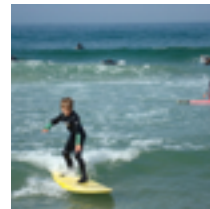
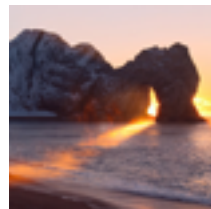


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Enjoying your stay at The Lookout

Everything you need to get the most out of your stay

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Arrival

Where We Are

Property Name: The Lookout
Address: Cove Lodge
Cove Holiday Park
Pennsylvania Road
Portland
County: Dorset
Postcode: DT5 1HU

Check in and check out

Check in time: 4pm
Contact name for check in: Kat
Contact number for check in: 01305 820659
Contact name for emergency or problem: Kat: 01305 820659

Check out time for 2 night weekend booking: 10am Sunday
Check out time for 3 night weekend booking: 10am Monday
Check out time for 7 night week bookings: 10am Friday

Getting to Us

The best postcode to use with Satnav is: DT5 1HU
Nearest Train station and distance: Weymouth, a 22 minute drive
The nearest airport is: Bournemouth

Taxi service

Fleetline Taxis of Weymouth, 25 Westham Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 8NU

Tel: 01305784252

web: fleetlinetaxis.tel

24/7, 365 day taxi service.

Directions:

From the M27:

Continue to the end of the M27, which will become the A31
Continue onto A31 (14.8 miles)
At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on A31 (1.6 miles)
At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on A31 (3.9 miles)
At Merley Roundabout, take the 3rd exit and stay on A31 (4.3 miles)
At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on A31 (7.2 miles)
At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto A35 (9.9 miles)
At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on A35 (2.2 miles)
At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Weymouth Rd/A354
Continue to follow A354 (3.6 miles)
At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Weymouth Relief Rd/A354 (1.3 miles)
At Veasta Roundabout, take the 2nd exit (417 ft)
Slight left onto Weymouth Relief Rd/A354 (100 ft)
At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Weymouth Way/A354 (1.1 miles)
At the roundabout, take the 1st exit and stay on Weymouth Way/A354
Continue to follow A354 (2.4 miles)
At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Portland Rd/A354
Continue to follow A354 (2 miles)
At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Portland Beach Rd/A354 (0.4 miles)
At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on Portland Beach Rd/A354 (0.2 miles)
At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Victoria Square/A354 (476 ft)
Slight left onto Victory Rd/A354 (100 ft)
Turn right onto Castle Rd/A354
Continue to follow A354 (1 mile)
At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Priory Rd/A354
Continue to follow A354 (0.8 mile)
A354 turns slightly left and becomes Straits (459 ft)
Straits turns slightly right and becomes Wakeham (0.4 mile)
Wakeham turns slightly right and becomes Pennsylvania Rd (100ft)
The Lookout will be on your left.

Getting to Us

From the M5:

Head southwest on M5 toward Exit 24 (6.8 miles)

At junction 25, take the A358 exit to Taunton/Honiton/Yeovil/Weymouth (0.2 mile)

At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto A358 (8.7 miles)

At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto A303 (6.4 miles)

At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on A303 (3.2 miles)

At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto A3088 (3.8 miles)

At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit and stay on A3088 (0.5 miles)

At Lysander Rd Roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto Watercombe Ln/A3088 (0.4 miles)

At Bunford Hollow Roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto W Coker Rd/A30 (0.9 miles)

At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Dorchester Rd/A37 (0.8 miles)

At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on Dorchester Rd/A37

Continue to follow A37 (16.9 miles)

At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on A37 (1.2 miles)

At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto A35 (1.4 miles)

At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto Weymouth Rd/A354

Continue to follow A354 (3.6 miles)

At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Weymouth Relief Rd/A354 (1.3 miles)

At Veasta Roundabout, take the 2nd exit (417 ft)

Slight left onto Weymouth Relief Rd/A354 (100 ft)

At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Weymouth Way/A354 (1.1 miles)

At the roundabout, take the 1st exit and stay on Weymouth Way/A354

Continue to follow A354 (2.4 miles)

At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Portland Rd/A354

Continue to follow A354 (2 miles)

At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Portland Beach Rd/A354 (0.4 miles)

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Cooking & dining - chef services

You'll find our top recommendations below. If you do discover any other gems please do let us know and we will share them with other guests visiting the property.

Drop-off meal service

Gideon Hitchin Catering

Tel: 07961 443189

web: www.gideon-hitchin-catering.co.uk

After having worked with Hugh and the team at River Cottage for six years, Gideon decided it was time to try his hand at his own cookery company. His catering company has already won numerous awards for his excellent service for many functions and major events around the region.

The Dorset Catering Company

Tel: 07446 735196, or 0800 1938883

email: admin@sausageandpear.co.uk

Another great catering company which has provided superb service for the likes of Vivienne Westwood and Paloma Faith, The Dorset Catering Company can accommodate any event, be it a small dinner party or a large wedding celebration.

Cooking & dining - great places to eat & drink

Nearest pub

Royal Portland Arms
40 Fortuneswell, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1LZ
2 miles/7 minute drive
Tel: 01305 862255

A friendly 18th century stone inn that hosts a wide variety of well-kept local ales and also has lively music nights at the weekend.

Pubs

The Cove House Inn
91 Chiswell, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1AW
2 miles/7 minute drive
Tel: 01305 820895

Situated right on the beach, Cove House is another friendly local which has some tasty fish dishes on offer and a good selection of ales.

The Red Lion
Hope Square, Weymouth, DT4 8TR
7 miles/20 minute drive
Tel: 01305 786940

A pub that celebrates its naval history accordingly with over 80 rums behind the bar; The Red Lion is also the closest pub to Weymouth's RNLI, meaning there's lots of lifeboat photographs and artefacts displayed on the walls. The pub has cosy, sinking armchairs hidden away in nooks and a spacious modern dining area that's blessed with natural light that streams through the large south-facing windows. The Red Lion also has a good choice of quality pub food, serving dishes like local ale-battered Haddock and homemade Steak and 'Lifeboat' Ale Pie served with minted peas. Definitely one of Weymouth's best pubs.

The Ship Inn
Custom House Quay, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 8BE
8 miles/23 minute drive
Tel: 01305 773879

A contemporary pub which sits right on the quay in Weymouth, boasting a large selection of regional family brews and Dorset's own Badger Beers. Expect tasty grub such as Lamb moussaka and flaked smoked Haddock pie.

Cooking & dining - great places to eat & drink

Restaurants

Crab House Café

Ferrymans Way, Portland Road, Wyke Regis, Dorset, DT4 9YU

4.5 miles/11 minute drive

Tel: 01305 788867

web: www.crabhousecafe.co.uk

An unpretentious eatery that serves up some of the Dorset's best seafood dishes Crab House Café has received glowing reviews from the likes of The Independent, the Guardian, and The Telegraph, and it's easy to see why. With an incredible variety of fresh seafood available, such as Sole, Mullet, Pollack, Turbot and many more, the restaurant is planted in front of the restaurant's own oyster beds, so you can watch as your food is caught, prepared, cooked and served on your table in a matter of minutes.

The Dining Room

67 St Mary Street, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 8PP

7 miles/20 minute drive

Tel: 01305 783008

web: www.thediningroomweymouth.co.uk

This stylish restaurant is in the heart of Weymouth, and is run by Head Chef Taher Jibet, a skilled restauranter who has previously worked under Marco Pierre White. The menu centres around the Mediterranean, with touches of Moroccan and French cuisine thrown in for good measure. All the fish is locally caught, and the fruit, vegetables and meat are sourced around the area.

The Dorset Burger Company

6 King Street, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 7BH

7 miles/20 minute drive

Tel: 01305 780888

web: www.thedorsetburgercompany.co.uk

A lively, family-friendly restaurant that's a great place to go to if you're just looking for something simple and tasty to eat. With an inexhaustible menu of burgers (types include 'The Dorset Fire' and 'The Brie & Bacon'), all the food is made from produce sourced from Dorset.

Best Takeaways

Balti Island

191 Chiswell Portland, Dorset DT5 1AP

2 miles/6 minute drive

Tel: 01305 822822

Indian.

Codfather's

44 Weston Rd, Portland, Dorset, DT5 2BZ

Less than a mile/15 minute walk

Fish & Chips.

Cooking & Dining - Shopping for Food

Best local supermarket

The Co-operative Food

36-37 Easton Square, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1BY

2 minute drive/15 minute walk

www.co-operativefood.co.uk

Major supermarkets

Waitrose

Waitrose, Tudor Arcade, South Street, Dorchester DT1 1BN

15 miles/33 minute drive

Sainsbury's

Mercery Road, Weymouth, Dorset DT3 5BJ

9 miles/23 minute drive

Lidl

148 Dorchester Road, Weymouth, Dorset DT3 5EF

9 miles/23 minute drive

Butchers

Burden Ian

8-10 Reforne Portland, Dorset, DT5 2AL

1 mile/3 minute drive

Tel: 01305 860446

web: littleangusbutchers.co.uk

Wine Merchant

Chalbury Food & Wine

1 Littlemoor Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT3 6LA

10 miles/25 minute drive

web: www.chalburyfoodandwine.co.uk

Things to do - activities and pampering

Our top recommendations for activities and pampering are below.

Watersports

The stunning Jurassic coastline, reliable winds and relatively shallow waters around Weymouth and the Isle of Portland, make the perfect setting for sailing, windsurfing, kitesurfing, kayaking - so perfect in fact that it was the home for the sailing competitions in the 2012 Olympics. There's plenty of water activities to enjoy here, and some world-class companies that operate in the area.

Paracademy Extreme Sport Centre,
Masonic Car Park, Victoria Square, Portland, Dorset DT5 1AL
2.5 miles/7 minute drive
Tel: 01305824797
Mob: 07747770859
web: www.paracademyextreme.co.uk

Operating since 2000, Paracademy Sport Centre is one of the finest kite schools in the country, offering taster sessions and lessons in kitesurfing, powerkiting, kite buggying and kite landboarding.

Puravida @ Weymouth Watersports
Ferry Bridge Boat Yard, Portland Beach Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT49JZ
4.5 miles/11 minute drive
web: www.puravidaweymouthwatersports.co.uk

Another excellent company which offers lessons in windsurfing and SUPing (Stand Up Paddleboarding) and sea kayaking tours around the coastline

Jurassic Coast Activities
Lulworth Cove Centre For Kayak and Coasteering Tours, BH20 5RQ
100ft away
Tel: 01305 834951
web: www.jurassiccoastactivities.co.uk

Supplying superb kayaking tours and coasteering adventures since the 1980s, Jurassic Coast is one of the best adventure outfits in the South. It's base is situated just down the road, where a team of local experts will be waiting to take you around the surrounding caves, getting you close to the sublime 'Durdle Door' and 'Stair Hole'. Jurassic Coast Activities are also happy to accommodate stag and hen parties and corporate team-building exercises.

Scimitar Diving
14b Hamm Beach Road, Portland Marina, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1DX
3 miles/10 minute drive
Mob: 07765 326728
www.scimitardiving.co.uk

Whether you've been diving before or looking to learn how to, this enthusiastic and friendly diving team welcomes all levels. Trained experts can give lessons and qualifications in scuba diving, and can also take you around various shipwrecks and reefs that litter the Dorset coast.

Things to do - activities and pampering

Fishing

The 18 mile-long Chesil Beach is one of the best places in the country for sea fishing, yielding Mackerel, Bass, Conger, Pollack and Dogfish (to name a few). There is also great fishing to be done on Portland, particularly around Portland Bill, where Bass, Wrasse and Pollack are aplenty. If you want to do some coarse fishing then Wally's Lakes yields some good Carp, Tench, Bream and Roach - information can be found below.

Wally's Lake

East Farm Dairy, Osmington Mills, Weymouth, Dorset DT3 6HA

12.5 miles/33 minute drive

Clay pigeon shooting

The Big Shoot

Puddletown Road, Dorset, BH20 7HN

24 miles/46 minute drive

Tel: 0844 745 5008

Offering excellent service for the enjoyable sport of clay pigeon shooting. Perfect for stag and hen parties, and also corporate events. The Big Shoot also has a clubhouse on-site which serves food for those who are peckish.

Horse riding

Golden Equestrian

Goldcombe Farm, Blagdon Hill, Martinstown, Dorset, DT2 9HY

Mob: 07950 749993

web: goldenequestrian.co.uk

A friendly, family-oriented riding establishment which offers guided group hacks (rides in the countryside) around the beautiful Dorset countryside.

Quad biking and Hovercrafting

Henley Hillbillies

Old Henley Farm, Buckland Newton, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 7BL

Tel: 01300 345293

web: www.henleyhillbillies.co.uk

With 14 quad bikes available, Henley Hillbillies welcomes large groups and parties. This centre also has hovercrafts which you should definitely try out!

Paintballing

Mega Paintball

Dorchester, A35, Higher Bockhampton, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 8RW

18 miles/37 minute drive

Mob: 07920 065321

Set in over 65 acres of woodland, Mega Paintball is a great day out for the family.

Things to do - activities and pampering

Cycling

Cycling is a great way to explore the Jurassic coast and the surrounding Dorset countryside. There are a number of traffic-free routes that can take you anywhere in the county, from Dorchester to Lyme Regis. A particularly enjoyable ride that's perfect for the family is The Rodwell Trail which is a 6km ride which takes you from the Isle of Portland, across to Weymouth, then down along a car-free trail towards Sandsford Castle (more information can be found on this webpage: www.dorsetforyou.com/411203).

Jurassic Trails Cycle Hire,
10 Bowleaze Cove way, Weymouth, Dorset, DT3 6RY

9 miles/23 minute drive

Tel: 01305 836428 or 01305 832512 (winter)

web: www.jurassictrailscyclehire.co.uk

Comfort bikes, kids bikes, tagalongs, trailers and child's seats are all available for hire. Jurassic Trails also provides maps for their own trails: The Lodmoor Trail (3 miles), The Weymouth Trail (8.5 miles), and The Portland Trail (17 miles).

Golf

Weymouth Golf Club
Golf Club House, Links Road, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 0PF

7 miles/20 minute drive

Tel: 01305 750831

web: www.weymouthgolfclub.co.uk

A lovely 18-hole golf course that provides wonderful views of the Jurassic coastline. Staff here are very friendly.

Birdport & West Dorset Golf Club
Burton Road, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 4PS

30 miles/47 minute drive

web: www.bridportgolfclub.co.uk

If you fancy travelling a bit further to play a round in the perfect setting then head to Birdport golf course. Founded in 1891, this stunning 18-holer is Dorset's oldest golf course. Perched on the edge of the Jurassic cliffs, the course offers gorgeous panoramic vistas of the seascape. Accuracy is key here, particularly on the sixth hole where the fairway drops around 90ft into a ravine.

Top things to do with children

Our top recommendations for outings with children are below.

Tout Quarry Sculpture Park

South of Fortuneswell/ less than 2 miles away

For centuries, Portland was home to numerous active quarries that excavated rich white limestone deposits that was then later used in buildings like St Pauls and the British Museum. Nowawadays, all that is left are the scars of this industry; at Tout Quarry, however, artists and sculptures as prolific as Dhurva Mistry and Anthony Gormley have made use of the disused quarry and made around 50 sculptures that are carved into the limestone. The faces of humans, elephants and dinosaurs hide away in little nooks, while stone circles, fire heaths stand smartly in the quarry, providing a wonderful discovery trail that can be enjoyed by everyone.

Fun Factory

7 Albany Road, Granby Industrial Estate, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 9TH

7 miles/18 minute drive

Tel: 01305 777334

web: www.funfactoryweymouth.co.uk

A large indoor play area complete with slides, tunnels and climbing frames, with an eating area upstairs that can also accommodate parties.

Monkey World

Longthorns, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 6HH

22 miles/45 minute drive

Tel: 01929 462537

web: www.monkeyworld.org

Set up in 1987 by husband and wife team Jim and Alison Cronin, Monkey World is an ape and monkey sanctuary and rescue centre that is home to over 240 rescued and endangered primates, including the largest group of chimpanzees outside of Africa. Gibbons, orang-utans, squirrel monkeys, tamarins and lemurs all take up residence here, having been rescued from laboratories, circuses and the illegal pet trade from various parts in the world. This heartwarming place is both informative and enjoyable and is run by a passionate and heroic team of animal-lovers.

Weymouth Beach

8 miles/20 minute drive

A fine beach which lies on the edge of Weymouth. Here you can rent deck-chairs, sunloungers or pedalos. While it can get busy during the summer months, the large sweeping bay still allow plenty of room for building sandcastles.

Weymouth Sea Life Park

Lodmoor Country Park, Weymouth DT4 7SX

8 miles/22 minute drive

Tel: 01305 761070

web: www.sealifeweymouth.com

Sea Life houses over 1,000 sea creatures, including sharks, sea turtles and seahorses. Outside there is also the Pirate Adventure Mini Golf course.

Top things to do with children

Fossil Hunting along the Jurassic Coast

One of the most enjoyable things you can partake in while you're residing along the Jurassic Coast is to try your hand at a bit of fossil hunting. Due to the instability of the land, new fossils are routinely discovered when parts of the cliff face fall away, revealing chunks of prehistoric life that has never been seen by human eyes before. While fossil hunting is exciting, it can be dangerous, so be careful to check any warning signs, and keep away from the cliffs. On Portland, **The Fossil Forset and Kingbarrow Quarry** has some fascinating algae fossils, and, if you fancy an hour's drive to Lyme Regis, the Fossil capital of the UK, the beaches around there (especially **Charmouth**) are some of the best places in the country to go hunting. For more information visit this website: www.jurassiccoast.org/rocks-and-fossils/fossils-the-history-of-life/where-to-find-fossils.

Sandworld

Lodmoor Country Park, Preston Beach Road, Weymouth, DT4 7S

9 miles/25 minute drive

Mob: 07411 387529

web: www.sandworld.co.uk

Housing beautiful and artistic sculptures which change on a weekly basis. Only open during the spring and summer months.

Top places to visit and shop nearby

Portland Bill & Lighthouse

2.2 miles away

At the most southern part of the island, Portland Bill, is the famous red-and-white Portland Lighthouse, which is responsible - still to this day - for guiding ships around the choppy waters around the Isle. You can climb the stairs of this 13m-high lighthouse and look out at a beautiful English channel.

Portland Castle

3 miles away

Built in the early 1540s by King Henry VIII as a fortress to protect England from French and Spanish invasion, Portland Castle has since then been a part of a rich military history, posing as a Royalist stronghold during the Civil War; then as a Royal Navy air station in the First World War; and then as a base for US and British troops preparing for D-Day during the Second World War. Thankfully, the castle is, for the time being, inactive, so visitors can wander around the thick-walled corridors and get close to sea cannons. There is also a pleasant garden and a tearoom which serves tea, coffee and homemade cakes.

Chesil Beach & Chesil Beach Visitors Centre

At 17 miles long, Chesil Beach is one of Britain's most breathtaking natural wonders. Comprised of billions of pebbles that have been washed up and burnished over millenia by the countless storms that batter the Jurassic coastline, Chesil Beach is the perfect place to go for a stroll and watch the sun set into the sea. It's worth going through the **Chesil Beach Visitors Centre**, not only for the intriguing information about the beach and the Fleet Lagoon behind it, but also because it's next to an epic 15m-high pebble ridge that has been shaped by the prevailing winds.

Useful information

The Lookout at a glance:

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

Sleeps up to 6
Three bedrooms, all with double zip and link beds
One family bathroom and one ensuite

Cooking and Dining

Fantastic chef available for a special meal or throughout the weekend
Open plan kitchen, living and dining area
Drop-off meals available
Table and chairs on terrace
Great dining nearby
Online deliveries

Where We Are

The postcode is DT5 1HU
On the Isle of Portland
The nearest train station is Weymouth, a 22 minute drive
The nearest airport is Exeter
Private parking available

Things to Do Inside

TV

Things to Do Outside

Panoramic views
Space to park your boat

Activities

Watersports
Fishing
Private boat charter experiences
Cycling
Coastal walks

Top Things to Do for Children

Weymouth Sealife Park and Tower
Monkey World
Swanage Railway
Farmer Palmers Farm Park

Payment Process

We take a one third deposit at the time of booking
The balance is due three months before the date booked

Useful information

Cautionary Deposit

£500 refundable deposit

Arrival and Departure

Check in 4pm

Check out 10am

House Restrictions

No pets please

No fireworks please

Not suitable for hen and stag parties

What's Included

Linen

Towels

Welcome Hamper

Essentials

Utilities

Guest Reviews

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"We loved our stay at The Lookout, the kids loved living on the island and exploring the quarries and trying their hand at some kitesurfing. The views were unbeatable and the seafood at the Crab House Café was some of the best we've ever had!" - **Fran**

"The Lookout is perfectly located on the island of Portland which means that we were nicely nestled away along the coast. Weymouth is just a short drive away so there is plenty to do in the way of ice creams and sandcastles too." - **Ollie**

"A quick message to say what a wonderful time we had at The Lookout - our new dream home! Everything inside is completed to a high standard and the rooms are spacious and light, and the views of the sea are absolutely perfect!" - **Naomi**