Chickerell Fleet Lagoon Circular

- Walk on the pavement towards Bridport and turn left down the road at the mini roundabout.
- After 30m just before a set of gateposts, turn right along a signed footpath. After about 500m, the path descends to a wooded stream. Ignore the footpath and stile to the right, cross the stream and stile into a field. At the end of this field go over the stile onto the road.
- Continue on this road, up the hill and through a junction with signs for West Fleet Farm and Sea Barn Holiday Parks. Go straight ahead down the road towards the Moonfleet Hotel.
- By a right bend at the bottom of the hill, take the signed footpath to the left signed for South West Coast Path. Cross the field and join the South West Coast Path. Do not go along the road to the Moonfleet Hotel.
- Continue south east along the South West Coast Path for about 2km to get to a direction marker stone. Take the path shown to East Fleet, over a footbridge, past Old Fleet Church to the hamlet of East Fleet and the road. (The old church is worth a visit. In the churchyard is a storyboard about the church and the Great Storm of 1824.)
- Turn right up this road until reaching the mini roundabout on the main road. Turn right along the pavement to return to the starting point.

Chesil Beach – 15 miles long and born from landslides that eroded after the last ice age, 20,000 years ago – protects the special habitat of the Fleet Lagoon. The crashing, open sea is safely distant, a faint accompaniment to the calls of birds that find refuge in the tranquil waters.