

Swanage Walking Holiday

Information for Drivers

The boxes give information on destinations for use in satnavs. Country locations don't have precise postcodes, so you may do better with a grid reference or latitude and longitude. Most of the directions here are based on Google Streetview, and are the best I can manage. Distances and times come from Google. Feel free to use your own route.

Home to Wareham car park

Nearest Postcode BH20 4HU Grid Reference SY 923 874 Latitude & Longitude N 50.686711°,W 2.109363°

There is no easy direct route, but Google gives three possibilities, each of which can be fastest depending on traffic. These are via Shaftesbury, Salisbury, or Southampton. Although the last is longest, I prefer it because there are several easily found services en route. From my house, Google estimates around 2¾ hours driving by each of the routes.

Whichever route you choose, you are likely to reach Wareham from the north on the A351. After Sandford you will pass the Wareham Golf Club on your right.

At a roundabout take the 1st exit (straight on) marked Swanage and Wareham.

At a roundabout take the 1st exit road (left, but not Purbeck View Park) marked Town Centre. Pass over the bridge and go up the hill.

Do not take the first on the left marked car parks.

Take the next on the left with the Post Office on the corner. This is a narrow one-way road, and only after you are in can you see it is Howards Lane.

The walk starts from the car park on the right.

If you miss the junction, turn left at the traffic lights, then twice left to get into Howards Lane.

If the car park is full, there are two more on the road opposite the middle of the car park.

Our chosen car park is the nearest to the town centre and has public toilets. However, there is a 4 hour limit. Unless you arrive very early this should be enough for lunch and the walk. But there is an alternative, which you can find by ignoring the turn into Howards Lane, instead turning right at the traffic lights. The car park is some way along this road on your right.

Wareham car park to Grand Hotel

Postcode BH19 1LU Grid Reference SZ 031 799 Latitude & Longitude N 50.619435°, W 1.956482°
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Google says 10.5 miles, 25 minutes.

Turn right out of the car park into Howards Lane.

Turn right at the next two T-junctions.

Turn left at the traffic lights.

After you have left the town well behind, take the 1st exit (A351 to Corfe Castle and Swanage) at a roundabout.

Stick to this road through Corfe Castle and Swanage.

When you reach the end, with the sea in front of you, turn left.

After the road swings away from the sea, take the 2nd on the right (Burlington Road).

The Grand Hotel is on the right side of the left hand bend in this road.

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Grand Hotel Hotel to Worth Matravers

Postcode BH19 3LE
Grid Reference SY 974 776
Latitude & Longitude N 50.598586°, W 2.037826°

Google says 4.6 miles, 14 minutes.

Turn left from the hotel car park.

At the end of the road turn left.

Follow the sea front.

Take the 2nd on the right marked Town Centre and Railway. (This is the way you came in on Monday.)

On the far side of Swanage, shortly after the school on the right, fork left for Langton Matravers and Worth Matravers.

Pass through Langton, then turn left for Worth Matravers.

In Worth, turn right and you will find the car park on your left.

Grand Hotel to Swanage Pier

Nearest Postcode BH19 2AR
Grid Reference SZ 035 785
Latitude & Longitude N 50.606631°, W 1.951600°

Google says 1.1 miles, 6 minutes.

Turn left from the hotel car park.

At the end of the road turn left.

Follow the sea front for its full length.

At the end bear left into the one-way shopping street (not hard left).

At the end bear left, marked Long Stay Car Park.

Follow this until you can see the sea, then turn right into Seymour Road (Long Stay CP).

As you go up the hill, there are two junctions together on your left. Take the 2nd.

There is a lot of parking available here, and the walk will be starting from the car park off the road to the right.