



Information

Distance: 3.86km (2.4miles)

Average Time: 50mins (time may vary depending on pace)

Gradient: Moderate with some incline and set of stairs.

Starting Point: Sandsfoot Gardens.

Public Transport: N/A

Parking: N/A as walking route continued from Rodwell & Sandsfoot Gardens Walk.

Accessibility: The gardens are mainly accessible by wheelchair although there is a set of steps so not suitable for wheelchair users.

Cycling: Cycling is not permitted in the pleasure gardens this includes The Nothe Gardens.

Dogs: Are allowed but must be kept on lead the whole route, especially in the Nothe Gardens.

1. At the entrance/exit to the Gardens take a right and walk along Old Castle Road for about 400 metres until you come to the junction of Belle Vue Road which is signposted the Coast Path.
2. At the end of Belle Vue Road turn to your right, you will come to a grassy area known as Bingleaves Green. It features a spectacular view over Portland Harbour and Nothe Fort. It also has a monument dedicated to Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton who played a very significant role in the abolishment of slavery.
3. Continue down the gravel path which will lead you across a metal bridge. You then have option to take the lower route around the Nothe Gardens which will give you views over Portland Harbour or take the top path which will take you through a tree lined path where you will probably be able to see the squirrels which live in the Gardens. Please note dogs should be kept on leads to ensure the wildlife is not disturbed.
4. At the top of Nothe Gardens, walk across the small road and follow the path to your left, this will take you past the first Mural Trail artwork which depicts 3 pieces of art, called 'Marine', 'Sail' and 'Peace'. Continue until you reach the stone steps down to the harbour.
5. Once you reach the bottom of the steps turn right and continue along the harbour side towards the Stone Pier where you will see the second Mural Trail artwork 'Life Beneath the Waves'. Then retrace your steps and continue along the harbour past the RNLI Weymouth Lifeboat Station where you can grab an ice cream or just have a wander in their shop
6. As you continue along the harbour you will come to a fork, keep left leaving the harbour. The next Mural Trail artwork 'Moonshiner' will be on your right-hand side. As you come out into Hope Square turn right and continue along Cove Street and continue back towards the harbour. There are also more public toilets along this road.
7. As you come to Weymouth Town Bridge, which is raised every two hours between 8am – 6pm daily, ahead of you on the wall of The Bridge Fair Trade Shop you will see the next artwork 'The Smugglers Map of Weymouth & Portland'. Cross the bridge, turn right at the pedestrian crossing then the first left into St Mary Street.
8. As you continue along St Mary Street just before you reach the church you will come across Church Passage which displays the next Mural Trail artwork 'Pipe Dreams'. Continue along until you reach Bond Street, turn left and continue through the passage until you reach the junction of St Thomas Street and Bond Street, turn right.

9. Continue until you reach School Street, as you turn left you will see the library ahead of you with another Mural Trail artwork 'A Library of Knowledge'. Continue right past the library along Great George Street which will come to a junction with Westham Street. Turn left towards the marina.
10. Cross Commercial Road at the traffic lights and continue towards Westham Bridge, taking the path on the right which takes you along the Swannery and back to the car park.