b-side Big Weekend



Portland, Dorset 11–14th September 2025

What is b-side Big Weekend like?



The Big Weekend takes place at various sites across the whole of the Isle of Portland



In some venues there may be crowds.



b-side Big Weekend has lots of different events to see – including exhibitions, films, sculptures, and workshops you can join in with!



A lot of families go to the b-side Big Weekend.



There may be some bright or flashing lights in some events.



There may be some loud noises.



Some of the festival is outside, so prepare for bad weather. Portland can be windy.



There may be hot weather, so prepare with sunscreen, a sun hat, and a water bottle.



If you need help, you can ask one of our festival stewards. They'll be wearing bright coloured b-side t-shirts.



Toilets and disabled toilets are marked on the b-side map which you can find in the printed Summer Guide.



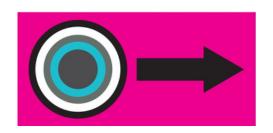
There might be some uneven ground in places.



Portland is bigger than you may think. It can be tiring to get around to all of the artworks.



The artworks have been installed in places across the island, you can access these places by walking, cycling, going on a public bus or driving.



We have put up signs to help you find events and artworks.



Some of the exhibitions have QR codes. If you scan this with your phone you can hear the artist talking about their artwork.



In the next pages, you can see the artworks listed by site number, artwork name and artist name.

Super 8 Caffeinated Magic with Kevin Cameron



Portland Marina, Hamm Beach Road, Portland DT5 1DX, UK ///dignify.fliches.loads



This workshop will take place on the 13th of September from 11:30-1:30pm.



This workshop is ticketed at £5.



Join film-maker Kevin Cameron to shoot and hand process Super 8 film.



This site is wheelchair accessible and has accessible toilets.

Info Hub, Shop and Exhibition at b-side



b-side 77 77 Fortuneswell, Portland DT5 1LY, UK ///back.costly.usage



This shop and exhibition are open all day from 11th to the 14th of September.



This is FREE.



Photography exhibtion - selected works from Bibby Boys and Underground Gallery. There will also be our b-side merch shop where you can buy t-shirts, hats, tot bags etc.



Green Apples Workshop by Mark Bruce Company



Portland Amateur Boxing Club East Street, Fortuneswell, Portland DT5 1NF ////blushes.huts.pile



This workshop will take place on the 12th of September from 4-5:30pm.



This workshop is ticketed at £15.



This is a dance workshop suitable for any ability. Make sure to wear comfortable clothing.



Join professional dancers Layla Bruce and Dominic Rocca for a unique dance workshop in the boxing club.



This event is not accessible for wheelchair users, prams etc

Green Apples by Mark Bruce Company



Portland Amateur Boxing Club East Street, Fortuneswell, Portland DT5 1NF ////blushes.huts.pile



This performance will take place on the 12th of September from 4-4:15pm and 5.45-6pm.



This performance is ticketed at £3.50.



A powerful dance duet performed in a boxing ring.



This event is not accessible for wheelchair users, prams etc

Batik Wax Imprints with Ria Ekasari

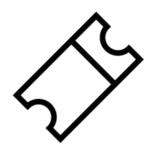


Royal Manor Theatre, 138A Fortuneswell, Portland DT5 1LT, UK

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This workshop will take place on the 11th of September 11-1pm and the 13th of September 1-3pm.



This workshop is ticketed at £5. It is also hands on, working with wax.



The workshop is about experimenting with wax as a medium for storytelling.



Section 28 and me (b-side edition) by Tom Marshman



Royal Manor Theatre, 138A Fortuneswell, Portland DT5 1LT, UK ///marching.dusted.canal



This performance will take place on the 12th of September 7:30-8:30pm.



This event is ticketed at £8.50.



Section 28 was a UK law from 1988 to 2003. It stopped schools from talking about gay and queer lives. Theatre-maker Tom Marshman has made a show about this time.



Pub Grub by Luke Wright



Royal Manor Theatre, 138A Fortuneswell, Portland DT5 1LT, UK ///marching.dusted.canal



This performance will take place on the 13th of September from 7:45-9:00pm.



This event is ticketed at £15.



Luke Wright returns with a funny and heartfelt show celebrating ordinary life. Through playful poems, he brings to life small town pubs, quiet Tuesdays, and the messy joy of everyday moments.



This site is wheelchair accessible and has accessible toilets.

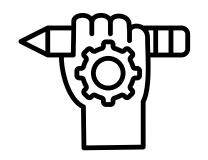
Potty for Portland! with Anna Stoodley



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This workshop will take place on the 14th of September 3:00-5:00pm.



This workshop is ticketed at £24 for adults, £12 for children. This is a hands on workshop with clay.



Join artist Anna Stoodley for this family-friendly session, to create your own clay masterpiece inspired by Portland.



This site is wheelchair accessible and has accessible toilets.

Cat's Cafe





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The Cafe is open 11:00-6:00pm from the 11th to the 13th of September and then 11:00-4:00pm on the 14th.



There will be snacks and drinks here.



Enjoy a break at Cat's Cafe with cake!



Sound and Form Workshop With Luke Wright



Royal Manor Theatre, 138A Fortuneswell, Portland DT5 1LT, UK ///marching.dusted.canal



This workshop takes place on the 14th of September from 10:00-12:00pm.



This workshop is ticketed at £15.



Poet Luke Wright leads an engaging, fast-paced poetry workshop.



Bat Walk



High Angle Battery, New Ground, Portland, UK ///spectacle.detect.official



This walk is taking place on the 12th of September from 7:30-8:30pm.



This walk is ticketed at £3.50.



Learn about bats and how to protect them on this walk.



This site is has limited access.

Voice Siren Walk by Tristan Shorr and Rae Champion (CONCRETE)



High Angle Battery, New Ground,
Portland, UK
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You can go on this walk from 12-1pm and 4-5pm on each day of the Big Weekend.



This is a 45 minute walk. Make sure to bring some water, wear suncream and other protective clothing such as a hat.



The Siren Walk brings people together to walk with the voices of war.

Special machines have used human voices to create a siren that can be heard along the walk.



This site has limited access.

MAS(S) by Tristan Shorr and Rae Champion (CONCRETE)



High Angle Battery, New Ground, Portland, UK
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Drop in any time Sept 11th- 14th between 11am - 6pm.



This event is an audible experience. There are loud noises and stories to listen to.



This sound project is about refugee stories and migration. It may be triggering.



Excess Baggageby Kevin Cameron



High Angle Battery, New Ground, Portland, UK
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Drop in any time Sept 11th- 14th between 11am - 6pm.



This is a visual and audible experience.



Excess Baggage is a video and sound installation exploring the overlooked stories of military families.



Held by Threads – the final stitches with Antje Rook and Sarah Whiteside



The Old Engine shed - Incline Rd, Grove, Portland DT5 1DB, UK ///redeeming.picked.charted



This event will be on the 11th of September from 5.30-7.30pm.



This event will have live music and refreshments. Be aware of loud noises - bring ear defenders if needed.



This event is a live stitching of the final pieces for the Portland Dress. There will be lots of people, live music and the chance to try out stitching.



Meet the Portland Dress Makers with Anjte Rook and Sarah Whiteside



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This event will take place on the 14th of September from 2:00-3:00pm.



This is a FREE event.



Artists Sarah and Antje talk about the making of The Portland Dress.



This event is accessible for wheelchair users, prams etc with an accessible toilet available.

The Portland Dress by Antje Rook and Sarah Whiteside



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Drop in any time Sept 11th- 14th between 11am - 6pm.



This event is a visual experience.



The Portland Dress was made with stories from Portland people, stitched together thread by thread. Over 300 locals helped create it through workshops and community events.



Portland Parade by b-side



Easton Gardens
Easton Square, Easton, Portland
DT5 1BY, UK
///bright.obvious.sprinting



The parade will take place on the 14th of September 6:00-8:00pm.



The parade is FREE.



Everyone is welcome to join the parade through Portland, led by our artists, volunteers, and you. Dress up if you like and join the Parade! There will be live music.



Excess Baggage Talk with Kevin Cameron



Kimberlin Club Blacknor Road, Portland DT5 2HU ///goggle.landlords.rational



This talk is taking place on the 12th of September from 7-8pm.



Film-maker Kevin Cameron will be speaking about how he created his project 'Excess Baggage'.



We hope you have found this Guide useful, we are always trying to improve accessibility so more of our visitors feel welcomed and can enjoy b-side.



If you have any ideas on how we could improve our offer please let us know, we want to know!

You can email poppyh@b-side.org.uk or give us a call on 01305 568044









