

Ongoing

Everyone Needs a Shed 🌱🌿
There are a variety of sessions at the Durlston Shed to get involved with. For details, visit durlston.co.uk/everyone-needs-a-shed

Weekly Work Parties
Come and get stuck into our variety of different volunteer workparties. Visit durlston.co.uk/volunteer to find out more.

Every Monday, 2 - 4pm
Cuppa and a Chat **FREE** 🌱🌿
Enjoy a cuppa, make new friends and enjoy the lovely setting of the Durlston Shed.

Every Monday, 10 - 11.30am
The Wild Walking Bookclub 🌿
Join a walking book club with Vicki Powell (walk leader, life coach and nature therapist). Suitable for basic level of fitness. £8. To book contact Vicki on 07896 604495 or email vickibarefootresolution@gmail.com

Every Saturday, 9am
parkrun **FREE**
Get fit in a great location. Register through parkrun.org.uk

October



Monday 2 - Tuesday 17 October, 10am - 5pm
Durlston Past: Exhibition **FREE** 🌿
Explore the 20th Century history of Durlston and the 'Durlston Pleasure Grounds'.

Tuesday 3 October, 7.30pm
Evening Talk: Allsort'd 🌿
An evening talk from Eddie and Paula from 'Allsort'd' about the fantastic work that they do at the park and for the community. £3 or free for Friends of Durlston.

Thursday 5 October, 11am - 12.30pm
Victorian Durlston Guided Walk 🌿
Take a tour to discover Durlston's curious Victorian past. £3.50

Saturday 7 October, 7pm
Stargazing 🌿
Jupiter, Saturn and Autumn Constellations. Visit www.durlston.co.uk to check for cancellation. £4

Tuesday 10 October, 10.30am - 12pm
Draw like a Pro Workshop 🌿
Join artist Mark Page to learn to draw wildlife. Beginners/intermediate. Booking required. £22

Sunday 15 October, 10.30am - 12.30pm
Park to Pier 🌿
Join a Ranger for a walk from Durlston Castle to Swanage Pier learning about wildlife, geology and history. Adult £5, Child £3

Thursday 19 - Tuesday 31 October, 10am - 4pm
Halloween Activity Trail 🌿
Let's get spooky! Follow the map around the park to find the missing pumpkins! £3.50 per pack.

Friday 20 October - Saturday 4 November, 10am - 4pm
Purbeck Film Festival Exhibition **FREE** 🌿
Exhibition exploring the past years of the Purbeck Film Festival and the themes of this year's films.

Sunday 22 October, 11am - 12.30pm
Durlston Rocks! Geology Walk 🌿
Join a Ranger to discover Durlston's rocks, fossils and prehistoric past. £3.50

Monday 23 October, 2 - 4pm
Drawing in Pen, Pencil and Ink 🌿
Join Madelaine Devenay for a workshop suitable for beginners and improvers. Materials provided. Booking required. £20

Tuesday 24 October, 7.30pm
Purbeck Film Festival: Lunana: A Yak in the Classroom (15) 🌿
An enchanting drama of an aspiring singer living with his grandmother in the capital of Bhutan who dreams of moving to Australia. Tickets £8, under 25s and students £6. Book via www.purbeckfilm.com

Wednesday 25 October, 11am - 3pm
Wild Wednesdays **FREE** 🌿
Drop in for painting, crafts and activities! Donations welcome.

Wednesday 25 October, 7.30pm
Purbeck Film Festival: Little English (PG) 🌿
A laugh-out-loud story of a dysfunctional Punjabi family in the pressure cooker life of a terraced suburban home in Slough. Tickets £8, under 25s and students £6. Book via www.purbeckfilm.com

Thursday 26 October, 10.30am - 12pm
Wild Durlston Kids' Activity 🌿
Join a Ranger to learn more about Durlston through games and activities. Booking required. £3.50

Thursday 26 October, 7.30pm
Purbeck Film Festival: How to Blow Up a Pipeline (15) 🌿
A thrilling drama following a crew of environmental activists as they plot a daring plan to disrupt an oil pipeline. Tickets £8, under 25s and students £6. Book via www.purbeckfilm.com

Tuesday 31 October, 7.30pm
Purbeck Film Festival: Hello Bookstore: Documentary (15) 🌿
In the shadow of the pandemic, a small town rallies to protect a beloved local bookstore in its hour of need. Tickets £8, under 25s and students £6. Book via www.purbeckfilm.com

November

Thursday 2 November, 11am - 12pm
Castle Tour **FREE** 🌿
Discover the history of Durlston Castle. Donations welcome.

Thursday 2 November, 7.30pm
Purbeck Film Festival: Official Competition (15) 🌿
A comedic drama following a wealthy businessman as he hires a famous filmmaker to help make a smash hit film. Tickets £8, under 25s and students £6. Book via www.purbeckfilm.com

Saturday 4 November, 7pm
Stargazing 🌿
Saturn, Jupiter and Autumn Constellations. Visit www.durlston.co.uk to check for cancellation. £4



Tuesday 7 November - Sunday 10 December, 10am - 4pm
What if you just leave it? Rewilding Unwrapped Exhibition **FREE** 🌿
Photographer, geographer and podcaster Sam Rose 'unwraps' rewilding, including images from West Dorset and Purbeck.

Tuesday 7 November, 7.30pm
Evening Talk: Printmaker Robin Mackenzie 🌿
Printmaker and Illustrator Robin Mackenzie talks about his Durlston Residency and his work. £3 or free for Friends of Durlston.



Sunday 12 November, 11am - 12.30pm
Glass Engraving Workshop 🌿
Learn this fascinating craft. No experience needed. Children (8+) and adults welcome. Booking required. £15

Sunday 19 November, 10.30am - 12.30pm
Park to Pier 🌿
Join a Jurassic Coast Volunteer for a walk from Durlston Castle to Swanage Pier learning about wildlife, geology and history. Adult £5, Child £3

Sunday 26 November, 11am - 12.30pm
National Nature Reserve Management 🌿
Why don't we just let Durlston go wild? £3.50

December

Thursday 7 December, 11am - 12.30pm
Pleasure Grounds Guided Walk 🌿
Discover the curious history of the Pleasure Grounds and its restoration. £3.50

Thursday 14 December - Tuesday 2 January, 10am - 3pm
Crazy Christmas Activity Trail 🌿
Santa needs your help to get Christmas back on track. Follow the map around the park and help save Christmas! £3.50 per pack.

Sunday 17 December, 11am - 12.30pm
Glass Engraving Workshop 🌿
8+ and adults welcome
See Sunday 12 November

Tuesday 19 December, 10.30am - 12pm
Kids' Christmas Drawing Workshop 🌿
Join artist Mark Page for a workshop drawing robins, reindeer and all things Christmassy! Materials included. Booking required. £17

Wednesday 20 December - Sunday 14 January, 10am - 4pm
New Heights: Exhibition by Allsort'd **FREE** 🌿
Allsort'd, based at Durlston, provide support for local people with learning disabilities. Come and hear their stories and enjoy their creative work, including items for sale, from bird boxes to walking sticks.

Wednesday 20 December, 11am - 3pm
Wild Wednesdays **FREE** 🌿
See Wednesday 25 October

Saturday 23 December, 9am
Festive Fancy Dress parkrun! **FREE**
Get festive this Christmas and join us for parkrun! (or walk). Come on up in your best festive outfit for this festive 5K. Register through www.parkrun.org.uk

Wednesday 27 December, 11am - 3pm
Wild Wednesdays **FREE** 🌿
See Wednesday 25 October

Thursday 28 December, 10.30am - 12pm
New Year Bottle Rocket Kids' Activity 🌿
Let's bring in the New Year with a 'BANG!' Decorate your own bottle rocket then launch it into the sky! Booking required. £3.50

January 2024

Thursday 4 January, 11am - 12.30pm
Victorian Durlston Guided Walk
See Thursday 5 October



Wednesday 17 January - Wednesday 7 February, 10am - 4pm
Victorian Durlston: Exhibition **FREE** 🌿
Exhibition exploring the history of Durlston, George Burt and John Mowlem.

Saturday 20 January, 7.30pm
Stargazing 🌿
Moon, Jupiter, Uranus, Orion Nebula and Winter constellations. Visit www.durlston.co.uk to check for cancellation. £4

Sunday 28 January, 2 - 3pm
Durlston Through the Year 🌿
Join a Ranger for a talk to discover Durlston through the seasons. £3.50

February

Thursday 1 February, 11am - 12.30pm
Castle Tour **FREE** 🌿
See Thursday 2 November

Saturday 3 February, 7pm
Stargazing 🌿
Jupiter, Uranus, Orion Nebula and Winter constellations. Visit www.durlston.co.uk to check for cancellation. £4

Sunday 4 February, 10.30am - 12pm
Park to Pier 🌿
See Sunday 15 October

Tuesday 6 February, 7.30pm
Evening Talk: Durlston: The Early Years 🌿
Former Planning Officer Richard Burden talks about the creation of Dorset's first Country Park. £3, free for Friends of Durlston.

Thursday 8 - Monday 19 February, 10am - 3pm
Dinosaur Discovery Activity Trail 🌿
Help find Durlston's lost dinosaurs! £3.50 per pack.



Friday 9 February - Friday 1 March, 10am - 4pm
Durlston and the Sea: Exhibition **FREE** 🌿
Find out about the wildlife and history hidden beneath the waves.

Tuesday 13 February, 10.30am - 12pm
Kids' Drawing Workshop 🌿
Join artist Mark Page to learn to draw animals and plants! Materials included. Booking required. £17

Wednesday 14 February, 11am - 3pm
Wild Wednesdays **FREE** 🌿
See Wednesday 25 October

Wednesday 14 February, 10.30am - 12pm
Delinquent Dinosaurs and Fantastic Fossils 🌿
Did someone say Dinosaurs!? Learn about Durlston's prehistoric past through games and activities. Booking required. £3.50



Saturday 17 February, 7pm
Stargazing 🌿
Moon, Jupiter, Orion Nebula, Galaxies and Winter constellations. Visit www.durlston.co.uk to check for cancellation. £4

Sunday 18 February, 11am - 12.30pm
Layers in the Landscape 🌿
Join a Ranger on a guided walk to discover how geology, history and nature have combined to create a unique landscape. £3.50

Friday 23 February, 7.30pm
The Shout: Wareham Whalers Concert 🌿
Celebrating 200 years since the foundation of the RNLI with readings and songs of the sea by the Wareham Whalers. Booking required. £10

Sunday 25 February, 11am - 12.30pm
Glass Engraving Workshop 🌿
8+ and adults welcome
See Sunday 12 November

March

Saturday 2 March, 7pm
Stargazing 🌿
Moon, Jupiter, Orion Nebula, Galaxies and Winter constellations. Visit www.durlston.co.uk to check for cancellation. £4

Tuesday 5 March, 10.30am - 12pm
Draw like a Pro Workshop 🌿
See Tuesday 10 October

Tuesday 5 March, 7.30pm
Evening Talk: A celebration of Durlston parkrun 🌿
A talk from the organisers of the Durlston parkrun to learn about its organisation and success. £3 or free for Friends of Durlston.



Wednesday 6 - Tuesday 19 March, 10.30am - 4pm
Sea Change: Exhibition by Carrie Mason **FREE** 🌿
An exhibition of drawing, print and sculpture by Carrie Mason exploring the transformational effect of the sea on both the self and materials.

Thursday 7 March, 11am - 12.30pm
Pleasure Grounds Guided Walk 🌿
See Thursday 7 December

Saturday 9 and Saturday 16 March, 10.30am - 12.30pm
Rust Printing Workshop 🌿
Join Carrie Mason for this two-part workshop to learn the art of printing using rusty objects on paper and fabrics. Booking required. £45 including materials.

Saturday 16 March, 10.30am - 4pm
Introduction to Wood Engraving Workshop 🌿
Join resident printmaker Robin Mackenzie to create a wood engraving. For beginners and intermediate. £85 per person including materials. Book by emailing robin@robinmackenzie.co.uk or call 07979 812083.

Sunday 17 March, 11am - 12.30pm
Signs of Spring Guided Walk 🌿
Join a Ranger to look for signs of the coming spring! £3.50

Saturday 23 March, 7.30pm
Stargazing 🌿
Jupiter, Mercury, Star clusters, and Spring constellations. Visit www.durlston.co.uk to check for cancellation. £4



Wednesday 27 March - Sunday 14 April, 10.30am - 4pm
Landing Among the Stars: Exhibition **FREE** 🌿
An exhibition of night-time photography by Kevin Ferrioli, showcasing Dorset's dark skies and hidden beauties and how to capture and preserve them.

Thursday 28 March - Monday 15 April, 10am - 4pm
Bonkers Bunnies Activity Trail 🌿
Hop on up and find all the Bonkers Bunnies around the park! £3.50 per pack.

Saturday 30 March, 11am - 12.30pm
Glass Engraving Workshop 🌿
8+ and adults welcome
See Sunday 12 November

Sunday 31 March, 11am - 12.30pm
The Spring has Sprung! 🌿
Enjoy the spring delights of Durlston on a walk with one of the Rangers. £3.50

April

Monday 1 April, 2pm - 4pm
Drawing in Pen, Pencil and Ink 🌿
See Monday 23 October

Tuesday 2 April, 7.30pm
Evening Talk: Durlston's Habitats and Ecology 🌿
Former Head Ranger and naturalist Hamish Murray talks about Durlston's natural history including some new research. £3 or free for Friends of Durlston.

Wednesday 3 April, 11am - 3pm
Wild Wednesdays **FREE** 🌿
See Wednesday 25 October

Thursday 4 April, 10.30am - 12pm
Flower Pot Planting 🌿
Join a Ranger to decorate your own flowerpot then plant your seeds! Booking required. £5

Thursday 4 April, 11am - 12.30pm
Victorian Durlston Guided Walk 🌿
See Thursday 5 October

Saturday 6 April, 11am - 1pm
Family Art Workshop with Ilona Skladzien **FREE** 🌿
Create artworks inspired by being a parent or having a parent. Discover how to work with paper napkins to create 3D works. Materials provided. Booking required.

Sunday 7 April, 10.30am - 12.30pm
Park to Pier 🌿
See Sunday 15 October

Tuesday 9 April, 10.30am - 12pm
Kids' Easter Drawing Workshop 🌿
Join artist Mark Page to learn to draw Easter bunnies and hares! Materials included. Booking required. £17

Wednesday 10 April, 11am - 3pm
Wild Wednesdays **FREE** 🌿
See Wednesday 25 October

Thursday 11 April, 10.30am - 12pm
Let's Go Fly a Kite! 🌿
Design and make your own mini-kites, then learn to fly them! Booking required. £3.50

Saturday 13 April, various times
WonderDomes Family Activity **FREE** 🌿
Explore the world of plants, through play and creativity. Booking required.

Saturday 13 April, 8.15pm
Stargazing 🌿
Moon, Jupiter, Galaxies and Spring constellations. Visit www.durlston.co.uk to check for cancellation. £4

Sunday 14 April, 11am - 12.30pm
Early Spider Orchids and other Spring Flowers 🌿
Join a Ranger for a guided walk to enjoy Durlston's spring flowers. £3.50

Saturday 20 April, 11am - 1pm
Family Art Workshop 🌿
See Saturday 6 April

Monday 22 April, 2pm - 4pm
Walk and Draw Workshop 🌿
Join Madelaine Devenay to learn outdoor sketching at Durlston (indoors in bad weather). Booking required. £15



Tuesday 23 April - Tuesday 7 May, 10.30am - 5pm
Convergence: Exhibition **FREE** 🌿
twenty3 art collective present a thought-provoking exhibition that explores themes from human experience. The artists, all recent MA Fine Art graduates from the Arts University Bournemouth, employ multi-disciplinary approaches to probe their subject matter in often unpredictable and inventive ways.

Sunday 28 April, 11am - 12.30pm
Life on the Edge: Seabirds Walk 🌿
Join a Ranger to discover life in one of the south coast's largest Guillemot colonies. £3.50

Key & Information

Where booking is required, visit durlston.co.uk or call **01929 424443** (unless stated otherwise).



Locations

CR	Castle Reception
SH	The Shed (located on the Woodland Trail, approx. 500m walk from Durlston Castle)
LC	Learning Centre
BD	Belvedere
FFG	Fine Foundation Gallery

Event info



Children's Activities



Performances



Artwork for sale



Dementia Friendly*

FREE

FREE, donations welcome

Closures

Gallery: closed Saturday 16 December.
Café: closed 20 - 27 December with take-away options/limited menu available.
Castle and café: closed 25 - 26 December.



*Many of our events are Dementia Friendly but ones with the flower icon are especially suitable. These events are supported by Stepping Into Nature and the Big Lottery Fund.

