

HOW TO FIND US

BY ROAD

Purbeck District Council operate a large pay and display car park adjacent to Norden Station SAT NAV BH20 5DW (check our website for opening times). It is well signposted off the A351 five miles south of Wareham – just follow the brown tourist signs. Norden is 14 miles from Poole, 19 miles from Bournemouth and 22 miles from Weymouth.

Swanage is situated on the world famous Jurassic Coast and may also be reached via the Sandbanks-Studland ferry. Swanage Station is in the centre of the town, with Swanage Town Council operated Pay & Display car parks nearby. SAT NAV BH19 1AP

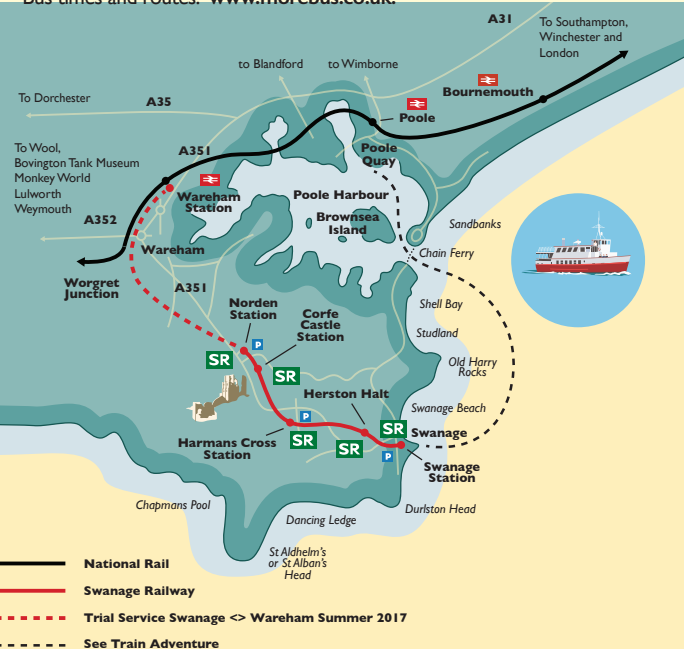
Limited parking is available in the parish council operated car park adjacent to Harmans Cross station. No car parking is available at Corfe Castle or Herston Halt stations.

BY TRAIN

Main line train services, provided by South West Trains (www.southwesttrains.co.uk) operate from London Waterloo, Southampton, Bournemouth, Poole, Dorchester & Weymouth to Wareham station, from where connecting bus services are available.

BY BUS

The Swanage Railway is served by 'Purbeck Breezer' buses from Bournemouth (via the Sandbanks ferry) to Swanage and from Poole (via Wareham Station) to Corfe Castle and Swanage. Bus times and routes: www.morebus.co.uk.



WHAT TO SEE AND DO



OBSERVATION CAR

On many occasions throughout the year, you can watch the beautiful countryside go by from the luxury of our fully restored Pullman Observation Car. "Car 14" has a fascinating history including running on the former Southern Railway "Devon Belle" and touring the United States accompanying Flying Scotsman. A small supplement is charged for travelling in this very special coach.

SEA TRAIN ADVENTURE

Combine a boat trip and a Swanage Railway ride. Depart from Poole Quay and enjoy spectacular views of Poole Harbour and the Jurassic Coast as you cruise to Swanage. On arrival you have sufficient time ashore to explore the beautiful town and catch our train for an idyllic trip through the Isle of Purbeck to the picturesque village of Corfe Castle. Fare includes return by train before sailing back to Poole.



DRIVE A TRAIN EXPERIENCES

There can be no better or more memorable experience than to fulfil a long held ambition to take the controls of a heritage steam or diesel locomotive.

We offer a range of driving experiences from one hour long taster sessions to full day basic steam locomotive driving courses. An Ideal gift perhaps?

FOOTPLATE RIDES

We offer rides on our heritage steam and diesel locomotives. Lasting around half an hour enjoy the view from the cab as our crew drive through the beautiful Purbeck countryside.

SOUVENIRS AND GIFTS

Our well stocked shop at Swanage Station, open on all train operating days, offers an excellent range of gifts, books, postcards and models to suit all ages – the perfect place to pick up a unique souvenir of your visit to the Swanage Railway.

GIFT CARDS

Not quite sure what gift to buy? Then purchase a Swanage Railway Gift Card. The card can be purchased for any value between £10 and £500. It can be redeemed against train tickets, dining trains, driver experiences and in our gift shop and station buffet.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A special timetable and fare structure (with restricted concessionary travel) will apply at the special events listed below (indicated pink in the 2017 timetable calendar). Full details of all special event fares will be posted on our website in advance of each event.

31 March - 2 April Spring Steam Gala – "Strictly Bulleid"

A three day "Bulleid Bonanza" to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the end of "Southern Steam".

5 - 7 May Diesel Gala And Beer Festival

A very impressive line-up of diesel locomotives (including a host of visitors) will be in action on all three days, working an intensive timetable, including evening specials. Beer Festival at Corfe Castle Station showcasing a wide variety of real ales.

17 June Rock and Roll Express

Enjoy a mid-summer evening steam hauled trip through the Isle of Purbeck and travel back in time to the Rock and Roll era with live music along the way. Dig out your dancing shoes, raid the trunk in the attic and come dressed rock and roll style.

29 July - 5 August Swanage Regatta, Carnival and Fireworks Displays

Avoid the strain and take the train to the best carnival on the South Coast. High frequency timetable throughout the week including an evening service with "fireworks specials".

8 - 10 September Classic Transport Rally

Travel by train to enjoy a superb display of classic road transport from yesteryear with around 500 exhibits on display.

13 - 15 October Autumn Steam Gala

A three day feast of steam with at least one guest locomotive supporting our own fleetworking a varied and intensive train service.

2 - 24 December Santa Specials and Christmas Festivities

Enjoy a steam train ride and meet Father Christmas on board his special train. All-inclusive tickets with a present for every child and seasonal refreshments for adults. Advance booking essential. Our programme of Christmas Festivities include Carol Trains, Christmas Luncheons and a special Christmas Belle in our luxurious Pullman Observation Car.

28 December Winter Warm Up

Banish the cold turkey, Brussels sprouts and post-Christmas sales and enjoy steam and diesel locomotives in action on an intensive timetable.

ON TRAIN DINING



WESSEX BELLE

Our award winning steam hauled dining train "The Wessex Belle" operates on selected Saturday Evenings throughout the year. Offering a five course menu utilising locally sourced produce "The Wessex Belle" provides a unique dining experience as you travel through the spectacular Isle of Purbeck countryside.

DORSETMAN LUNCHEON

The steam hauled Dorsetman provides a marvellous way to enjoy a leisurely four course Sunday lunch whilst viewing the magnificent ruins of Corfe Castle from your table. The Dorsetman runs on selected Sundays throughout the year.

BISTRO

The heritage diesel hauled Bistro offers an enjoyable and relaxing dining experience. Operating on selected Friday evenings throughout the year. The Bistro offers a four course menu utilising locally sourced fare.

CREAM TEA TRAINS

Enjoy a leisurely ride through the beautiful Isle of Purbeck countryside whilst enjoying a Dorset Cream Tea served to you at your seat. The heritage diesel hauled Dorset Cream Tea trains run on selected Tuesdays between April and October.

BOOKING INFORMATION

Advance reservation is essential due to popularity and payment is required at the time of booking.

Wessex Belle, Dorsetman and Bistro Trains require your Menu choices when booking. See website for details. All bookings close on the Wednesday prior to travel.

VOLUNTEERING

YOUR RAILWAY NEEDS YOU

The Swanage Railway takes pride in being a heritage railway with a distinct community based purpose. Our 45 year ambition to restore train services between Swanage and Wareham will be realised in 2017. An evocative Southern heritage branch line combined with a genuine community service.

There is still much to be done. We need more volunteers in all departments keeping wheels turning and completing many long term projects such as restoration of locomotives and building a new water tower at Swanage.

HOW CAN I HELP YOU?

By becoming one of more than five hundred volunteers who give their time supporting the Swanage Railway.

WHAT CAN I DO?

There are roles for most ages, abilities and skills

Some roles may be considered glamorous, others not so but all are vital to keep the railway running.

From driving and firing trains to selling tickets to maintaining our fleet of locomotives and carriages to maintaining the track to raising funds. The list is endless.

HOW MUCH TIME DO I HAVE TO GIVE?

Some of our volunteers give two or three days a week, some give a handful of days during the year and some jobs need a minimum commitment of 15 days a year. The choice is yours.

IS THERE AN AGE LIMIT?

You can start volunteering at 16 and continue as long as you want.

Some of our younger volunteers have commenced full time employment with national rail companies on the strength of the skills and experience gained volunteering with the Swanage Railway.

DO I GET TRAINING?

We provide comprehensive training in all our roles. Many of our volunteers enjoy passing on time served skills to younger volunteers.

WHAT DO I GET IN RETURN FOR MY HARD WORK?

Satisfaction of keeping one of Britain's premier heritage railways running successfully. Also, a great feeling of community spirit and camaraderie were two of the many reasons given by our volunteers.

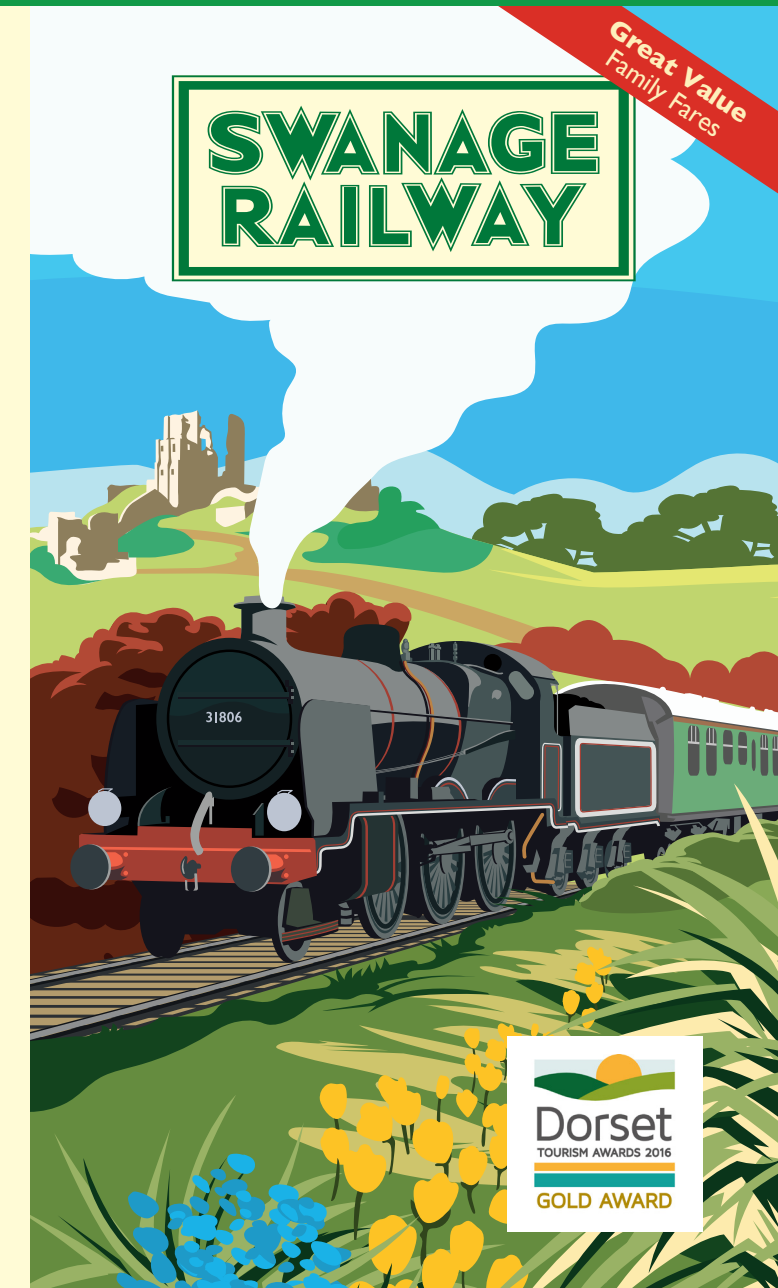
Many of the skills learned are useful in other walks of life as well. As much tea as you can drink!

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Email iwanttovolunteer@swanagerailway.co.uk and we will be in touch.

We run introduction days regularly for potential volunteers to get a taste of volunteering on the Swanage Railway.

Timetable January - May 2017



SWANAGE RAILWAY

Great Value
Family Fares

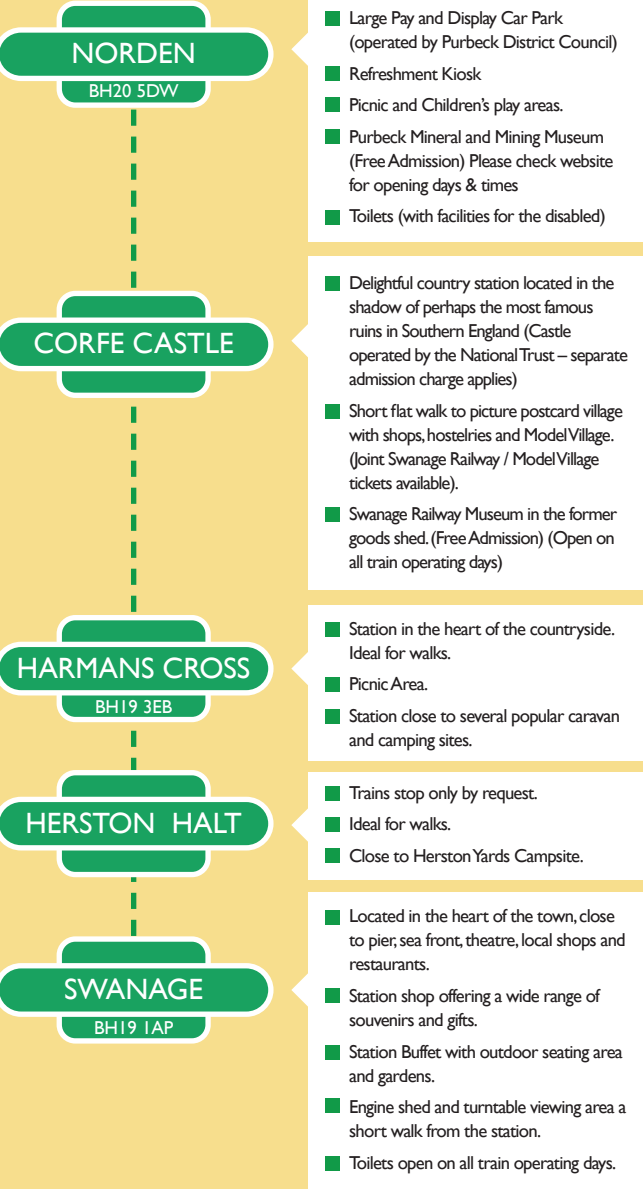
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WELCOME

The Swanage Railway is the picture postcard branch line to the seaside. Steam trains run for six miles, weaving their way through the beautiful Purbeck countryside, past the magnificent ruins of Corfe Castle, the charming station of Harmans Cross to the sandy beach of Swanage; the eastern gateway to the Jurassic Coast, a World Heritage Site.

Our picturesque stations provide an ideal starting point to explore the railway and the surrounding area on foot or by bicycle. With museums, picnic areas, refreshments and souvenirs there is a lot to see and do during your visit. The Swanage Railway makes a very special day out.



FARES & OPERATING DAYS

Swanage to Corfe Castle / Norden and return (or vice versa)

Adult / Senior Citizen	£12.50
Child (age 5 – 15 inclusive)	£7.60
Family (2 Adults and up to 3 children)	£35
Child (under 5)	FREE

These tickets allow a break of journey so, during your visit, make sure you leave time to visit our museums at Corfe Castle and Norden (when open) – FREE admission to both. Please enquire or check our website for opening dates/times.

Alternatively, why not purchase 'Freedom of the Line' tickets which offer unlimited travel on the date of travel (additional charge applies).

Different fares apply at most special events (dates shown in pink or red in the 2017 timetable calendar).

PRE-BOOKED GROUP DISCOUNTS

Very generous discounts are available to groups of 15+ people travelling together. Seats are reserved for your group on the train and catering can be pre booked if required. We welcome school and educational groups. For full details please ask for a copy of our Group Travel Leaflet or contact the reservations office to discuss your requirements.

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HERSTON HALT
is a REQUEST STOP

To board, give a clear signal to the driver from the platform. To alight, tell the guard as you get on the train.

TIMETABLES

ALL SERVICES IN THIS TIMETABLE ARE STEAM HAULED

ORANGE TIMETABLE

Swanage	10:40	12:00	14:00	15:20
Herston Halt	Request Stop			
Harmans Cross	10:50	12:10	14:10	15:30
Corfe Castle	11:00	12:20	14:20	15:40
Norden	11:05	12:25	14:25	15:45
Norden	11:20	12:40	14:40	16:00
Corfe Castle	11:22	12:42	14:42	16:02
Harmans Cross	11:32	12:52	14:52	16:12
Herston Halt	Request Stop			
Swanage	11:44	13:04	15:04	16:24

BLUE TIMETABLE

Swanage	10:00	11:20	12:40	14:00	15:20	16:40
Herston Halt	Request Stop					
Harmans Cross	10:10	11:30	12:50	14:10	15:30	16:50
Corfe Castle	10:20	11:40	13:00	14:20	15:40	17:00
Norden	10:25	11:45	13:05	14:25	15:45	17:05
Norden	10:40	12:00	13:20	14:40	16:00	17:20
Corfe Castle	10:42	12:02	13:22	14:42	16:02	17:22
Harmans Cross	10:52	12:12	13:32	14:52	16:12	17:32
Herston Halt	Request Stop					
Swanage	11:04	12:24	13:44	15:04	16:24	17:44

YELLOW TIMETABLE

Swanage	10:00	10:40	11:20	12:00	12:40	13:20	14:00	14:40	15:20	16:00	16:40	17:20	18:00
Herston Halt	Request Stop												
Harmans Cross	10:10	10:50	11:30	12:10	12:50	13:30	14:10	14:50	15:30	16:10	16:50	17:30	18:10
Corfe Castle	10:20	11:00	11:40	12:20	13:00	13:40	14:20	15:00	15:40	16:20	17:00	17:40	18:20
Norden	10:25	11:05	11:45	12:25	13:05	13:45	14:25	15:05	15:45	16:25	17:05	17:45	18:25
Norden	10:00	10:40	11:20	12:00	12:40	13:20	14:00	14:40	15:20	16:00	16:40	17:20	
Corfe Castle	10:02	10:42	11:22	12:02	12:42	13:22	14:02	14:42	15:22	16:02	16:42	17:22	
Harmans Cross	10:12	10:52	11:32	12:12	12:52	13:32	14:12	14:52	15:32	16:12	16:52	17:32	
Herston Halt	Request Stop												
Swanage	10:24	11:04	11:44	12:24	13:04	13:44	14:24	15:04	15:44	16:24	17:04	17:44	

PINK TIMETABLE - DETAILS ON WEBSITE

Match the colour shown on the date you wish to travel with the corresponding timetable of the same colour to show the train times on that date. A special timetable will be in operation on dates marked pink – please see elsewhere in this leaflet for the full list of special events. Trains do not run on the uncoloured dates

Railway locomotives sometimes release cinders and other oily deposits to the atmosphere. The Swanage Railway Company regrets that it cannot take responsibility for any injury or damage to visitors' clothing, vehicles or other personal belongings caused by these occurrences.

Whilst every effort will be made to fulfil the advertised timetables, the Swanage Railway Company does not guarantee that trains will run on the dates and at the times shown, and reserves the right to cancel, alter or suspend any or all of the services, or to substitute diesel traction for steam, without notice and accepts no liability for any loss, inconvenience or delay thereby caused. All information is correct at the time of going to press (November 2016). Up to date travel information can be found on our website.

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USEFUL INFORMATION

REFRESHMENTS

The "Birds Nest Buffet" at Swanage Station is open on all train operating days serving a range of home-made cakes, snacks and drinks. At Norden Station "The Norden Kiosk" is open daily 25th March – 29th October providing a smaller range of cakes, confectionery and drinks.

TOILET FACILITIES

Toilets are available at Swanage, Corfe Castle and Norden Stations. There are no toilet facilities at Harmans Cross or Herston Halt. Disabled toilets and baby changing facilities available at Norden car park. Nearest disabled toilets to Swanage Station are at the Recreation Ground Car Park, off Rempstone Road (120 metres away) and on the seafront near the Tourist Information Centre (260 metres away).

NO SMOKING POLICY

The Swanage Railway operates a no smoking policy on all its premises and on its trains.

PUSHCHAIRS AND BUGGIES

These should be conveyed in the Guard's Van, usually located in the middle of the train, and folded if at all possible. Space is limited.

DOGS AND BICYCLES

Dogs are welcome on board but must be kept on a lead and on the floor. The Fare is £1 per single journey. There is no charge for assistance dogs. Dogs are not permitted in the Buffet or Kiosk, the Station Shop at Swanage, on dining trains or our Santa Specials (assistance dogs exempted).

Bicycles can be conveyed in the Guard's van. Space is limited and on a first come first served basis.

ACCESSIBILITY

Passengers with a disability are welcome. Disabled access is available on most trains using a ramp to ease boarding to / from the platform. Most of our trains can carry wheelchairs but space may be limited.

Disabled toilet facilities are available at Norden.

Hearing loops are available at booking offices, the shop and Birds Nest Buffet at Swanage Station.

Please note that due to the age and design of our dining carriages it is not possible for wheelchair users to remain in their wheelchairs whilst dining.

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WAREHAM SERVICES

RECONNECTING SWANAGE WITH WAREHAM AND THE NATIONAL RAIL NETWORK

TRAIN SERVICES

The Swanage – Wareham service will commence in Summer 2017 with a two year trial.

The first year's trial will comprise four return trips a day operating on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursday, Saturdays and Sundays on at least 50 days during the Summer season.

The exact running days and times will be published early in 2017.

FARES

Fares between Swanage and Wareham will be published in early 2017.

The fares will be attractive and competitive, whilst reflecting the heritage nature of the Swanage Railway.

Residents of the Purbeck District Council area will be able to purchase a Discount Card offering reduced fares.

TRAINS

Heritage diesel multiple units (DMU) will be the principal form of traction. These trains are currently being refurbished and upgraded to the standard required to run on the main line. Additional communication, safety and recording equipment is being installed.

