




Ongoing



Everyone Needs a Shed!  **SH**
A variety of sessions at the Durlston Shed. Visit durlston.co.uk/everyone-needs-a-shed for details.


Weekly Work Parties  **FREE**
Visit durlston.co.uk/volunteer



Every Monday, 2 to 4pm
Cuppa and a Chat   **SH**
Make friends and enjoy the lovely setting of the Durlston Shed.

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


October

Thursday 2 October, 11am
Victorian Durlston Guided Walk   **CR** Discover Durlston's curious Victorian past. £3.50


Saturday 4 October, 11am to 11:30am
Meet a Moth  **CR** See what we found in last night's moth traps. Donations welcome.



Tuesday 7 October, 7:30pm
Evening Talk  **LC**
Check our website for details. £3.50,  **FREE** for Friends of Durlston.

Friday 10 October, 10:30am
Absolute Beginners Birdwatching  **LC** Join a ranger and discover birdwatching. Binoculars available to borrow. £3.50



Saturday 11 October, 7pm
Stargazing  **LC**
View Saturn, Neptune, the rising Moon and autumn constellations. Check for cancellation on website. £4



Sunday 12 October, 11am to 12:30pm
Glass Engraving Workshop  **LC**
Learn this fascinating craft. Adults and children (8+) welcome. Booking required. £15

Sunday 19 October, 2pm
Layers in the Landscape Guided Walk  **CR** Join Ali Tuckey to discover how geology, history, people and nature combined to create a unique landscape. £3.50

Tuesday 21 October, doors open 7pm for 7:30pm start
PFF Film: Die Before You Die (15) with Q&A   **FFG**
Drama/horror/thriller, followed by Q&A with Director Dan Pringle and cast member Laurent Lucas. To book visit www.purbeckfilm.com


Wednesday 22 October to Wednesday 5 November, 10am to 3pm
Halloween Trail   **CR**
A trail around the park to help get into the Spooky Season and win a prize! £3.50 per trail pack.

Wednesday 22 October, doors open 7pm for 7:30pm start
PFF Film: The Grab (15)   **FFG**
Investigative documentary with a recorded intro from Director Gabriela Cowperthwaite. To book visit www.purbeckfilm.com



Thursday 23 October, doors open 7pm for 7:30pm start
PFF Film: Perfect Days (PG)   **FFG** Psychological drama. To book visit www.purbeckfilm.com





Saturday 25 October, 9am
Halloween parkrun  **FREE**
Join us for a Halloween-themed parkrun. Register at parkrun.org.uk



Saturday 25 October, 10:30am to 4pm
Wood Engraving Workshop with Robin Mackenzie  **LC**
Create your own wood engraving. Booking required. To book email robin@robinmackenzie.co.uk or call 07979 812083. £85 per person including materials.



Tuesday 28 October, 10am to 12:30pm
Family Scrub Bash   **LC**
Join the ranger and clear some scrub to help wildflowers. Wear sturdy clothing. Booking required.

Tuesday 28 October, doors open 7pm for 7:30pm start
PFF Film: The Most Precious of Cargoes (12A)   **FFG**
Animation/drama. To book visit www.purbeckfilm.com

Wednesday 29 October, 11am to 3pm
Wild Wednesdays   **LC**
Drop in for painting, crafts and activities! Donations welcome.



Wednesday 29 October, doors open 7pm for 7:30pm start
PFF Film: Ocean with David Attenborough (PG)   **FFG**
Documentary. To book visit www.purbeckfilm.com

Thursday 30 October, 10:30am to 11:30am
Wild Durlston   **LC**
Join a ranger to learn more about Durlston through games and activities. Booking required. £3.50



Thursday 30 October, doors open 7pm for 7:30pm start
PFF Film: Last Swim (15)   **FFG** Coming-of-age drama. To book visit www.purbeckfilm.com


November



Saturday 1 November, 11am to 1pm
Art Workshop with Madelaine Devenay  **LC** Draw landscapes and seascapes in pen and watercolour. Materials provided. Adults and children (8+). Booking required. £25


Tuesday 4 November, 7:30pm
A Freezing Horror: the wreck of the Halsewell, 1786: Evening Talk  **LC** Dorset writer Philip Browne draws on his book describing an East India Company shipwreck on the Purbeck coast. Discounted book for sale (£10) after the talk. £3.50,  **FREE** for Friends of Durlston.



Thursday 6 November, 11am to midday
Castle Tour   **CR**
Discover the history of Durlston Castle. Donations welcome.

Sunday 9 November, 10:30am to 12:30pm
Park to Pier Guided Walk  **CR**
Guided walk from Durlston Castle to Swanage Pier - wildlife, geology and history. Adult £7, child £3



Friday 14 November, 11:30am to midday
Introduction to 'Miracle of Migration'   **FFG**
Join a ranger to learn more about the current exhibition.

Saturday 15 November, 10:30am to 4pm
Wood Engraving Christmas Cards with Robin Mackenzie  **LC**
Engrave and print your own Christmas cards. Booking required. To book, call 07979 812083 or email robin@robinmackenzie.co.uk £95 per person including materials.

Monday 17, Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 November
Castle and Café closed

Saturday 29 November, 7pm
Stargazing  **LC**
View the Moon, Copernicus, Saturn with Enceladus, Jupiter with Callisto and Autumn constellations. Check for cancellation on website. £4

December

Thursday 4 December, 11am
Pleasure Grounds Guided Walk   **CR** Discover the curious history of the Victorian Pleasure Grounds and its restoration. £3.50

Sunday 7 December, 2pm
Layers in the Landscape Guided Walk  **CR** See 19 October


Saturday 13 December, 11am
Glass Engraving Workshop  **LC**
See 12 October



Saturday 13 December, 7pm
Stargazing  **LC**
View the Geminid meteor shower, Jupiter, Saturn with Dione and Winter constellations. Check for cancellation on website. £4

Wednesday 17 December to Wednesday 7 January, 10am to 3pm
Crazy Christmas Trail   **CR**
Get into the festive spirit with our Christmas trail. You might just win a prize! £3.50 per trail pack.

Saturday 20 December, 9am
Christmas parkrun  **FREE**
Come and join us for a very merry parkrun! Register on parkrun.org.uk

Sunday 21 December, 11am to 12:30pm
Have a Very Merry Durlston Guided Walk  **CR** Join a ranger for an hour walk and followed by mulled wine (or hot chocolate) and a mince pie. Booking required. £6

Monday 22 to Wednesday 24 December, 10am to 3:30pm
Craft and Activity Drop-in    **BD**
Drop-in to discover the fossil dig trays or make some Christmas craft. Donations are welcome.

Christmas Day and Boxing Day
Castle and Café closed

Saturday 27 December, 9am
Nearly New Year's Day parkrun
Wear party-themed fancy dress and run into the new year with parkrun. Register on parkrun.org.uk


Monday 29 December, 11am to midday
Incredible Insects and Brilliant Bugs   **FFG**
Fun and games to find out more about insects and bugs. Booking required. £3.50


Wednesday 31 December, 11am to 3pm
Wild Wednesdays    **LC**
See 29 October

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Thursday 1 January, 11am
Victorian Durlston Guided Walk   **CR** See 2 October



Sunday 11 January, 11:30am to midday
Durlston Past: an introduction   **FFG**
Join a ranger to explore an exhibition full of Durlston history.

Wednesday 21 January, 11am
Winter Wonderland  **CR**
Join a ranger for a wander around Durlston to find out more about this amazing place. £3.50



Saturday 24 January, 7pm
Stargazing  **LC**
View Saturn, the crescent Moon, Jupiter with Ganymede and Winter constellations. Check for cancellation on website. £4


Sunday 25 January, 10:30am
Park to Pier Guided Walk  **CR**
See 9 November


February

Tuesday 3 February, 7:30pm
The History of the Swanage Lifeboat: Evening Talk  **LC**
Join Dave Corbyn to learn about his 55-year involvement with the RNLI, through videos of rescues and a detailed history. £3.50,  **FREE** for Friends of Durlston.



Thursday 5 February, 11am
Castle Tour   **CR**
See 6 November

Wednesday 11 to Wednesday 25 February, 10am to 3pm
Pirates of Purbeck Trail   **CR**
X marks the spot! Follow the map and find the treasure to win a prize. £3.50 per trail pack.


Sunday 15 February, 11am
Glass Engraving Workshop  **LC**
See 12 October

Monday 16 February, 10am
Family Scrub Bash  **LC**
See 28 October

Wednesday 18 February, 11am to 3pm
Wild Wednesdays    **LC**
See 29 October



Thursday 19 February, 10:30am to 11:30am
Dinosaur Discovery   **LC**
Learn about Durlston's prehistoric past through games and activities. Booking required. £3.50



Saturday 21 February, 11am
Art Workshop with Madelaine Devenay  **LC** Sketch seascapes, boats and animals. Materials provided. Adults and children (8+). Booking required. £20

Saturday 21 February, 7pm
Stargazing  **LC**
View the slim crescent Moon, Jupiter and Winter constellations. Check for cancellation on website. £4



Wednesday 25 February, 2pm
Clifftops - wildlife and the sea  **CR** Join a ranger to discover Durlston's coast & wildlife. £3.50


March


Tuesday 3 March, 7:30pm
Gilbert White and two centuries of 'The Natural History of Selborne': Evening Talk  **LC**
A talk about Gilbert White's important 1789 local natural history book. Featured illustrations on display. £3.50,  **FREE** for Friends of Durlston.


Thursday 5 March, 11am
Pleasure Grounds Guided Walk   **CR** See 4 December





Friday 6 March, 7:30pm start
Shanties and Strange Stories: Wareham Whalers Concert   **FFG**
Readings, songs and shanties about life aboard sailing ships in the 18th and 19th centuries. Doors & bar open 7pm. Booking required. £10



Sunday 8 March, 2pm
Signs of Spring Guided Walk  **CR**
Join Ali Tuckey to look for signs of the coming spring. £3.50


Saturday 14 March, 7pm
Stargazing  **LC**
View Jupiter and Spring constellations. Check for cancellation on website. £4

Sunday 15 March, 10:30am
Park to Pier Guided Walk  **CR**
See 9 November

Saturday 21 March, 10:30am
Wood Engraving Workshop  **LC**
See 25 October

Sunday 22 March, 10:30am to 3:30pm
Volunteer Day  **BD**
Drop in and speak to our volunteers about ways to get involved.

Wednesday 25 March to Wednesday 15 April, 10am to 3pm
Bonkers Bunnies Easter Trail   **CR** Hop on up and find all the Bonkers Bunnies to win a prize. £3.50 per trail pack.


Saturday 28 March, 11am
Glass Engraving Workshop  **LC**
See 12 October


Monday 30 March, 11:30am
Easter Wildlife  **CR**
A stroll to discover Durlston at Easter. £3.50


April



Wednesday 1 April, 11am to 3pm
Wild Wednesdays    **LC**
See 29 October

Thursday 2 April, 11am
Victorian Durlston Guided Walk   **CR** See 2 October

Friday 3 April, 11am to 2pm
Nature Pendant Drop-in  **BD**
Drop-in anytime between and create your very own nature pendant. £3.50

Saturday 4 April, 11am
Glass Engraving Workshop  **LC**
See 12 October


Sunday 5 April, 2pm
Spring Flowers Guided Walk  **CR**
Join Ali Tuckey to enjoy the Spring delights of Durlston. £3.50


Tuesday 7 April, 7:30pm
Evening Talk  **LC**
Check our website for details. £3.50,  **FREE** for Friends of Durlston.


Wednesday 8 April, 11am to 3pm
Wild Wednesdays    **LC**
See 29 October

Thursday 9 April, 2pm to 3pm
Let's go fly a kite   **LC**
Join a ranger to design and make your very own kite, then learn to fly it. Booking required. £3.50


Saturday 11 April, 11am
Art Workshop with Madelaine Devenay  **LC**
Paint landscapes and seascapes, using pen and wash techniques. Materials provided. Adults and children (8+). Booking required. £25

Tuesday 14 April, 11am
Birds of the Cliffs  **CR**
Guillemots galore and more! Discover our seabird colonies on this guided walk with a ranger. £3.50


Saturday 18 April, 10:30am to 4pm
Intro to Linocut Workshop with Robin Mackenzie  **LC**
Learn reduction linocut. Booking required. To book email robin@robinmackenzie.co.uk or call 07979 812083. £85 per person including materials.

Sunday 19 April, 10:30am
Park to Pier Guided Walk  **CR**
See 9 November

Saturday 25 April, 11am
Meet a Moth  **CR** See 4 October

Saturday 25 April, 8:15pm
Stargazing  **LC**
View the rare event of Jupiter with lo shadow transit, Venus and Spring constellations. Check for cancellation on website. £4



Wednesday 29 April, 2:30pm
Orchids and other Spring Flowers  **CR**
A guided walk to hunt for flowers, including our Early Spider Orchids and Cowslips. £3.50

Key and 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

Fine Foundation Gallery Exhibitions

Tuesday 7 to Thursday 16 October, 10am to 4pm
Coastal Life Stories   **FFG**
Dorset Coast Forum presents a photography exhibition celebrating the work of Coastal Champions, who dedicate their time and expertise to the Dorset coast and its communities.

Monday 20 October to Saturday 1 November
Purbeck Film Festival   **FFG**
Images and articles from Purbeck Film Festival (PFF) screenings at Durlston Castle. A unique glimpse behind the programme.

Tuesday 4 to Sunday 23 November, 10am to 4pm
Miracle of Migration   **FFG**
Discover the incredible story of migration.



Wednesday 26 November to Sunday 7 December, 10:30am to 4pm
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