

Parking is at Durlston Country Park at Swanage itself – there is significant car parking but please remember this is school holidays so best to arrive early morning or late afternoon/evening if you can. Parking is Pay & Display, £3 for 2 hours with machines taking cash or card but only the machine in car park nearest to the Castle is currently working.

There are toilets at the Visitor Centre at the Castle which is open 1000 to 1700 each day.

The area is a lot better than the map suggests! The fields have been set aside as wildflower meadows with skylarks nesting in them. On a good day, the views in all directions are fantastic however on a bad day, the area is very exposed to the elements.

Please only use the marked paths in the fields (bright yellow – open land) to avoid disturbing the wildflowers and skylarks. There are multiple gates and stiles – please ensure you shut all gates behind you even if you are coming back through the same gate in a few minutes. Please be mindful of other users.

The area involves significant climb – optimum route choice to minimise the climb is likely to be the key to success! The planner's test route taking in all 30 controls involved in excess of 250m climb over a circa 7 km distance. The course can run in shorts if you intend to utilize the path network across the rough open ground.

Please note that benches are marked on the map using the unpassable wall symbol versus the standard "x" symbol.

Enjoy!