

## **LOCAL EATING AND DRINKING**

**Taxis:** Paynes Premier Taxis - 01297 35895 or IQ Taxis - 07736 642 738. Bluebird Cars 07591 584790 or Axminster Taxis on 01297 34000.

N.B. local taxis get very booked up at busy times so it is always worth pre-booking.

### **The Tytherleigh Arms**

Tytherleigh, 2.2 miles (if walking follow the lane right out of our car park to Tytherleigh)

Our favorite local pub. Local Otter Ale, Excellent Sunday lunches.

EX13 7BE 01460 220214

<http://www.tytherleigharms.com>

### **The Bottle Inn**

Marshwood, 5 miles.

Best known for hosting the world nettle eating championships, this popular local pub is under new management who have introduced a wide range of real ales. No restaurant yet, but sandwiches available as well as the excellent curry bus which operates from the car park on Friday nights (call 1st to check & best get there early as it's very popular with locals).

DT6 5QJ 01297 678484

<http://www.bottle-inn.net>

### **River Cottage Canteen**

Axminster, 5 miles.

As you would expect, Hugh Fernleigh Whitingstall's canteen is all about great local food. Whether dining in The Canteen or buying provisions for your stay, it is well worth a visit.

EX13 5AN 01297 631862

<http://www.rivercottage.net/canteens/axminster/>

### **River Cottage HQ**

Park Farm 7.5 miles.

Join the famous River Cottage dinners on Friday and Saturday nights or book the farm house for groups of 10+ for private dining (discounts available for Crafty Camping whole site bookings) pre-booking essential.

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<http://www.rivercottage.net/dining/>

### **Hix Oyster & Fish House**

Lyme Regis, 10 miles

A special treat, this famous fish and seafood restaurant has unrivaled views overlooking the cobb and The Jurassic Coast.

DT7 3JP 01297 446 910

[www.hixoysterandfishhouse.co.uk](http://www.hixoysterandfishhouse.co.uk)

### **The Harbour Inn,**

Lyme Regis, 10 miles

A very popular pub situated on the Beach front, just by the Cobb and Lyme Bay. Family run with good pub food, specializing in seafood.

DT7 3JF 01297 442299

<http://www.harbourinnlymeregis.co.uk>

### **The Anchor Inn**

Seatown, 14 miles

Perched on the cliff just above the beach at Seatown, next to Golden Cap with great views along the Jurassic Coast and out to sea. A varied menu of home cooked food. A favorite with coastal path walkers and sea swimmers alike.

DT6 6JU Tel: 01297 489215

<http://www.theanchorinnseatown.co.uk>

### **The George Inn**

Chideock 14 miles

Run by ex River Cottage Steve & Emma this popular pub offers fabulous food and beers as well as Thursday night Wood fired Pizzas using the same oven as the one in our field kitchen. Highly recommended for those who are passionate about local and fresh ingredients.

DT6 6JD 01297 489419

<http://www.georgeinnchideock.co.uk>

### **The Watch House Café**

West bay/Bridport 13 miles

Outside deck on the beach, excellent local fresh ingredients, well known for their 'Fisherman's breakfast' and fish soup or wood roasted seafood and pizza for lunch (closed evenings).

DT6 4EL 01308 459330

<http://watchhousecafe.co.uk>

### **The Bridge House hotel**

Beaminster 10 miles

A traditional Dorset Country House Hotel in this popular town also home to the Beaminster Brasserie, excellent seasonal homemade food that varies daily depending on what is available locally.

DT8 3AY 01308 862200

<http://www.bridge-house.co.uk>

### **Sladers Yard Café**

West Bay, Bridport, 13 miles,

An untouched Maritime Warehouse in West Bay/ Bridport makes a perfect showcase for artists and high quality makers in all media as well as top quality exhibitions. They also have an excellent organic café for delicious meals or cream teas and cakes.

DT6 4EL. 01308 459511

<http://www.sladersyard.co.uk>

### **The Bull Hotel**

Bridport 12 miles

This popular, easygoing and informal Boutique Hotel in the centre of Bridport offers everything from Moules-frites to Market day Brunch or a selection from the more substantial daily menu. In warm weather there is a lovely stable courtyard at the back. The Venner cocktail bar serves Canapés on Friday nights – a local institution.

DT6 3LF 01308 422878

<http://www.thebullhotel.co.uk>

### **The Stable**

Bridport 12 miles

Tucked away behind the Bull Hotel (above) these converted stables provide the ideal setting for great Pizzas, pies and salads as well as an eye watering selection of ciders!

DT6 3LF 01308 426876

<http://www.thestabledorset.co.uk>

### **Hive Beach Cafe**

Burton Bradstock 17 miles,

Enjoy delicious freshly caught fish and local food on their terrace overlooking the beach on the Chesil bank. Open for breakfast, lunch and sometimes for dinner – call 1<sup>st</sup> to check as it's weather dependent.

DT6 4RF 01308 897 070

[www.hivebeachcafe.co.uk](http://www.hivebeachcafe.co.uk)

### **Crab House Café**

On the fleet between Weymouth and Portland Bill, 33 miles

A bit further away but well worth the trip - Out-of-the-tank crustaceans served with hammers, buckets and bibs in an informal atmosphere overlooking the sea.

DT4 9YU 01305 788 867 <http://www.crabhousecafe.co.uk>

## LOCAL FOOD SHOPPING

### **Tatworth Stores and Post Office**

Tatworth 2.6 miles

For last minute supplies the local store & post office in Tatworth is open every day from 7.30 AM to 9.00 PM (8-9 Sundays). Turn left out of the car park, left at the T junction, right at next T Junction, over the railway & river, left at the next T Junction then ¼ mile on the left.

01460220303 TA20 2PY

### **Thorncombe Village Shop**

Thorncombe 2.2 miles

Our local shop in Thorncombe is well worth a visit - deli counter, local fruit, veg, meats and post office. They also have a cafe area for teas, coffees and cakes. Mon-Fri 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Sat - 8.30 to 2.00 p.m. Sun 9.00 a.m. to midday.

01460 30282 TA20 4NF

[www.thorncombe-stores.co.uk](http://www.thorncombe-stores.co.uk)

There are also large supermarkets in both Chard and Axminster but much better buy from our fantastic local suppliers:

### **River Cottage Deli & Local Produce Store**

Axminster 5 miles

Fill your own Deli hamper with all sorts of delicious River Cottage Fare. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m seven days per week.

EX13 5AN 01297 631862

<http://www.rivercottage.net/canteens/axminster/>

### **Millers Farm Shop**

Kilminster 6 miles (just off the A35 past Axminster)

A one stop shop for everything fresh, delicious and local (as well as a weekly lorry load of French produce) including occasional wet fish stall and meat from the best local farms. Home grown veg from the farm shop.

EX13 7RA 01297 35290

[www.millersfarmshop.com/products.html](http://www.millersfarmshop.com/products.html)

### **Town Mill Bakery**

Lyme Regis, 10 miles

Not just great freshly baked bread and home made jams, a popular and casual meeting place all day with pizzas, scones, cakes, savoury dishes, sweet deserts and great coffee. £2.50 buys you as much toast, butter and homemade strawberry jam as you can eat...

DT7 3PY 01297 444754

<http://www.townmillbakery.com>

### **Leakers Bakery**

Bridport 12 miles

This specialist bakery sells a fine range of breads, savories and cakes to take away as well as making the frozen pizza dough that we sell here in the woods.

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<http://www.leakersbakery.co.uk>

### **Town Mill Cheesmonger**

Lyme Regis 10 miles

Award winning cheese selection and everything to accompany cheese, weekdays, 10-1 and 2-4, sat 10-5, sun 11-4p.m.

DT7 3PU 01297442626

[www.townmillcheese.co.uk](http://www.townmillcheese.co.uk)

### **The Old Watch House**

Lyme Regis 10 miles

Fantastic fresh sustainable fish, crab, lobster and dived scallops. a stones throw from the cob - 9-5 seven days a week.

DT7 3JF 01297444205

[www.theoldwatchhouse.com](http://www.theoldwatchhouse.com)

## THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA

**Our green wood craft courses** – 2 hours to 5 days, weekdays - must be booked in advance - weekdays only.

Whittling, spatula making, shrink pots, spoon carving, bowl carving, green woodworking and pole lathing, coracle making and ‘make a chair from a tree’. See website for full details.

<http://www.mallinson.co.uk/courses.html>

### **Forde Abbey**

3 mile drive or 2 mile walk

Forde Abbey is well worth a visit. The estate borders our woods. A wonderful medieval monastery, beautiful gardens and a nursery. Either drive to the main abbey or walk (only outside the shooting season) - turning left out of our car park and then go straight over to the track opposite at the crossroads.

TA20 4LU 01460220231

[www.fordeabbey.co.uk](http://www.fordeabbey.co.uk)

### **Forde Abbey pick your own**

June onwards for as long as it lasts, weather dependent...strawberries and soft fruit (n.b. check if open 1st) 01460 30460

<http://www.fordeabbey-gardens-dorset.co.uk/pick-your-own-fruit/>

### **Pilsden Pen**

3 miles

The 2nd highest point in Dorset, the top is just a short steep walk uphill from the car park (on the road to Broadwindsor) a great stop off point for cyclists and motorists – superb views across the Marshwood Vale to Golden Cap and out to sea.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pilsdon\\_Pen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pilsdon_Pen)

### **Fossil Hunting**

Charmouth, 10 miles

A great excuse for a walk on the beach with a difference. Our part of the Jurassic coast is world famous for its fossils that can often be found washed out of the cliff. The Charmouth Heritage coast centre offers free advice & tours and is well worth a visit.

DT6 6LL, 01297 560 772

[www.charmouth.org](http://www.charmouth.org)

07522799242

<https://lymergiscycles.wix.com/lymergiscycles#!home/>

## **Jurassic Electric**

Electric bike tours.

Jurassic Electric have designed a range of guided cycling tours to help visitors discover beautiful West Dorset. As well as exploring spectacular landscapes, the tours include opportunities to learn more about the area's vibrant history and sample some of its renowned local produce. Every tour is led by a knowledgeable and qualified guide.

10% discount when you mention Crafty Camping on booking

Martin - 07796 135256

[www.jurassic-electric.co.uk](http://www.jurassic-electric.co.uk)

## **Harry May Boat trips**

Lyme Regis/The Cob 10 miles

Mackerel fishing & deep sea fishing trips.

A great day out on the ocean waves before bringing back your catch to enjoy on your BBQ in the woods, booking essential.

<http://www.mackerelfishinglymeregis.com>

## **Electric Palace**

Bridport, 12 miles

This classic renovated cinema has films, live music, comedy and offbeat events.

Popular artists get booked up very quickly so worth booking as early as you can.

DT6 3NY. 01308 42835

[www.electricpalace.org.uk](http://www.electricpalace.org.uk)

## **Bridport Arts Centre**

Bridport, 12 miles

Theatre, Comedy, Music, Film, Dance and much more.

DT6 3NR box office 01308 424 204

<http://www.bridport-arts.com>

## **River Cottage HQ courses**

Park Farm 7.5 miles

Fantastic courses including making bread ovens, butchery, growing, curing and smoking, foraging, beekeeping and lots of fantastic cookery courses to choose from.

Pre- booking on their website essential.

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<http://www.rivercottage.net/hq/cookery-school/classic-courses/>

## **Flamingo Swimming Pool**

Axminster, 5 miles

Public swimming pool and Hydrotherapy pool as well as Aqua Fit and Aqua Yoga.

EX13 5AZ, 01297 35800

<http://www.flamingopool.co.uk>

### **Hyde Real Tennis Court**

Walditch near Bridport, 13 miles.

Real Tennis (which is quite unlike the tennis that most people are familiar with) is Guy's other passion when he's not woodworking. Visitors always welcome to come and have a look at the strange goings on.

DT6 4LB 01308 420777

[www.hyderealtennis.co.uk](http://www.hyderealtennis.co.uk)

### **Lyme Regis Cinema**

Lyme Regis, 10 miles

An old fashioned and charming cinema showing the latest releases. Well worth paying the extra for a big red velour seat on the balcony with side table and a pot of tea.

DT7 3JB, 0871 230 3200

[lymeregis.scottcinemas.co.uk](http://lymeregis.scottcinemas.co.uk)

### **Beer**

12 miles,

Galleries, caves and fishing cove – a great day trip with shopping, exploring, walking and boat hire.

<http://www.beer-devon.co.uk>

### **Bridport Street market**

Wednesdays and Saturdays & the Vintage Quarter at St Michael's trading estate on Saturdays - booths and warehouses stuffed with well priced bric-a-brac, antiques and everything in-between. 10 Miles.

### **Abbotsbury Swannery and Sub Tropical Gardens**

Abbotsbury, 25 miles

This is the only place in the world where you are able to walk through the heart of a colony of nesting Mute Swans. The close-by Sub-Tropical Gardens are filled with rare and exotic plants from all over the world. Many of these plants were the first introductions to this country, and there is also a nursery with a superb range of plants and palms.

DT3 4JG 01305 871858

[www.abbotsbury-tourism.co.uk](http://www.abbotsbury-tourism.co.uk)