

Get the most out of your countryside!

National Trust properties offer events and activities throughout the year. Our varied West Dorset events programme for 2009 includes a spring bluebell walk, guided countryside & nature walks on the Golden Cap Estate, Cogden and Lamberts Castle. Archaeology and history at Hod Hill, family Easter trails, geology walks, an escorted cycle ride, pirate trail and much more!

There's something for everyone, so blow the cobwebs out of autumn and winter, and make the most of the spring and summer 2009.

Keep a look out in the local press for further details about other National Trust events in West Dorset for 2009.

We hope you enjoy them and look forward to seeing you in 2009!



Going out in the Countryside?

The English weather is unpredictable, so be prepared! Don't forget to bring a sun or rain hat, sun creams or extra jumpers if appropriate. A drink is always useful, whatever the weather, as are some snacks to keep you going. A back pack will make things easier to carry, and will leave your arms free to help you over stiles and through gates.

Let the bus take the strain!

Going by bus or train helps to prevent congestion, noise and pollution, and gives you the chance to relax and enjoy the spectacular West Dorset scenery and views. For more information on getting around West Dorset on public transport, check out Dorset County Council's Public Transport Web pages at www.dorsetforyou.com and type public transport into the search engine where you will find listings, timetables and contacts for bus and train services in and around Dorset to help plan your journey.



West Dorset Events & Activities 2009



Easter Trail - Join the National Trust Wardens and Volunteers for a *cracking* fun packed *Eggciting* Easter activity trail at Stonebarrow Charmouth, part of the beautiful Golden Cap Estate in West Dorset. Lots of fun for all the family plus stunning views along the world famous Jurassic Coast.

Date: Thursday 9th April 2009. Registration and trail maps opposite the Stonebarrow Shop - (SY 383934)

Time: 11am - 3pm. Drop in event – NB: (Last trail starts 3pm!) Children under 14 must be accompanied.

Cost: £2.50 per entry



Clouds Hill - Easter Trail

Date: 11th & 12th April 2009

Time: 12 - 4pm NB: Last trail starts 4pm!

Cost: 30p per trail entry

Location: Bovington BH20 7NQ (194:SY824909)

Tel: 01929 405616 for more details...

Bluebells & Hillforts - Join one of our Wardens on a guided walk to discover more about the fascinating history and conservation of Lamberts Castle and see the amazing Bluebell display.... A photographers dream, so don't forget to bring your camera!

Date: Sunday 26th April 2009

Time: 2pm - Meet at Lamberts Castle

Car Park, Marshwood (SY365897)

Cost: Donations



Birds & Wildlife – Explore Cogden on a guided walk with one of our Wardens to discover more about the Birds and Wildlife of the area.

The surrounding rugged countryside provides an ideal habitat for a range of interesting flora and fauna, so don't forget to bring your binoculars!

Date: Friday 1st May 2009

Time: 10am. Meet at the National Trust Car Park, Cogden. (SY 503885)

Cost: Donations



Hardy's Cottage Seasonal growing workshops & demonstrations of growing food in small spaces, e.g. hanging baskets of veg or herbs, growing potatoes in bags or tyres. Sale of seasonal veg & produce.

Wildlife trail around the garden with tips on how to encourage wildlife in your garden or school grounds.

Date: 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 31st May 2009

Time: 11am - 3pm. Drop in event – NB: (Last trail starts 3pm!) DT2 8QJ (194: SY728925)

Cost: 50p per trail entry



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Geology Walk - Burton Bradstock Dorset Rocks

Enjoy a guided walk and spectacular cliff top views across Lyme Bay with Geologist Alan Holiday who will lead you along the coast path learn and find out about the fascinating geology associated with this stunning stretch of coastline.

Date: Saturday 16th May 2009

Time: 10.30am

Meet: Hive Beach Car Park, Burton Bradstock SY491888 **Cost** – Adults £1.00 Children 50p



Geology Walk – Ringstead Geology Rocks

Join leading local Geologist Alan Holiday on a guided walk along his interesting stretch of coast to the east of Weymouth.

With its unusual features and complex sequence of rocks jumbled up by geological folds and faults, you can be sure to find out lots of fascinating facts and information.

Date: Sunday June 14th 2009

Time: 10.30am

Meet: National Trust Car Park above Ringstead

(SY 757824)

Cost: Adults £1.00 Children 50p



Pirate Pandemonium in West Dorset!

Calling Pirates of all ages to come and join in the swashbuckling fun, follow the trail and claim your Pirate treasure!

Fun for all the family at Stonebarrow,

Charmouth.

Date: Thursday 13th August 2009. Registration and trail maps opposite the Stonebarrow Shop.

(SY 383934) Drop in event all welcome!

Time: 11am - 3pm, but please note that the last treasure trail starts 3pm! Children under 14 must be accompanied.

Cost: £2.50 per trail entry



Q. Why are Pirates called Pirates?
A. Because they AAAAAAAAAA!!!



Go Wild in West Dorset!

Discover more about the Conservation & Wildlife of the Golden Cap Estate with a Warden led Nature Walk around Stonebarrow. Fascinating facts and fun for all the family. Bring a picnic to enjoy afterwards.

Date: Tuesday 27th October 2009

Time: 10.30 - 12pm. Meet at the Stonebarrow Shop 10.30am (SY383934)

Cost: £1.00 per person



Hod Hill - Iron Age Hill Fort & Roman Fort

Step back in time and learn more about this spectacular Iron Age hillfort overlooking the Blackmore Vale by joining the National Trust's Regional Archaeologist and an NT Warden on a guided walk around the Hill fort. Find out about recent discoveries as the exceptional diversity of wildlife that can be found on this fascinating site.

Date: Saturday 27th June 2009

Time: 2pm. Meet on the footpath up to Hod Hill from Stourpaine. (ST 861097)

Cost: Donations



Hardy's Cottage

Autumn Wildlife *Half term activities*

Customise your garden equipment...prizes will be awarded for the best entries.

Decorate your watering can, flowerpot or wheelbarrow...the more outrageous the better!

Bring your entry to Hardy's Cottage where they will be displayed in the orchard.

Competition runs from the 25th, 26th, 27th 28th & 29th October 2009.

Cottage & Garden open from 11am –5pm.

Last entry 4pm.

Contact the National Trust West Dorset office on 01297 561900 to find out more.



Golden Cap Basecamp - Stonebarrow



Looking for somewhere to stay with the family? A place to stay with a group of friends for the weekend? Or just want to get away for some peace and tranquillity in a unique location? Then the Golden Cap Basecamp might just fit the bill.

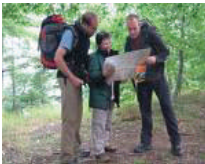


Situated in an elevated position on Stonebarrow Hill, the basecamp and environs form part of the 800 hectare site of the National Trust's Golden Cap Estate with magnificent views

overlooking Lyme Bay across to Golden Cap and Chesil Beach.

The Basecamp's location makes it an ideal starting point to access 25 miles of footpaths around the estate, including the South West Coast Path.

So why not come and explore the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site or the landscape of Thomas Hardy's Wessex. Search for fossils or shop in the market towns of Lyme Regis and Bridport. The possibilities are endless...



The Basecamp



The basic accommodation sleeps 8 in two bedrooms of 4 people in bunk beds.

You will need to bring your own bed linen and towels. There is a lounge, dining room, kitchen, toilet and shower room and plenty of secure parking.

During the season the local NT shop is also open. The village of Charmouth is 1 mile away, Lyme Regis 3 miles and Bridport 6 miles. **Sorry no dogs.**



minimum stay is for two nights.

Families and groups are welcome to book the whole basecamp at a rate of £65 per group per night (max 8 persons). This is subject to availability and the

Getting there

From the East – Turn off the A35 into the village of Charmouth, go past Newlands Caravan Park and turn sharp left up Stonebarrow lane. Continue to the top of the lane over the cattle grid and the basecamp is 200m on the left.



From the West – Turn off the A35 at the Charmouth roundabout and into the village of Charmouth. Continue down the hill and past the shops.

On leaving the village turn right up Stonebarrow lane just before Newlands Caravan Park. Follow instructions above. Grid reference SY 382934 OS Map 193.



How to Book

To find out about availability and to book your stay please contact:

Debbie Stork, Office Administrator on 01297 561900.

Or write to us: The National Trust West Dorset Office, The Court, The Street, Charmouth, DT6 6PE

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What people said about their stay at the Basecamp



A fabulous and cheap place to stay!

The walks and the views were stunning....

So peaceful & relaxing...

We had a wild weekend!!

We'll be back!

Ideal for the kids...we loved playing board games, talking to each other and didn't even miss not having a TV!!

Pedal Power in West Dorset!

Get on your bike and explore the leafy lanes and wildlife of West Dorset on a 14 mile circular guided cycle ride with one of our NT Warden's. Bring a picnic to enjoy en route and don't forget that safety headgear is a must!



Places are limited so booking is essential. The route covers a mix of terrain and challenges that may *not* be suitable for very young children or novice cyclists.

Ring the West Dorset office on 01297 561900 book a place or to find out more.

Date: Saturday 6th June 2009

Time: 9.30- 2.30 Meet 9.30 am outside the Stonebarrow Shop, Charmouth (SY383934).

Cost: Donations



If you are a cyclist, you'll know how helpful it is to stay somewhere that offers facilities such as a room to dry wet clothes.

The Cyclists Welcome scheme provides cyclists with the confidence that they are booking quality accommodation that can meet their particular needs.

For information about where to find cycling friendly accommodation in West Dorset go to <http://www.westdorset.com/site/cycling>

Volunteering

If you're looking for exercise, fresh air and good company, seeking career enhancing skills or pursuing opportunities in heritage or environmental conservation, then there's a good chance we've got something to fit the bill....And it could be right on your doorstep!



Volunteering is a fantastic way to share skills, knowledge and experience and could lead to all sorts of untapped talents or opportunities!

So, what are you waiting for...give us a call and come and get 'stuck in'. We'd love to hear from you!

Call us on 01297 561900 to find out more.



For information and booking

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