

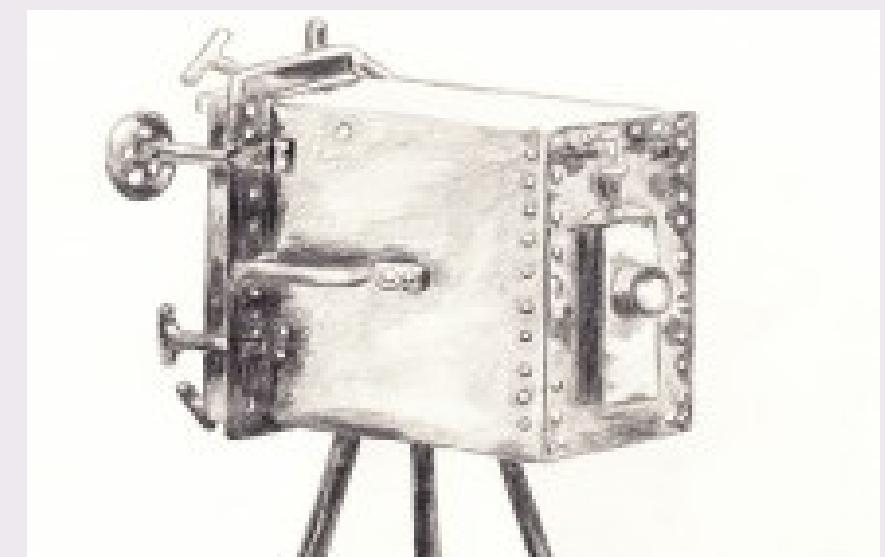
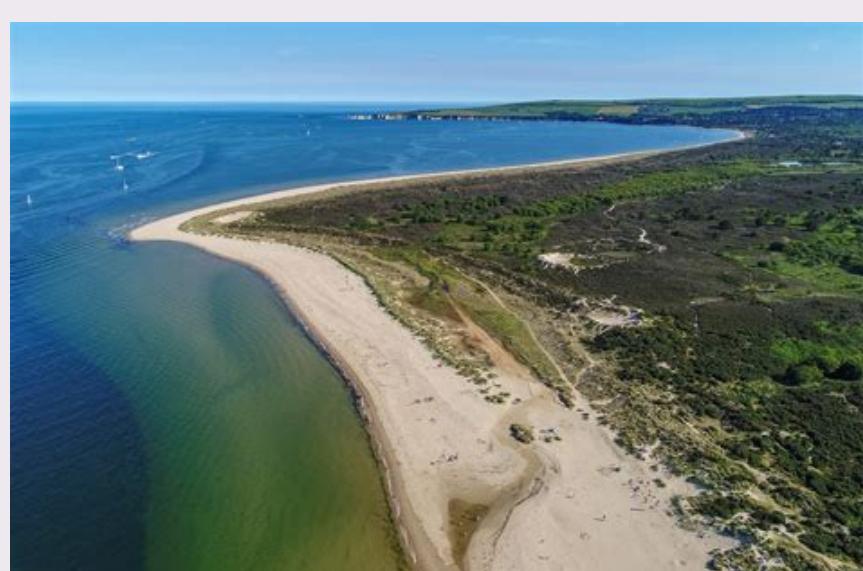
TEN THINGS ABOUT DORSET

Culture

Photography

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A photograph taken underwater by William Thompson in Weymouth Bay 1856 is said to be the worlds first-ever underwater snap shot.



Pop Culture

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Studland Bay has the world's largest seahorse-breeding colony in Great Britain and the beach was also the backdrop for Coldplay's video of their hit song "Yellow"



Smuggling

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The further east you go along Chesil beach the larger the pebbles. In West Bay the shingle is the size of a pea but in Portland they are bigger than your fist. Legend has it that at night local smugglers could tell exactly where they were by the size of the pebbles.



Monuments

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Maumbury Rings is the remarkable site of a giant henge monument, which was built 4,500 years ago. When the Roman's arrived 2,000 years later they then developed the site further into a 10,000 seat amphitheatre.

Pubs

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Some of Dorset's many pubs have a very interesting story such as The Crown Inn at Marnhull and its feature as 'The Pure Drop Inn' in Thomas Hardy's famous novel, Tess of the d'Urbervilles.



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Badbury Rings

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Dating back to 2200 BC, it is believed to be one of the few settlements that belonged to the Durotriges – an ancient tribe who were amongst the first to live in Dorset!



Television

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The area is also famous for appearing in various TV shows and movies. One of the most famous TV shows filmed here in recent years is Broadchurch, an ITV crime drama.

Retail

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Dorset is also the birthplace of two big retail names. New Look, the popular fashion retailer, started life here in 1969, while Lush, the vegan soap and bathing shop, started up in 1995 over in Poole.



Conservation

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Dorset is unique in their efforts of conservation in the local community. Many travellers' information sites recommend recycling whenever possible to reduce your waste and to try to eat locally produced foods during your stay.

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It is said that while writing "Persuasion" Jane Austen was a frequent visitor of Dorset.

