

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 30th March – 28th October providing a smaller range of cakes, confectionery and drinks.

TOILET FACILITIES

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

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 heritage dining coaches it is not possible for wheelchair users to remain in their wheelchairs whilst dining.

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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 one hour long taster sessions. 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 2018 timetable calendar). Full details of all special event fares will be posted on our website in advance of each event.

23 - 25 March

Spring Gala

Three days of steam and diesels in action as the home fleet work a varied and intensive train service.

11 - 13 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.

16 June

"Sounds of Summer Musical Express" Music Train

Sounds of Summer Musical Express with tracks from the 60s to the 00s by Driftwood. Dig out your dancing shoes, raid the trunk in the attic and come dressed to impress.

28 July - 4 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.

7 - 9 September

Classic Transport Rally

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

12 - 14 October

Autumn Steam Gala

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

1 - 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 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.

Timetable January - May 2018

SWANAGE RAILWAY

SWANAGE ↔ NORDEN

BY STEAM



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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.

NORDEN BH20 5DW

- Large Pay and Display Car Park (operated by Purbeck District Council).
- Refreshment Kiosk.
- Picnic Areas.
- Purbeck Mineral and Mining Museum (Free Admission) Please check website for opening days & times. www.purbeckminingmuseum.org
- Toilets (with facilities for the disabled).

CORFE CASTLE

- Delightful country station located in the shadow of perhaps the most famous ruins in Southern England (Castle operated by the National Trust – separate admission charge applies).
- Short flat walk to picture postcard village with shops, hostels and Model Village. (Joint Swanage Railway / Model Village tickets available).
- Swanage Railway Museum in the former goods shed. (Free Admission) (Open on all train operating days).

HARMANS BH19 3EB

- Station in the heart of the countryside. Ideal for walks.
- Picnic Area.
- Station close to several popular caravan and camping sites.

HERSTON

- Trains stop only by request.
- Ideal for walks.
- Close to Herston Yards Campsite.

SWANAGE BH19 1AP

- Large Pay and Display Car Parks operated by Swanage Town Council
- Located in the heart of the town, close to pier, sea front, theatre, local shops and restaurants.
- Station shop offering a wide range of souvenirs and gifts.
- Station Buffet with outdoor seating area and gardens.
- Engine shed and turntable viewing area a short walk from the station.
- Toilets open on all train operating days.

FARES & OPERATING DAYS

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

Adult / Senior Citizen £13	Child (age 5–15 inclusive) £8	Family (2 Adults and up to 3 children) £37	Child (under 5) FREE
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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.

Holiday Season Ticket (unlimited travel for 3 or 5 days)

Adult 3 Day £24	Child 3 Day £12	Adult 5 Day £36	Child 5 Day £18
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Holiday season tickets are available from Swanage Booking Office only. An electronic photograph of the ticket holder will be taken.

Special Event Days (dates shown in pink or red on timetable calendar)

Different fares apply on special event days. Some ticket types may not be available or valid for travel.

Group Discounts (Pre Booked Only)

Very generous discounts are available to groups of 15+ passengers travelling together. Seats are reserved for your group on the train. We welcome school and educational groups. For full details please see our Group Travel Guide (available from booking offices or online) or contact the reservations office to discuss your requirements.

JANUARY

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FEBRUARY

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MAY

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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.

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TIMETABLE

SWANAGE • CORFE CASTLE • NORDEN

ORANGE TIMETABLE | ALL STEAM

Swanage	10:40	12:00	14:00	15:20
Herston Halt	R	R	R	R
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	R	R	R	R
Swanage	11:44	13:04	15:04	16:24

BLUE TIMETABLE | ALL STEAM

Swanage	10:00	11:20	12:40	14:00	15:20	16:40
Herston Halt	R	R	R	R	R	R
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	R	R	R	R	R	R
Swanage	11:04	12:24	13:44	15:04	16:24	17:44

YELLOW TIMETABLE | ALL STEAM

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	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
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	18:00
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	18:02
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	18:12
Herston Halt	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
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	18:36

R Train stops by request only

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 2017). Up to date travel information can be found on our website.

HOW TO FIND US

BY ROAD

Norden (SAT NAV BH20 5DW)

Norden is situated just off the A351 5 miles south of Wareham. 14 miles from Poole, 19 miles from Bournemouth, 22 miles from Weymouth.

Purbeck District Council operate a large Pay and Display Car Park.

Swanage (SAT NAV BH19 1AP)

Swanage is situated on the world heritage Jurassic coast and reached from Bournemouth or Poole via the Sandbanks - Studland Ferry or A35/A351 via Wareham.

12 miles from Bournemouth or Poole (via ferry), 28 miles from Weymouth. Swanage Town Council operate large Pay and Display Car Parks.

Harmans Cross (SAT NAV BH19 3EB)

Worth Matravers Parish Council operate a small car park adjacent to the station.

Corfe Castle and Herston Halt Stations. No station car parking available.

BY BUS

Purbeck Breezer buses from Bournemouth to Swanage (via Sandbanks Ferry) and from Poole to Corfe Castle and Swanage (via Wareham Station). www.morebus.co.uk

BY TRAIN

Mainline train services operate from London Waterloo, Southampton, Bournemouth, Poole, Dorchester and Weymouth to Wareham from where connecting bus services are available. www.southwesternrailway.com

