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Our stunning exclusive campsite near Swanage is on the Isle of Purbeck, a campsite that you won't find on any maps and has direct access onto Poole Harbour

With no light pollution in the area, this venue is off grid, giving you plenty of time for a digital detox sitting around a campfire or star gazing. We are right near an Internationally Nature Reserve too at Godlingston Heath.

The 'Isle' is not strictly an island but a sixty square mile chunk of land jutting out into the English channel and is bounded on 3 sides by water. A huge ridge of limestone land known as the Purbeck Hill runs between Corfe and Swanage which the National Trust manage for its grassland habitats. Corfe Castle lies at a gap in these hills, a ruined reminder of an attempt to defend this area. The area is the site of a number of Iron Age and Saxon settlements, with Wareham one of the first in the area. An historic market town, the raised earthen walls which are a haven for wildlife were built to protect the town.

The 'Jurassic Coast' became Britains first natural world heritage site where the 'Purbeck Beds' are an internationally important record of the Cretaceous Period with over 100 species identified in fossils. Old Harry Rocks are situated just east of Studland, with impressive chalk stacks.

Swanage and Studland are two very picturesque villages in the area, with Swanage saw a rise of popularity in the Victorian era and has an historic pier and the steam train runs from here to Corfe Castle and onto Norden. Studland, owned by the National Trust and Lulworth Cove are popular beaches in the area.

Here are our top ten suggestions to do in the area:

- Walk Ballard Down between Swanage and Corfe** – get the steam train back
- Crab fishing at Swanage Pier** – make sure you use sustainable lines
- Coasteering at Dancing Ledge** – use a reputable third party supplier
- Have a drink at the Bankes Arms in Studland** – great views over Studland Bay
- Visit the Dinosaur footprints at Langton Matravers** – National Trust site
- Wander round the historic quay at Wareham** – plenty of great places for tea and cake
- Visit historic Corfe Castle** – check out any events
- Visit the Square and Compass pub at Worth Matravers** – look out for the big veg outside
- Have an ice cream at Middle Beach on Studland** – lots of rockpools in the area
- Visit the Purbeck Stone Museum at Langton Matravers** – run by the Local History Society



