



Corfe Castle Visual Guide

Opening Times

The castle, Shop and Tea-room are open every day apart Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

The Welcome Centre, located in the car park, may have different opening times, particularly during winter.

Opening times vary throughout the year, please check our website for up to date information:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/dorset/corfe-castle#place-opening-times>

Site Map

Terrain Guide

- ■ ■ ■ **Gravel path** *Approx. 365m*
This path is accessible, but please note it is seasonally muddy and has one steep slope.
- ● ● ● **Tarmac path** *Approx. 370m*
This path is accessible, but can be narrow in some places and there is a steep drop leading to a river.
- — — — **Cobbled stone path** *Approx. 180m*
This path is accessible, but is uneven and can be slippery when wet.
- □ □ □ **Cobbled stone steps** *Approx. 90m*
From this point, there are multiple steps, steep slopes, and uneven surfaces which can be slippery when wet.

Key to symbols

- » » » **Steep slope**
Whilst this path is accessible, please be aware it has a steep slope
- Ⓜ **Induction Loop**
Available in the Welcome Centre, Ticket Office, Tea-room and Shop
- ♿ **Personal Mobility Vehicles (PMV)**

Key to map

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|------------------------|---------------|---|--|
| ① Welcome Centre | ⑦ West Bailey | P Parking | ♿ Baby Changing Facilities |
| ② Old Mill Picnic Area | ⑧ Keep | P♿ Accessible Parking | ♿ Level Access Route |
| ③ Ticket Office | ⑨ Gloriette | 🚐 Coach Parking | ⬮ Gate |
| ④ Castle Entrance | ⑩ Tea-room | D♿ Drop-off Point | ♿ Seating |
| ⑤ Outer Bailey | ⑪ Shop | WC Toilets | Ⓜ Picnic Area |
| ⑥ South West Gatehouse | | ♿WC Accessible Toilet | ⬮ Step Access |

If you need to contact us in an emergency whilst you're with us today, please call: **01929 477 063**



Getting to us

You can get to Corfe Castle by car, bus, bicycle, train or by walking.

The National Trust car park at Castle View Welcome Centre can be found just off the A351 before you go up the hill into Corfe Castle village.

The postcode is BH20 5DR.



Parking

Parking for National Trust members is free.

Scan your membership card at the parking machine to get a ticket to display in your car.

If you are not a member you can buy a ticket at the parking meter to display in your car.

You can also use the PaybyPhone app, the car park location number is 803345.



Parking

There are five dedicated spaces for Blue Badge holders at Castle View car park.

Alternative Blue Badge parking is in West Street car park and Purbeck Park.

These are not National Trust parking spaces and you will need to pay to park here.

Blue badge holders can also park for up to 3 hours for free in the Village Square, although spaces are limited and are on a slope.



Staff and Volunteers

Staff mostly wear black clothing with the National Trust logo on, and all wear a white/green name badge often on a coloured lanyard.

Volunteers mostly wear grey clothing with the National Trust logo on, and all wear a white/green name badge often on a coloured lanyard.

They will be happy to help you with any questions you have.



Dogs

All dogs, including assistance dogs, are welcome across the site and are to be kept on a short lead.

There are water bowls available across the site.



Welcome Centre

The Welcome Centre is in the car park.

Inside you can pick up a free map. This will show you how to get to the Castle and Village Square. Follow the signs for 'Castle'.

You can also find free maps in the Ticket Office, at the Castle Entrance or on our website.

Please note - You can't buy tickets at the Welcome Centre, only in the Ticket Office.



Welcome Centre

There is a café where you can buy hot and cold drinks and snacks.

There is indoor seating and outside benches.

There are walking poles available to borrow here.



Welcome Centre

There is a second-hand bookshop.

There is a model of the castle showing what it looked like before it was destroyed.

There is also a short film of a 3D reconstruction of the castle on display.



Woodland Walk

This is the route to the castle.

Cross the main road outside the Welcome Centre at the crossing.

The road can be busy and noisy.

Turn right and go through the gate.

Follow the route marked on the map or the wooden arrows which say 'Castle'.



Woodland Walk

After crossing a small wooden bridge you will cross another road.

Follow the pathway through the gate to the village.

The castle will be on your left and a river on your right.

There is a steep incline at the end of the Woodland Walk leading up to Corfe Castle village.



Ticket Office

The Ticket Office is in Corfe Castle Village Square.

In the Ticket Office you can buy tickets to visit the castle.

If you are a National Trust member and have your Membership card with you, you can head straight to the castle entrance at the Outer Gatehouse.

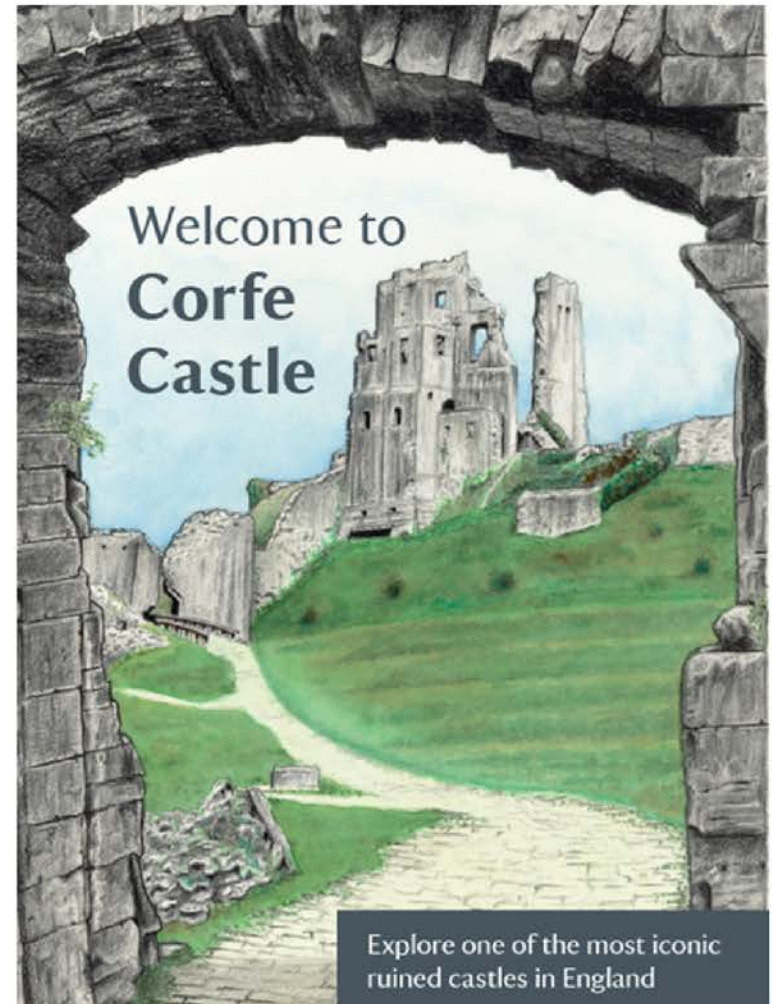


Ticket Office

Your tickets are valid all day on the day you visit. You can come in and out of the castle as much as you like.

Your companion or carer can get free entry into the castle.

If you have forgotten your Membership card please ask a member of staff for help.



Ticket Office

There is an all-terrain wheelchair with electric assist available to borrow here.

If you would like to book this for your visit, email **corfecastle@nationaltrust.org.uk** or call us on **01929 481294**. You can borrow this for a maximum of 2 hours.

If there are no bookings for the wheelchair, it can be used on a first come, first served basis.



Ticket Office

There are ear defenders available to borrow. If you would like to use them, please speak to a member of the team in the Ticket Office.



Ticket Office

There is a large print and braille guide of the castle available here.

Please ask a member of staff if you would like to borrow them.



Castle Entrance

Please show your tickets or Membership Card to the member of staff in the kiosk by the Castle entrance

If you have buggies / wheelchairs and would prefer to walk, these can be stored in an area behind the kiosk at the Castle entrance.

There are walking poles available to borrow here.



Castle Entrance

During the summer or school holidays the castle can be very busy and noisy.

The paths can get slippery or muddy in bad weather.



The Castle

The Castle is on a hill. It has grassy areas and uneven, cobbled and gravel pathways.

In the Outer Bailey there are tables and chairs.

You can bring a picnic or there are takeaway options from the Tea-room or shops in the Village Square.

There is step free access up to the South West Gatehouse.



The Castle

From the South West Gatehouse there are single steps and flights of steps further up into the castle.



The Castle

There are benches throughout the castle where you can rest and enjoy the views.



The Castle

There are information boards throughout the castle and 3 audio points.

A written version of the audio points is kept in the Ticket Office. Please ask if you would like a copy.

The audio recordings are also available on our website.

The audio points can be noisy.



The Castle

Some information boards have British Sign Language with audio translations and subtitles. Scan the QR code using your phone to watch the videos.

You can watch these videos during your visit or from home.



The castle's early history



The Keep was built in the early 1100s for King Henry I,



The Castle

There are different activities you can do in the castle if you want to, such as games and activity trails.

These change throughout the year.



The Shop

There is a ramp to get into the shop.

One door to the shop is usually open.

The till is straight in front of you.

There is space between the displays to allow access for buggies and wheelchairs.

The main shop floor is level with one small ramp inside.



The Shop

There is an area at the back of the shop accessed by three steps. There is a handrail on the right.

If you need help to see something in this area, please ask a member of the team.

You can have your National Trust passport stamped in the shop.



The Tea-room

The Tea-room sells hot and cold drinks and food.

You can eat in or takeaway .

Plastic straws are available.

Large handled mugs and cutlery are available.

Please ask if these would be useful for you.



The Tea-room

There is seating in the Tea-room and outside in the garden.

The main entrance to the Tea-room and the inside of the building are wheelchair accessible.

There are a variety of tables and chairs which can easily be rearranged if needed.

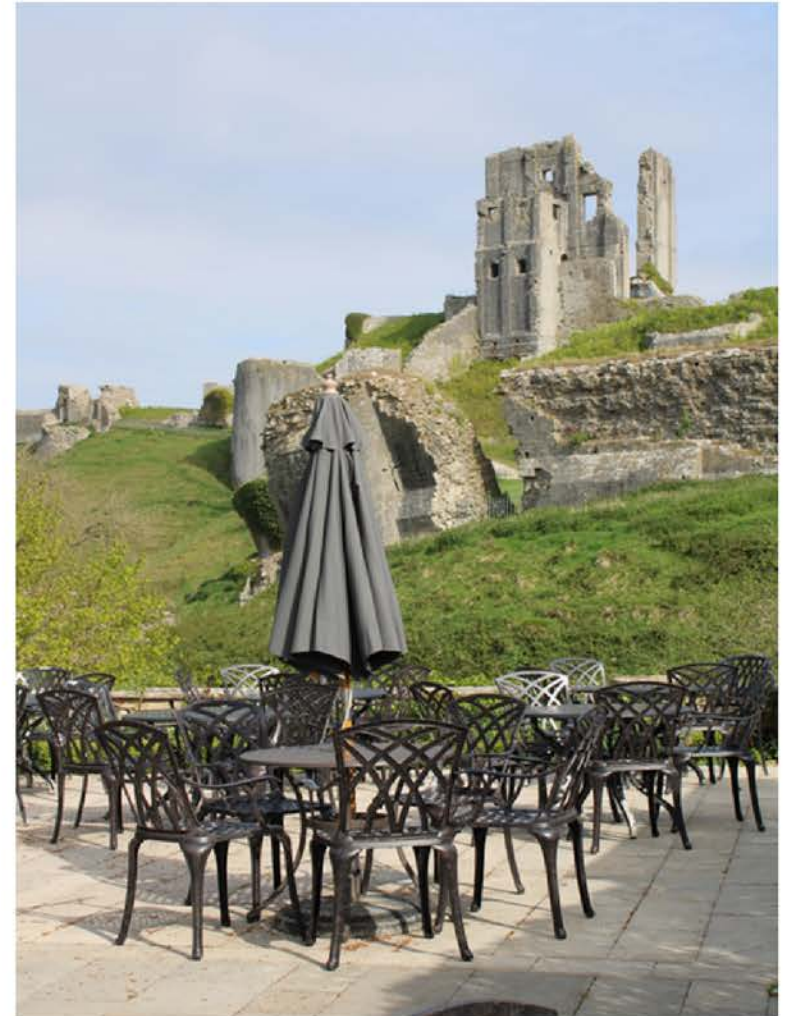
Staff can offer table service if you don't feel able to queue.



The Tea-room

There are steps out of the Tea-room into the garden.

The garden is wheelchair accessible through the back gate on the left before the bridge leading to the castle entrance.



Toilets

There are level access male and female toilets with baby changing facilities in:

- Castle View Welcome Centre
- Next to the Ticket Office

There is a male and female toilet in the Tea-room. There is a single step up and there is a handrail to the right.

There are hand dryers in all the toilets. These can be noisy.



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Accessible toilets can be found at:

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- Next to the Ticket Office

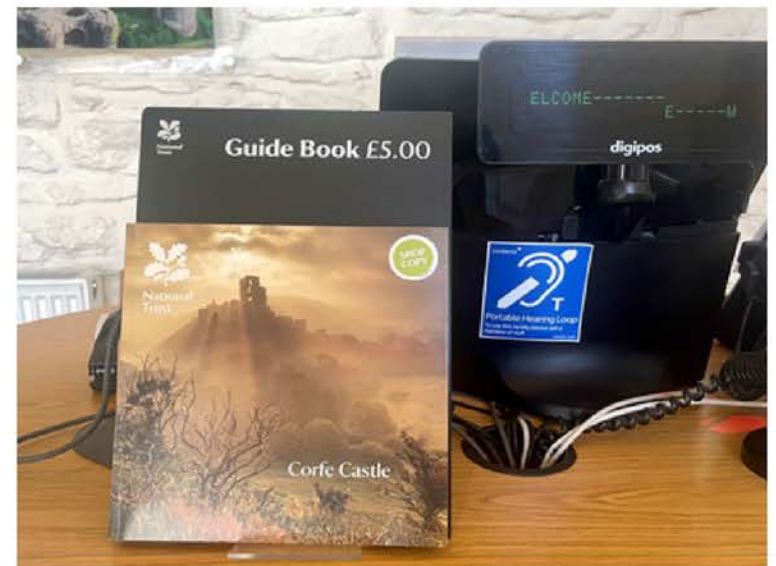
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Useful Information

There are induction loops in the Welcome Centre, Ticket Office, Tea-room and Shop

You can buy a guide book in the Welcome Centre, Ticket Office, Tea-room and Shop or at the kiosk at the Castle Entrance.





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