

The 2015 Jurassic Challenge Walks

in memory of Jess McNally and in aid of the Smile4Wessex Appeal

Sunday 28th June 2015



Walking for Jess



Diana and Jess McNally have organised the Jurassic Challenge Walks since their inception in 2008 - following Jess' treatment at the Wessex Neurological Centre for a brain tumour - raising over £75,000 for brain tumour research, half of which has been donated to Smile4Wessex.

But this year's event will be particularly poignant for all who knew and loved Jess, and will be dedicated to his memory following his sudden (and unrelated) passing in September of last year. Diana and family invite you to join them - **'Walking for Jess'** - on 28th June, and to help raise even more funds for the charity they've been so proud to support.

With some of the most spectacular scenery the South Coast has to offer, there can be few more beautiful landscapes within which to walk than that of the Isle of Purbeck. But with a coastline that is famous for the beasts that roamed in pre-historic times, it also presents a 'beast' of a challenge - the 2015 Jurassic Challenge Walks.

The 32-mile Challenge starts and ends in the heart of Purbeck, in the picturesque village of Corfe, famous for its dramatic ruins of a medieval Castle, and follows a route across the Nine Barrow Down, on to the point of "Old Harry" and into the seaside town of Swanage. At Durlston Country Park, 12 miles into the route, a hearty breakfast awaits - along with those preparing to take on the 20-mile Jurassic Walk.

Together, they continue their journey towards the next refreshment stop at Worth Matravers, passing the beautiful Dancing Ledge, climbing and descending the steeply undulating paths that hug the coastline. The views from the top make each step worthwhile, and provide an excuse to pause, and catch breath, before heading inland. At Swyre Point, where the team will again be waiting with refreshments, the final group of walkers join the others for the last 10 miles of the route through the deserted village of Tyneham, before turning north across the Purbeck Hills towards the finish, and the welcome sight of Corfe Castle once more.

The Jurassic Challenge Walks hold something for everyone, so why not come and take in the breath-taking beauty of the Purbeck and experience this tough, but truly fantastic day out. Please see overleaf for further details.





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These events are mostly staged over coastal and designated pathways. Some areas are rocky, and both uphill and downhill sections can be demanding and require a certain level of fitness. If you would like to take part either as a walker or a part of the support crew, or require any further information about any of the events please get in touch. All participants will be provided with a special Smile4Wessex 'Walking for Jess' commemorative t-shirt to walk in, and funds raised by participants will contribute to the charity's current appeal (please see www.smile4wessex.org for full details).

The Jurassic 32 Challenge Walk

The 32-mile Challenge Walk follows a circuitous route starting and finishing in the picturesque village of Corfe, and individuals taking part will require a high level of fitness.

Start Place: Corfe Castle

Start Time: 6.00 am

Estimated Finish Time: 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Fitness Level: High

The Jurassic 32 Trophy Challenge

The Trophy Challenge Walk is for teams of 4 or more walkers, and follows the same route as the Jurassic Challenge, albeit with teams departing from Corfe an hour later. This is a timed event, where teams compete for the 'Simon Clamp' Memorial Trophy, with the time of the last member of each team crossing the finish line counting as the teams' official time. The current course record was set in 2013 with an officially recorded time of 8 hours 14 minutes. Individuals taking part will require a high level of fitness. Trophy Challenge teams are encouraged to raise a collective sponsorship target of £1,000 for the charity.

Start Place: Corfe Castle

Start Time: 7.00 am

Estimated Finish Time: 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm

Fitness Level: Very High

The Jurassic 20 Charity Walk

The 20-mile Jurassic Walk commences from Durlston Country Park, with walkers joining those undertaking the Challenge and Trophy Challenge walkers for the remainder of the route. Those participating in this walk will require a medium to high level of fitness.

Start Place: Durlston

Start Time: 9.30 am

Estimated Finish Time: 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Fitness Level: Med to High

The Jurassic 10 Charity Walk and Junior 10 Challenge Walk

The 10-mile Jurassic Walk (and Junior 10 Challenge) commences from Swyre Point, with walkers joining those tackling the 32 & 20 mile walks for the remainder of the route. Walkers participating in this walk will require a low to medium level of fitness.

Start Place: Squire Point

Start Time: 2.00 pm (Juniors 1.30pm)

Estimated Finish Time: 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Fitness Level: Medium to Low

For further information about the above events, or to enter, please contact:

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