

WALKS AROUND SWANAGE RAILWAY – EXTEND YOUR VISIT

Combine a trip on the train with a walk in the beautiful Isle of Purbeck. All the Swanage Railway stations make an excellent starting place for walks, some circular, while others allow you to walk one way and travel back on the train (or vice versa). Most footpaths are well marked and easy to follow.

Here are a few routes that will take you through beautiful landscapes. Some are short and flat, others more strenuous. We have listed some of the more popular ones below, with links to websites that give more details.

WALKS FROM CORFE CASTLE

After travelling on the train to Corfe Castle, you could complete the following walks before returning by train to Swanage. All found here:

[The Best Corfe Castle Walks - Dorset](#)

- **Corfe Castle circular walk**, about 2.5 miles and 315 feet ascent through the village to East Hill (walk 1).
- **Corfe Castle West Purbeck Ridgeway circular walk**, about 4.4 miles and 558 feet of ascent (walk 5).
- **Corfe Castle to Kingstone circular walk**, about 4.9 miles and 630 foot of ascent (walk 7).
- **Corfe Castle to Nine Barrows Down circular walk**, about 5.3 miles and 573 feet ascent (walk 2).
- **Corfe Castle to Blue Pool circular walk**, about 5.3 miles and 558 feet of ascent (walk 6).
- **Corfe Castle to Swanage one way walk**, about 6.6 miles and 614 foot of ascent (walk 3).
- **Corfe Castle to Chapman's Pool circular walk**, about 7.7 miles and 991 foot of ascent (walk 8).
- **Corfe Castle to Swyre head and Ridgeway Hill circular walk**, about 9.3 miles and 1161 foot of ascent (walk 9).
- **Corfe Castle to Old Harry Rocks and Swanage one way walk**, about 11 miles and 1739 foot of ascent (walk 4).

WALK FROM HERSTON HALT

A gentle 3 mile walk through fields, Herston Village up to Durlston Country Park and Castle. No styles or large hills!

[Swanage Walkabouts - Walkbout 1 Herston Trail](#)

WALKS FROM HARMANS CROSS

- **To Woodyhyde Campsite**, just over a mile along a well-used path with a good view of passing trains. From the station exit turn right (South) walk up the lane for about 400 metres and turn right onto the footpath, follow this across the fields and you will soon be at the campsite.
- **To Corfe Castle**, about 3 miles. From the station exit turn left (North) follow the lane, then cross the main road and continue along the lane opposite, after about 300 meters, at Westwood Farm turn left onto the footpath and follow this into Corfe Village. Alternatively continue along the lane, climb up on to the downs and walk along the top until you descend into Corfe Village under the railway.

WALKS FROM NORDON

- **A circular route round the Castle and the Nordon area** close to and crossing the railway,

[Corfe Castle and Norden Walk - 2 mile walking route Purbeck](#)

- **The Pool Harbour Trail** which extends for miles across the heaths and sometimes follows disused clay railways can be picked up just outside Nordon Station car park and offers a variety of walks

<http://www.pooleharbourtrails.org.uk/walks/3c.pdf>

Please note that you walk these routes at your own risk and that Swanage Railway has not walked these routes.