



Going for Gold in Weymouth!

Then you are down here during the Olympics and perhaps among the lucky ones with tickets!

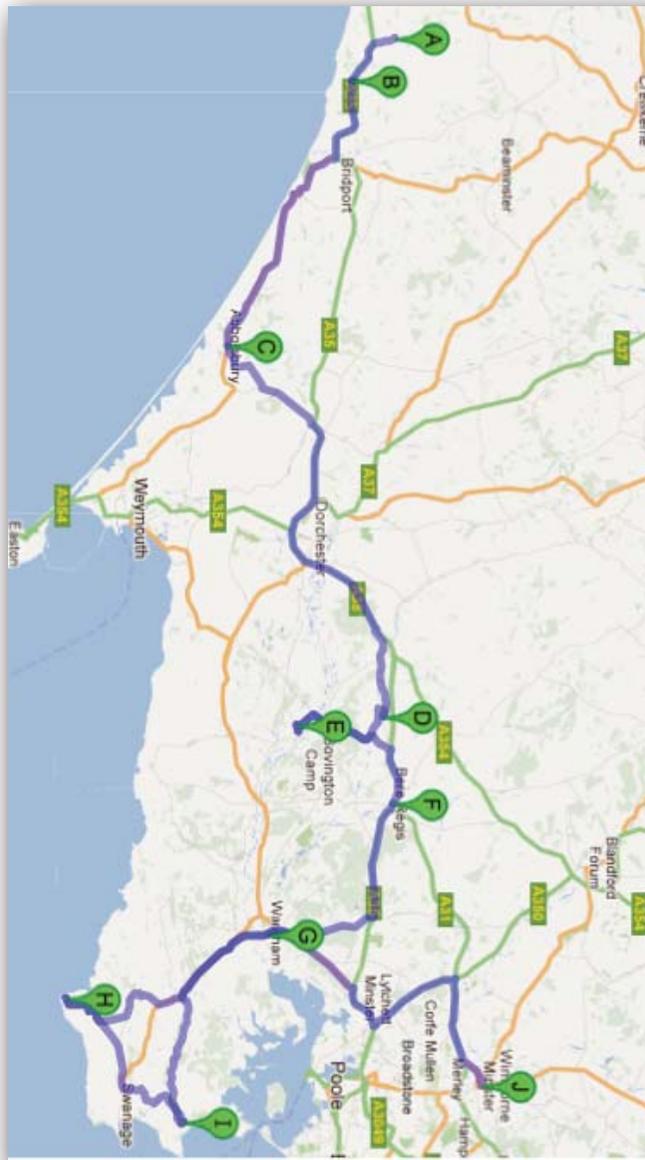
Here's an invitation to have a day off – while you are here, and before you go, and look around you at Dorset in all its beauty.

The Pilgrimage Trail is a way of exploring off the beaten track, seeing the country at its best, and finding the special discoveries which make your memories of this holiday take root.

There are 10 very individual Churches & Chapels: visiting them will reveal :: life-sized wooden figures of the Saints holding up a glorious roof; Catholic Martyrs; beautiful shrine to a Viking victim; a pulpit with bullet-holes; carvings of extraordinary animals; mysterious legends; and even a 13th Century Knight!

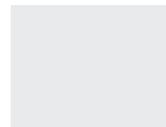
If you enjoy more recent history, you can visit the shrine to the Tolpuddle Martyrs (the first Trades Union); see where Lawrence of Arabia is buried; go to Moreton Church where Whistler engraved spectacularly beautiful glass windows – and have a Dorset Cream Tea nearby. Other Churches have links to Thomas Hardy; to the Dorset Vicar-poet, William Barnes; and even to Shakespeare's "The Tempest".

Enjoy your journey; tell us what you have most enjoyed, and send us your photos! As you are 'Seeking Gold' along this very special trail, look out for the TEN Pilgrim's Badges to collect.



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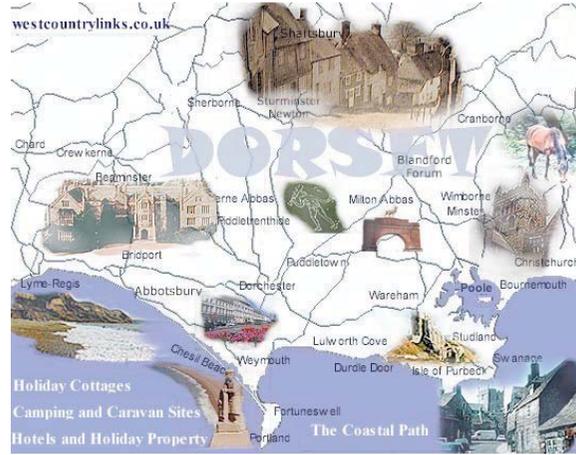


SEEKING GOLD: PILGRIMAGE TRAIL. 2012 OLYMPICS IN DORSET

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'SEEKING GOLD' THE PILGRIMAGE TRAIL 2012





SEEKING GOLD ~ PILGRIMAGE TRAIL

Glorious Dorset – glory to explore

Dorset is the only County in England not to have a motorway through it! And wherever you look, there are beautiful views, glorious Churches & Chapels, fascinating history.

This leaflet suggests a route from West to East – from the simplicity of St Wite’s extraordinary shrine to the grandeur of Wimborne Minster. You can take as long as you like – there’s no rush! By car... by bike... on foot... Plan a day centred on a town with a cluster of Pilgrimage sites... do the whole Trail... or have lunch in a country pub and explore nearby.

In the Pilgrimage Trail Churches & Chapels you can collect a Pilgrim’s Badge. Collecting all TEN qualifies you as a “Super-Gold-Pilgrim” with a special all-gold badge!

When you come to each Pilgrimage Trail Chapel & Church, you’ll find a welcome, and questions answered with leaflets about the history, faith, and people who are a living presence – and information about other local venues to visit.

In the peace which surrounds you, thinking of those you love and care for IS a prayer.

Way to go		
Place	Near...	So special?
Whitchurch Canonorum	Bridport	St. Wite’s Healing Shrine & Pool
North Chideock	Bridport	RC Chapel of the Catholic Martyrs
Abbotsbury	Bridport	11C Monk, bullets
Tolpuddle	Dorchester	Martyrs Museum, Chapel & Church
Moreton	Bere Regis	Whistler glass; T.E.Lawrence
Bere Regis	Wareham	life-size saints
Wareham	Wareham	Saxon; frescoes
St Aldhelm’s	Swanage	Square chapel
Studland	Swanage	Norman church
Wimborne	Poole	Chained Library

Reasons to explore...

*I sought my God ~ My God I could not see
I sought my soul ~ My soul eluded me
I sought my brother ~ And I found all three*

Even when we don’t realise what it is we are seeking, we can find that God encounters us – in the beauty of nature, in the places where others have come to worship over centuries.

Walking in pilgrim footsteps.
... For our own sake: keep seeking ...

