

Our Top Tips for Fossil Hunting at Charmouth and Lyme Regis

Stay safe

- Always check the Tide Times. The safest time to explore the beach is on a Falling Tide.
- Stay well away from the Cliffs, they are unstable and can collapse without warning. Avoid walking on mudslides as it is easy to get trapped.
- tell somebody where you are going and what time you will return
- In an emergency, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard

Begin your search

1. The best tools for fossil hunting are your eyes. Hammers are not required.
2. The best place to look for Fossils, is along the **shoreline**, where the sea has done the work and cleaned them for you.
3. If you choose to use a hammer, make sure it is one designed for breaking rocks, such as a geologist's hammer. Only use it on light grey Pebbles, stay well away from others while hammering, and always wear goggles or glasses to protect your eyes. Do not hammer the cliffs or rock ledges.
4. Fossils at this location are not always easy to find so you will need to have a bit of patience and a little bit of luck.
5. If in doubt over what you have found, ask the fossil Warden or the staff of the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre for advice.

**Common fossils you might find loose
along the shoreline**



Ammonites



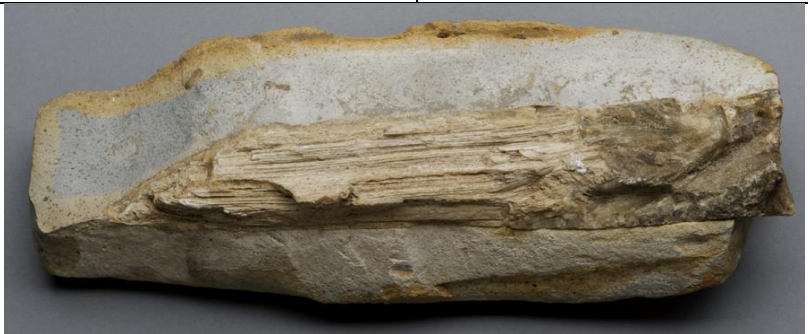
Belemnites



Crinoids



Ichthyosaur back bone



Fossil Wood

Good Luck and Stay Safe