



Our favourite beach



Coast path & Golden cap



Swans and cygnets Abbotsbury



Hive beach



[West Bay](#)



[Fossils](#)



[Dorset NGS Gardens](#)



[Hardy's Wessex](#)



[Taste of Dorset](#)

[Hive Beach and café](#)

[Athelhampton](#)

[Dog friendly pubs in Dorset](#)

[arts centre](#)

[farmers market](#)

[Abbotsbury Sub-tropical Gardens](#)

[Downhouse Farm](#)

[Mangerton Mill](#)

[Important Dorset gardens open to the public](#)

[Forde Abbey](#)

[Hardy's Monument](#) Currently closed for work

[Moonfleet church and Dorset smugglers](#)

[Milton Abbey](#)

[abbeys and churches.](#)

[River Cottage HQ](#)

[Tynham](#)

[Lyme Regis](#)

[Children's activities in Dorset](#)

[The Swannery,](#)

Visitor Comments:

March 17th 2012 *Just returned yesterday from our holiday at your cottage. We had a super week, visited all we wished to, enjoyed some marvellous walks. The cottage was great, no problems, all we required, welcome basket wonderful, comfortable with a very comfortable bed which was most welcome after a strenuous day along the coast. Many thanks Brian and Marlene.*

Here is a small historical selection: *The cottage was lovely and so well equipped, we were short of nothing, Mrs. Fox Sheffield..... We went on some lovely walks around the village, the children had the opportunity to see farm animals and collect wood for the fire. Thank you Pat & Richard. Mrs. Staniland London..... What a great kitchen for a cook, fantastic local produce & fresh seafood around. Lovely to sit with a pint in front of blazing logs, when you know there's lots to do tomorrow. Darcy loved the walks and the sandy beaches, he has pebbles at home! Thank you. Andrew and Gary, Brighton..... We all had a marvellous holiday, helped by an absolutely lovely holiday home. A week is not long enough. Mrs. Millen, St. Albans..... We loved your cottage, the suppers in the alfresco dining area were a delight after long walks on the deserted beaches and downs. Mrs. Shuttleworth, Chesterfield... We are seasoned holiday cottage users and we haven't found a better equipped, warmer and more centrally located base for exploring Dorset. Thank you both – Simon and Claire, Derby..... We had good weather, Mo and Jemma enjoyed their walks in Langdon Woods. The bluebells there were fantastic. We had good meals everywhere. Mo and Jemma were always welcome Your cottage was so clean & we liked the country style décor. Thanks for the welcome basket and for having us. Dick and Mags, Heage*

[Walks for softies](#)

and: Stone barrow hill - turn off A35 towards Charmouth, take 1st left after Caravan Park up narrow lane - views and walks. Charmouth beach is the best one for children – it is a fossil hunters paradise.

Easy Golden Cap: Go through Chideock towards Morecomblake and just before the start of the dual carriageway there is a concealed left, take this and go immediately left again on rough road to free NT car park. Walk around woods nice, then short one up to Golden Cap (The highest cliff on the south coast) for panoramic views. See Curiosities book in our cottage for ruined chapel on [Ashley Chase](#) it is a lovely secluded, romantic and atmospheric spot full of wild flowers.

Fossil Forest at Lulworth Cove OPEN DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, AT OTHER TIMES YOU MUST GO ON SUNDAY OR SATURDAY BEFORE JOURNEY HOME (army ranges) It is a lovely walk to Tynham and Worbarrow Bay. Durdle Door, Studland Bay (long stretch of white sands, part allocated for nudists) and Old Harry rocks are all less than an hours drive from Clematis Cottage.

There are Small play areas at the Ilchester Arms (Symondsburry) and the Marquis of Lorne (Nettlecombe, Powerstock) Plenty of Fast food at West Bay, one and a half miles, (the nearest sandy beach) Beach café at Charmouth is good – all these have adjacent car parks and toilets too. Walk from Osmington Mill (Pub) to Ringstead Bay (Café) Sea views all the way. [The County Museum](#) at Dorchester is small but good and [Barrington Court](#) is very a very pleasant place to visit



Dolly and Rosie with Golden Cap in the background. We always go here on every visit, it is just so beautiful!