

Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door

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Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door are two of the best known features of Dorset's Jurassic Coast. This short walk includes some uphill walking but the path is good and well graded.

 **Calculated time :** 1h15

 **Distance :** 2.07mi

 **Vertical gain :** 436ft

 **Vertical drop :** 436ft

 **Highest point :** 328ft

 **Lowest point :** 69ft

 **Difficulty :**

Easy

 **Return to the departure point :**

Yes

 **Means of travel :**

Walking

 **Location :**

West Lulworth

Description

(D/A) The start is the main car park next to the visitor centre at Lulworth Cove(Grid ref. SY 821800). This can be a very busy place during peak times and if you prefer a quiet walk then do avoid peak holiday periods. From the car park take the broad paved path heading uphill west wards towards the coast. All the height gained on this section will be lost as you descend to Durdle Door and as you have guessed will have to be climbed again to return to Lulworth Cove.

(1) Reaching the summit of the first hill you get the first good view of the Dorset Coast with its fine white cliffs. Stay on the main South west Coast Path to reach Durdle Door where you can descend to the beach to get a better view of the rock arch.

(2) To complete the walk return by the outward route to the car park continuing past the information centre to reach the shingle beach of Lulworth Cove. Almost completely circular the cove provides a sheltered haven for small boats and is a pleasant place to spend some time before returning to the start of the walk**(D/A)**.

Waypoints

 **D/A Car park**

N 50.620451° / W 2.253519° - alt. 69ft - mi 0

 **1 Good view**

N 50.621149° / W 2.263206° - alt. 292ft - mi 0.43

 **2 Durdle Door**

N 50.622331° / W 2.276784° - alt. 92ft - mi 1.03

 **D/A**

N 50.620586° / W 2.25345° - alt. 69ft - mi 2.07

Practical information

This short walk includes two of the most famous features on the Dorset Coast, namely the circular inlet of Lulworth Cove and the rock arch known as Durdle Door.



Dorset Walk

Lulworth Cove & Durdle Door

<https://www.walkingbritain.co.uk/walk-1004-introduction>

Author - Lou Johnson

Length - 2.5 miles / 4.1 km

Ascent - 800 feet / 242 metres

Grade - easy

Start - OS grid reference SY821800

Lat 50.619429 // Long -2.254386

Postcode BH20 5RS (approx. location only)

Walk Route Description



Click thumbnails for larger images.

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The Coastal Path from Lulworth Cove to Durdle Door

📅 June 9, 2015 (<http://charlieontravel.com/walk-lulworth-cove-to-durdle-door/>) 👤 Charlie Marchant (<http://charlieontravel.com/author/charlieontravel/>) 📁 Europe (<http://charlieontravel.com/category/europe/>), UK (<http://charlieontravel.com/category/europe/uk/>)

I can't say that I've ever seen a more rugged coastline than in the south of England (<http://charlieontravel.com/category/uk/>). The Jurassic Coast, which stretches over 95 miles between East Devon and my new home county (<http://charlieontravel.com/being-home-after-travelling/>) of Dorset, is characterised by its grassy cliff tops, sheer drops of jagged white rock cliff sides and spectacular geology.

I first walked along the Jurassic coast when I was much younger. Back then, I was enchanted by Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door because they were just how I imagined many places from fantasy novels to be. All those memories washed over me again when I recently hiked along the coastline.

Even after travelling across different continents, I still think that the short two and a half mile walk between Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door is one of **the most beautiful walks in the world**.

Lulworth Cove from Below

Lulworth Cove may look like a hidden gem, and although it definitely is a geographical gem, it certainly isn't hidden. Walkers, hikers, travellers and day-trippers come from miles around to see Lulworth and follow the coastal path over to Durdle Door. The cove is attached to the small village of West Lulworth which is bustling with families licking ice creams, inviting B&Bs and fish mongers in the summer and seemingly abandoned in the winter. The cove itself is a grey pebble beach and



Lulworth Cove from Above

After relaxing on the cove's pebble beach, we strapped our hiking boots back on and headed up the hillside to look down at the cove from above. From the tip of the headland, you can see Lulworth Cove's magnificent scallop shape and look down on the boats passing through the small entrance to the cove.





Walking to Durdle Door

The most beautiful walk in the whole of England – from what I've seen anyway – is the walk from Lulworth Cove to Durdle Door. When you've climbed the wide stairs and reached the cliff top, it's not hard to see why the Jurassic Coast was named England's first natural World Heritage Site (<http://jurassiccoast.org/>). The path is a popular one for travellers, families and dog walkers alike and isn't too strenuous, especially not if you've got a good pair of walking boots for the gravel path. Durdle Door itself is a natural limestone arch which reaches out into the sea from the shingle beach.

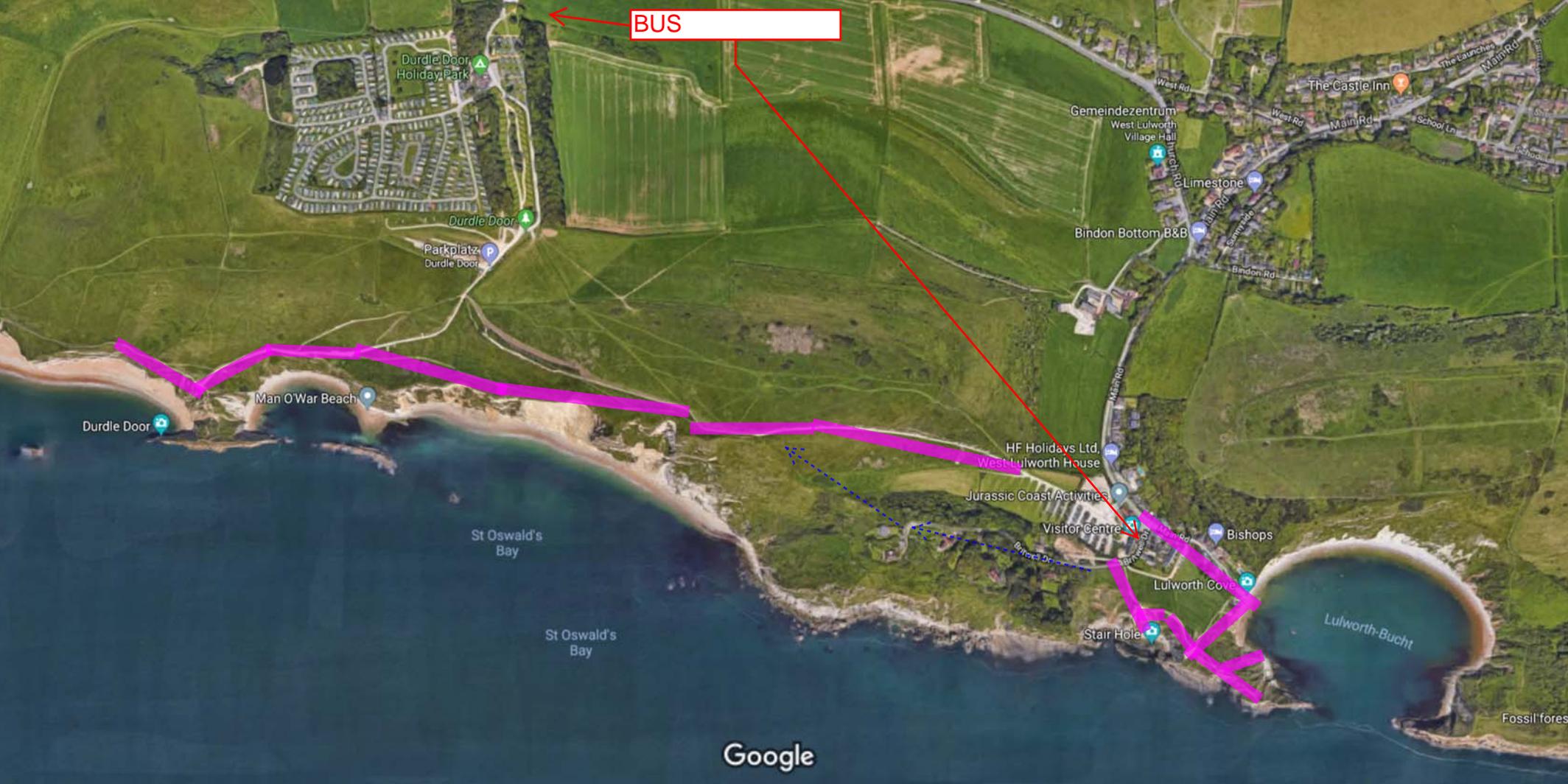




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Can you think of a better way to spend a summer's day than walking from Lulworth Cove to Durdle Door and picnicing on the beach? Yeah, me neither. I've been to Lulworth Cove during a winter storm before, and although it's certainly atmospheric, the wind is biting and so strong that it makes walking along the headlands much more of a challenge. Nothing can beat a good, British summer time walk.



BUS

Durdle Door
Holiday Park

Durdle Door

Parkplatz
Durdle Door

Man O'War Beach

Durdle Door

St Oswald's
Bay

St Oswald's
Bay

Google

Gemeindezentrum
West Lulworth
Village Hall

West Rd

The Castle Inn

Main Rd

School Ln

Limestone

Bindon Bottom B&B

Bindon Rd

HF Holidays Ltd,
West Lulworth House

Jurassic Coast Activities

Visitor Centre

Bishops

Lulworth Cove

Stair Hole

Lulworth-Bucht

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- 09:37** ○ **Weymouth**
 Vereinigtes Königreich

Zu Fuß
 ca. 4 Min. , 0,2 mi

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↑ Auf Ranelagh Rd nach Nordwesten Richtung Stanley St 98 Fuß (ft)

↗ Rechts abbiegen auf Stanley St 397 Fuß (ft)

↖ Links abbiegen auf Crescent St 213 Fuß (ft)

↗ Rechts abbiegen auf Astrid Way 151 Fuß (ft)

↖ Links abbiegen auf The Esplanade/B3155 190 Fuß (ft)

i Das Ziel befindet sich auf der linken Seite.

- 09:41** ○ **Prince Regent Hotel**

X54 Poole
 37 Min. (22 Haltestellen) · Haltestellennummer: dorajpag
 Betreiber: First Wessex, Dorset & South Somerset

- 10:18** ○ **Lulworth Cove**

Zu Fuß
 ca. 4 Min. , 0,2 mi

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↑ Auf Britwell Dr nach Norden Richtung S W Coast Path 72 Fuß (ft)

↗ Rechts abbiegen auf Main Rd/B3070 0,1 mi

↖ Links abbiegen auf S W Coast Path 128 Fuß (ft)

i Treppe nehmen

- 10:22** ○ **Lulworth-Bucht**
 Vereinigtes Königreich



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- 12:48** ○ **Durdle Door**
 Wareham BH20 5PU, Vereinigtes Königreich

🚶 **Zu Fuß**
 ca. 21 Min. , 0,8 mi

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↑ Auf S W Coast Path nach Osten 0,7 mi

↗️ Rechts abbiegen
i Das Ziel befindet sich auf der rechten Seite 299 Fuß (ft)
- 13:09** ○ **Durdle Door Park Entrance**

🚌 **X54 Weymouth**
 38 Min. (22 Haltestellen) · Haltestellennummer: doraptpg
 Betreiber: First Wessex, Dorset & South Somerset
- 13:47** ○ **Kings Statue (Stop K6)**

🚶 **Zu Fuß**
 ca. 5 Min. , 0,3 mi

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↑ Auf The Esplanade nach Norden Richtung Gloucester St 0,1 mi

↙ Leicht links abbiegen, um auf The Esplanade zu bleiben 131 Fuß (ft)

↙ Links abbiegen auf King St/B3155 292 Fuß (ft)

↗️ Rechts abbiegen auf Queen St 190 Fuß (ft)

↙ Links abbiegen auf Ranelagh Rd
i Das Ziel befindet sich auf der linken Seite. 102 Fuß (ft)
- 13:52** 🎯 **Weymouth**