Welcome to the Dorset and East Devon Coast

England’s only natural World Heritage Site

95 miles of coast... 185 million years of history.

The Jurassic Coast boasts both wild natural beauty and unique cultural landscapes. From the highest cliff tops to the lowest shorelines, the total length of the Jurassic Coast extends from Exmouth in East Devon to Swanage in Dorset. It provides us with an opportunity to delve into the lives of the ancient creatures that roamed these lands billions of years ago, and to glimpse the future of the natural environment that surrounds us today.

The Jurassic Coast remains a place of wonder, allowing us to imagine ourselves into deep time and to travel back to the age of great prehistoric beasts. The unique place in our global family of natural and cultural World Heritage Sites that together illustrate our history, culture and natural environment. It offers a journey through time for children aged 4 to 11.

The Jurassic Coast is a living coastline, rising and falling with the tides. The rocks along the coast are home to both wild native species and a range of human activities. The best place to find fossils is on the beach. Always go fossil collecting or beach walking on a falling tide.

Beach Safety & Fossil Collecting

Rockfalls can, and do, happen at any time. Please don’t ignore them. Always tell someone where you are going and when you expect to be back. Warning signs are there for your safety. They can look deceptively like the beach. Be aware of shelving beaches and large waves, especially in rough weather.

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