



WEST DORSET

Leisure Holidays

🦴 Woof Guide 🦴

Important information for dog owners



Here at West Dorset Leisure Holidays we strive to provide an enjoyable and relaxing holiday for everyone.

As a family-run park and dog owners ourselves, we know how important it is to be dog friendly so the whole family can enjoy holidays to Dorset!



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🦷 Welcome! 🦷

My name is Harry and my family own the five West Dorset Leisure Holiday's parks.

Lots of dogs visit us every year with their owners so I thought I should make a special guide just for my doggy friends.

I've lived at Highlands End Holiday Park my whole life so I'm the perfect tour guide and I'll take you on a journey of the best things to see and do...

🦷 Doggy Rules 🦷

Sorry friends but we have to get the boring bit out the way first! Please make sure your owners follow these simple rules:

We must be on a lead at all times

We must be on our leads at all times out on the park. If a touring or camping pitch is your home, watch out that any extendable leads aren't too long so they don't go on the road or other guest's pitches.

We must not be left unattended

I'm sure you can agree we don't like being left on our own so please make sure your owners don't leave you unattended in your accommodation or in a hot car.

We can't go on the soft furnishings

While the furniture may look comfy, we must stay in our dog beds or on the floor and not go on any of the soft furnishings in the accommodation or in Martin's Bar.

Make sure your owner's clean up after us!

So everyone can enjoy a pleasant stay, please make sure your owners use a poop scoop and put any waste in the dog bins, which are marked on the park map.

Make sure you behave

While we love all humans and want to say hello to them, not all of them get along with us so please make sure you aren't a nuisance to other guests or disrupt the tranquility of the park through excessive noise, or you may be asked to leave the park, along with your owners.

Check your accommodation is dog friendly

Not all accommodation on the parks is dog friendly so please make sure your owner has double checked. Designated Lodges, Caravans and Bungalows allow up to 2 dogs and designated glamping accommodation allows 1 dog (charges apply).

Risks off the Park

While we may want to run off the lead on the clifftop or beaches, some of my doggy friends have to be rescued by the Coastguard, or injure wildlife. While you may think that won't happen to us, sometimes we get over-excited. Please take us to the dog exercising meadow for a run off-lead and use extendable leads on beaches & clifftops.

🦷 The fun stuff 🦷

Now the boring stuff is out the way, let's look at the fun stuff and what you can do on the park!

Dog exercising meadows

There are enclosed off-lead **dog exercising meadows** at Highlands End, Golden Cap and Graston Copse Holiday Parks. These are a great place to let off steam and play freely - I bet our owners wonder if we'll ever come back! But the fence around the field keeps us in unfortunately!

Park Shops

The **Spar Convenience Stores** at Highlands End and Golden Cap currently sell doggie dinners, which we love, but also a range of treats! We must keep our noses in the air to sniff them out! They also have poo bags, water bowls, leads, ground stakes and toys.



Doggy shower & dog beds

At Highlands End, there is a **doggy shower** by the main toilet & shower block. Check out the locally-made shampoo and soap in the park shop.

Lodges

If you are staying in a lodge, there is a **dog bed** provided for us, but please get your owners to bring your favourite blanket or cushion to put in it.

Martin's Bar & Restaurant at Highlands End

We are more than welcome at **Martin's Bar & Restaurant** at Highlands End Holiday Park, where we have areas for you to sit with your family (see the signs or ask a member of the team) and even our own **doggy menu**, with sausages, ice cream and treats!

Us dogs should stick together and if you have any ideas on how my family can make the parks even better for us, then please let a member of the team know, or add it to your online feedback form.

🦷 Attractions 🦷

Swanage Railway
Symondsburry Estate
The Dinosaur Museum
Abbotsbury Gardens
Athelhampton House
Blue Pool



🦷 Places to eat 🦷

Martin's Bar & Restaurant
The Three Horseshoes
Hive Beach Cafe
Anchor Inn at Seatown
Ivy House Kitchen
The Smuggler's Inn



🦷 Walks 🦷

Colmer's Hill

1.6 mile circular walk, with views over Bridport. Parking at Symondsburry Estate.

Eggardon Hill

4.5 mile circular route from the Spyway Inn at Askerswell.

Undercliffs

Beautiful 7 mile walk from Lyme Regis to Seatown through a Nature Reserve.

Lulworth Cove

2.6 mile circular walk to Durdle Door. Parking at West Lulworth.

Stonebarrow

6.5 mile circular walk from Golden Cap Holiday Park.

White Nothe

4 mile walk from Ringstead Bay to White Nothe and back with great views.

Eype Down

4 mile circular walk via Thorncombe Beacon from Highlands End.

Worbarrow Bay

1 mile walk from Tyneham village, only open during holidays and weekends.

Old Harry Rocks

1 mile walk each way from the Bankes Arms, with views over Studland Bay.

🦷 The Countryside Code 🦷

When walking in the countryside please follow the countryside code.

- By law, dogs must be controlled on a short lead between 01 March and 31 July on open country and common land and at all times near farm animals.
- By law farmers are entitled to destroy a dog that injures or worries their animals.
- If you are confident you can rely on their obedience, dogs can be off a lead on public footpaths, so long as they are under 'close control'.
- We recommend that on the coastal path and clifftops, dogs are kept on a lead at all times. It is not uncommon for dogs to wander off cliff edges in this area, presenting considerable risk and cost to the Coastguard.
- Always clean up after your dog and dispose of it responsibly.
- Please make sure your dog is wormed regularly to protect it, other animals and people.
- Follow any local signage in relation to leads and restrictions.
- Know where you are allowed to go - most land is private property and access is only available with the goodwill and tolerance of the owner.

🐾 Beaches 🐾

Eype Beach

Dogs welcome all year round

A haven for dog walkers, Eype is a quiet secluded shingle beach, just a few hundred metres walk from Highlands End Holiday Park. There is a small car park with steps down to the beach.



Burton Bradstock

Dogs welcome 01 October to 30 May

Just 1 mile from Graston Copse Holiday Park, the beautiful Hive Beach has restrictions at peak times. Head around 1/2 a mile east to Cogden Beach, for a quieter beach that is dog friendly all year round.

West Bay

Dogs welcome 01 October to 30 April

West Bay is a charming fishing village with harbour and has a choice of beaches, with restrictions during peak times. Dogs are welcome year round from where the cliffs start to the east and west.



Seatown

Dogs welcome 01 October to 30 April

Seatown Beach is a stone's throw from Golden Cap Holiday Park and has great views of the surrounding cliffs. Walk the coast path to the top of Golden Cap, the highest point on the south coast of England.

Ringstead Bay

Dogs welcome all year round

A quiet pebble beach with views to Weymouth and the Isle of Portland, Ringstead provides a quieter, less crowded day at the beach. It is located just 5 miles from Sandyholme Holiday Park.



Charmouth

Dogs welcome 01 October to 30 April

Charmouth is a small coastal village and one of the best locations for fossil hunting in the world. East Beach allows dogs from 01 September to 30 June and on West Beach, dogs are welcome all year round.

Durdle Door

Dogs welcome all year round

One of the most iconic landmarks in the UK, Durdle Door beach welcomes dogs all year round. It's a hilly walk from the car park and gets busy in the summer. Dogs are welcome at nearby Lulworth Cove.



Lyme Regis

Dogs welcome 01 October to 30 April

Lyme Regis is a great day out and offers a range of beaches to choose from, as well as the Langmoor Gardens with views over the coast. The beaches east and west from the town welcome dogs all year round.

Local Dog Services

Dog Walkers

Dorset Dog Walks - Beaminster - 07896 486340 (Mon to Fri only)
Pet Calls - 01297 678155 / 07761 566411

Dog Sitters

Vet Pet Sit - Uplyme - 01297 533001 (pre-visit required, Mon to Fri only)
Patsy's Paws - 01297 678522 / 07955 794330
Pet Calls - 01297 678155 / 07761 566411

Pet Shops

Animal House - 8 South Street, Bridport, DT6 3NQ
Groves Nurseries - 74 West Bay Road, Bridport, DT6 4BA
Pets at Home - West Street, Axminster, EX13 5PA
Pets Corner - Gould's Garden Centre, Weymouth, DT3 6AD

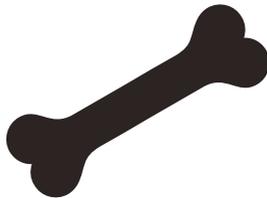


Vets

Bredy Veterinary Centre - Bridport, DT6 4RR - 01308 456771
Haydon Vets - Bridport, DT6 3UX - 01308 456808
Southfield Veterinary Centre - Dorchester, DT1 1DU - 01305 262913

Dog Groomers

Buddies Dog Grooming Salon - Bridport - 01308 424447
Shaggyz Dog Grooming - Bridport - 01308 538008 (Mon to Fri only)
Polly's Paws - Crossways - 07955 839322



Stray or lost dogs

If you find a lost dog on one of our parks, please let a member of the team know or bring them to the Park Reception so we can try to locate the owner.

Off of the parks, first check if the dog has their owner's phone number on a dog tag and if not, contact Dorset Council on 01305 251010 (West Dorset) or 01305 838000 (Weymouth & Portland).

Please remember by law a dog should be wearing a collar with the owner's name and address. Please pick up after your dog so we can keep Dorset clean and tidy.