



“We saw two red squirrels sitting in the sunshine, one was asleep”
 Toby Young, aged 7



Parking at Fort Victoria Country Park by the sea is free, as is admission to the beach, park woodlands, picnic areas and nature trails. A range of pay-as-you-go attractions are located within the Fort. For full details, ticket prices and opening times go to **fortvictoria.co.uk**

Fort Victoria

The Country Park by the Sea



The building of Fort Victoria in 1852-53 was a recognition of the strategic importance of this spectacular Solent viewpoint. A series of forts had been built on the site dating back to Henry VIII. The remains of the fort house a series of pay-as-you-go attractions, also Cafe Verdi and these form the heart of the Country Park.

Fort Victoria is an ideal place to spend the day, by the sea exploring the Country Park, watching the boats go by or setting off to find a red squirrel on one of the woodland trails. Our 50 acres of coastal woodland provide a home for red squirrels, dormice and rare bats. There are barbecues and picnic areas on the extensive green behind the fort.

Fort Victoria

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How to find us

Located a mile to the west of the historic town of Yarmouth and Wightlink Ferry, follow the A3054 (west) past Norton Grange Resort. Turn right by the brown sign and follow Westhill Lane through to the Country Park. You can also access Fort Victoria along the Coastal Path (approximately 15 minutes walk).

The Needles Breezer, Coaster and No.7 buses stop at the junction of A3054 and road to the Country Park. Ask the driver to tell you when to get off the bus.

Squirrel cover image © Beasley



ISLAND PLANETARIUM

Reaching For the Stars

DARK SKY DISCOVERY SITE

Space, the final frontier. This hidden gem offers an intimate planetarium experience beneath a darkened hemispherical dome. An awe-inspiring, realistic and accurate representation of the whole sky at night. Discover your place in the universe as you explore space, scientific adventures and learn about a local son who became one of Britain's greatest scientists. Evening events and star gazing nights available too.
thestarattraction.co.uk | 01983 761555



FORT VICTORIA MODEL RAILWAY

TOOT TOOT! RAILWAY MAGIC

Even the smallest children will feel like a giant here at one of the largest model railways in the UK. Continental and British trains weave through detailed landscapes, towns and villages with the little people going about their everyday business in this huge display. Bring the fairground to life with colourful lights and animations. A real treat for all the family. Wheelchair friendly and well behaved dogs welcome too.
fortvictoriamodelrailway.co.uk | 01983 761553



Sea salt, woodland walks & fresh air

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Four great all weather attractions to stimulate, entertain and inform

All attractions at Fort Victoria are open from March until late October, some throughout the year. Daily opening times may vary. Free admission to gift shopping areas. Some attractions offer evening events, guided walks and pre-bookable workshops. To check opening hours go to fortvictoria.co.uk and start your own adventure today.



Fort Victoria has a wide range of special events throughout the year, from dark skies evenings, guided woodland and beach walks, treasure hunts and nature rambles. See the website and social media for details.

School trips and organised parties are welcome. Organised tours with the Country Park ranger can be booked in advance. Telephone 01983 760860 for details.

Verdi's Café

Licensed | Tel 01983 761777

'A wonderful spot to relax and simply watch the boats go by'



This licensed cafe, open Easter to October, boasts one of the most impressive locations on the Solent with fantastic views, across to Hurst Castle and the New Forest National Park from the patio, with inside seating for summer showers.



ARCHAEOLOGY DISCOVERY CENTRE

HANDS-ON HISTORY

Re-discover this lost Fort. Explore its secret military experiments and how it defended Britain from attack. Discover hidden heritage in a series of fascinating connected chambers bringing to life the stories of Solent shipwrecks and lands now drowned by the power of the sea. A real Aladdin's cave. In summer there are guided walks, evening talks and pre-bookable workshops. With our hands-on history family friendly workshops you can make your own piece of history together – like nettle string, cave art or coil clay pots.
discoverycentre.org | 01983 761214



REPTILARIUM & TERRAPIN CENTRE

Reptile alert

A remarkable exhibition of reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates of the world in naturalistic themed displays that explore the biomes these animals inhabit. Housed in a series of interconnecting atmospheric chambers built within the Fort. Learn about the threats these animals face in the wild, dress like an explorer and make new slithery friends!
reptilium.org | 01983 761582



Head for the beach to go rock pooling and fossil hunting. You may even find a shark's tooth or a real piece of turtle shell. The beach is also a popular spot for fishing. **It is not suitable for swimming due to the fast currents.**