

● **Distance** 7km/4¼ miles ● **Time** 2½hrs ● **Grade** Moderate

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Get a Victorian geography lesson from the Great Globe – Point 4.

A glorious short walk which takes you up out of Swanage, past the steam railway and the beautiful mill pond, to the truly wonderful meadows which are packed with flowers in the early summer. Your visit to Durlston Point will provide great views and a Victorian geography lesson from the Great Globe. The return along the coastal path is accompanied by the sight of Old Harry Rocks in the distance and the traditional walk along the seafront. *By Len Banister.*

1 START

Leave car park by far L-hand corner and walk up road over railway. Go L to cross road to church going R round side. At far end of church go R to millpond. Return and go R to main road. Go R then L up Townsend Road. Keep forward to eventually join track. Just over the brow of hill track swings R.

2 0.9km/½ mile

Keep forward along grassy path and cross two stone stiles (the first is supported by recycled cannon) and enter Durlston Country Park. Keep forward alongside two meadows to stone stile.

3 1.9km/1¼ miles

Cross and almost immediately go L on path above lighthouse. Join surfaced path by Dry Stone Walling Centre and go L to visitor centre.

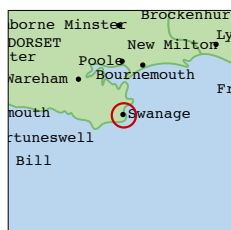
4 2.6km/1½ miles

Walk downhill across car park and R on drive. Go L then R past gate downhill to lookout, R, and café and Great Globe, L.

5 3.1km/2 miles

Retrace your steps up hill and go R at coastal path. At point where coastal path sign goes across track at dog waste bin, swing L to road. Go R. After ➤

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Terrain Rather stiff climb out of town, then walk is easy on good paths

Stiles 6

Suitable for All able to manage the initial gradient

START/PARKING

Pay-and-display car park off Victoria Avenue (A531) which is 300m from the front, grid ref SZ026791

Nearest town Swanage

Refreshments Lookout

café at Point 5; numerous pubs and cafés, Swanage

Public toilets At start and at Durlstone Park Visitor Centre

Public transport Bus

services 142, 143 and 144 Poole-Swanage (tel: 01202 673555); Swanage Railway Station (near start) links to London services from Wareham

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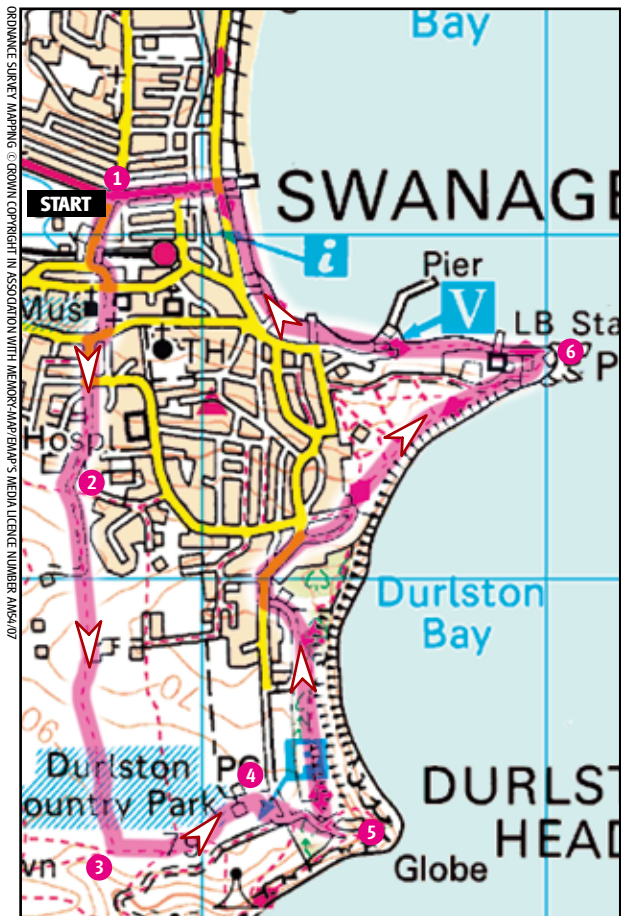
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Dorset Swanage

COUNTRY WALKING



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➤ 200m turn R along Bellevue Road. When this swings L, go R at metal bollards. With sea to R and old Harry Rocks ahead, walk down over grassland to tip of Peveril Point.

6 5.1km/3¼ miles

At coastal watch lookout, swing L and continue along water's edge into Swanage. When you have swung R along promenade you will eventually reach a jetty – this is opposite Victoria Avenue which will take you to car park.



Swanage Millpond – see Point 1.

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