Hotel)
- 1-hr stop, or 2-hr stop if visiting castle

Just after leaving Corfe on **A351**, turn left towards Church Knowle and Steeple (unclassified road). Note: easily missed junction as it looks like a car park....its not!

- Church Knowle is a small yet pretty hamlet
- Detour here for Kimmeridge a private beach with amazing views - £6 car parking BUT also a beautiful little restaurant called Clavells

*After Steeple, please note that the preferred route crosses MOD Firing Range which can be shut with no notice if training is taking place. Small detour turning right heading towards **A351** and Wareham rejoin the route by turning left on the **A3071** towards West Lulworth*

- If the MOD road is open you are in for a real treat of views over the Purbeck Hills with glimpses of Poole Harbour
- Pass the Ghost village of Tynham which was requisitioned by the MOD in 1943 as a firing range displacing 225 residents.
- A great view here of Lulworth Castle, open to the public

- Onwards to West Lulworth. At least a 1-hr stop to visit Durdle Door, The Lulworth Crumple and Stair Hole – plenty of places to eat, drink and stay
- At Burngate junction turn left onto **B3070** to West Lulworth
- In West Lulworth turn right onto Church Road towards Weymouth (unclassified road).
- At Winfreth Newburgh, turn right and then left onto **A352**
- At Warmwell Cross roundabout turn left towards Weymouth through Osmington on the **A353**
- Short detour to Ringstead for a small private beach and little café (Parking Charges apply)
- After Preston, at roundabout turn left onto **B3155** to Weymouth Seafront – easiest parking is at the Pavilion at the very end of the esplanade

Depending on interests, Weymouth can be a 1 or 2 hour stop. Good opportunities for food and drink in the Old Town / Harbour area and a fabulous swimming beach

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We hope you have found these Route Notes helpful. Do you have any comments on these details? Have you found better sections or did you get confused at any stage? Then please share your thoughts with us via [hello@southwest660.com](mailto:hello@southwest660.com), allowing us to investigate and / or improve.

Needless to say, at times there may be roadworks / diversions / other reasons why sections of this route may be somewhat impacted. If you come across any of these, and for the benefit of other South West 660 explorers, we would hugely appreciate a quick post on <https://www.facebook.com/SouthWest660> or a message to [hello@southwest660.com](mailto:hello@southwest660.com).

Thank you!