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Dive Site: Swanage Pier
Location: Swanage Bay
Description: Pier dive
Depth: 4 metres (13 feet)
Visibility: 2 metres (7 feet)
Rating: ***

A dive on Swanage Pier will rarely be the same twice. Sometimes you will see nothing at all, yet other times life can be prolific with shoals of pollack, hundreds of spider and edible crabs, anemones with their tentacles wafting in the current and snails and hermit crabs going about there business. Towards the far end of the pier there is a bench if you need to take a seat and there are numerous girders littering the seafloor. The posts of the pier posts are covered in barnacles and kelp and if the marine creatures are proving elusive, try picking up some of the rubble to see if anything scuttles from view. The pier is a good place to do skills and serves as an excellent base for a dive club who have the use of a rib. Parking costs £6 per day and divers have to pay £2.00, all of which goes back into the maintenace of the pier. Fills are available on the pier from Divers Down and there is a small shop selling food and drinks at reasonable prices.

