Visitor Guide

Discover the secrets of North Northumberland and The Borders

North Northumberland Tourism Association
In a world of increasing speed and turbulence, the opportunity to spend a few days in a peaceful and relaxed environment, with plenty of fresh air and good local food, has seldom seemed so precious.

Few people realise that the best place for this is North Northumberland and the Borders. Here in the 'Secret Kingdom', we take time for ourselves, our neighbours and of course, our visitors. Much of our way of life is still dependent on the seasons. Northumberland has been labelled "England's most tranquil county"* and rightly so.

Welcome to the Secret Kingdom. You will see why we call it that, and you are welcome to share the secret, with your very best friends....

Lord Joicey
President, North Northumberland Tourism Association

The North Northumberland Tourism Association (NNTA) was formed to help small tourism businesses support each other and to inform visitors to the area of the wealth of attractions in this beautiful part of the UK. We have produced this guide to help you enjoy your stay. We hope it will enhance your time with us and encourage you to make a return visit.
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BERWICK-UPON-TWEED & AREA

You will be captivated...

Just two miles from the Scottish Border it is the most northerly town in England. Berwick stands on the north side of the Tweed so some would say it is on the wrong side!

Today, Berwick-upon-Tweed is a popular holiday destination with something for everyone, thriving on its history and heritage whilst embracing the present.

Discover the natural beauty and architectural elegance of the town by strolling the perfectly preserved Elizabethan fortifications, the most complete bastioned town defences in Northern Europe. In just over one mile you will be starkly reminded of Berwick’s turbulent and bloody history, changing hands between the English and the Scottish no less than...
13 times. You will be enchanted by this town of character with buildings of charm, historical worth and stunning views of the coast and the River Tweed. A walk around the Elizabethan ramparts will reveal the fine Georgian architecture of this beautiful walled town with its pantiled roofs and high chimneys.

Alleyways, gateways, nooks and crannies will lead you from the walls to the spine chilling cells of the Town Hall Museum or to The Main Guard, at Palace Green, now run by Berwick Civic Society, telling the ‘story’ of life in a garrison town. England’s first purpose built Barracks, in The Parade, now houses a complex of museums including Kings Own Scottish Borderers Museum, Berwick Borough Museum, protector of some of William Burrell’s remarkable collection of fine arts, the Gymnasium Gallery and English Heritage, ‘By Beat of Drum’ exhibition.

Opposite The Barracks stands the unique Cromwellian Church welcoming visitors throughout the year. View the 16th century stained glass windows, original communion table, Reredos Screen and beautiful rose window.

Marygate, the town’s bustling main street, is dominated by the imposing Town Hall, built around 1750, with its 150 foot spire often mistaken for a church. Enjoy the spectacle of the annual Riding of the Bounds as the street becomes filled with horses and riders on their traditional ride out on the 1st May.
Take a riverside walk and admire the ruins of Berwick Castle dating back to the 12th century - an important fortification in border warfare. All except the west curtain wall was levelled to allow the building of the railway in 1847.

The River Tweed, internationally famous for salmon fishing, meanders through Berwick and is also home to the second largest herd of beautiful Mute Swans in Britain. The River separates Berwick from Tweedmouth and Spittal and is crossed by three fine bridges, all with their own place in history.

The oldest of the bridges, Berwick Bridge, was built between 1611 and 1634 with monies granted by King James VI of Scotland who was horrified by the original wooden bridge crossed on his way south to be crowned King James I of England! The Royal Tweed Bridge opened by Edward, Prince of Wales in 1928, was created to take traffic away from the old Berwick Bridge.

The Royal Border Bridge, completed in 1849 and officially opened in 1850 by Queen Victoria, was designed by Robert Stephenson and provided the last link in the railway line between London and Edinburgh.

Renowned artist, L.S. Lowry loved to holiday in Berwick and painted many pictures during his visits to the town. Altogether, Lowry produced a fascinating group of more than thirty drawings and paintings of the Berwick area. Eighteen of these have been reproduced on information boards scattered around the Town, Tweedmouth and Spittal, creating The Lowry Trail. Pick up a leaflet and follow in Lowry’s footsteps!

Across the river to the South you will find Tweedmouth and Spittal. Once supporting a thriving fishing industry, Tweedmouth still boasts a busy dock.
Looking back toward Berwick from the old bridge, as the setting sun catches the pantile roofs you could easily forget that you were in North Northumberland and believe you were enjoying the vista of many an historic mediterranean fishing port.

The small ‘seaside’ resort of Spittal has a character all of its own. A long sandy beach, children’s play-park, seafront cafe and amusements creates a haven for families. The romance of the promenade leads to a cliff top walk affording panoramic views along this spectacular coastline.

For the sports-minded, Berwick has a range of golf courses that take advantage of the diverse and stunning countryside and coastline that surrounds them. Berwick Bandits Speedway offer thrills, spills and excitement at the Shielfield Park Stadium – a venue they share with Berwick Rangers, the only English football team to play in the Scottish professional league.

Poachers on The Tweed

In the 19th century poachers caught on the River Tweed were imprisoned in the English Gaol in the town and tried by an English Court under Scottish Law, as the River Tweed is a Scottish river.

Berwick-upon-Tweed is proud to be the first town in North East England to achieve Cittaslow status. The Cittaslow Movement originated in Italy and now includes over 100 towns in countries throughout the world. A Cittaslow town aims to maintain and develop its distinctiveness and the quality of life enjoyed by residents and the people who come to visit. The priorities are to combine the traditional with the modern, rather than redevelopment for the sake of change. Berwick’s easy pace of life, its Georgian streets, unique Elizabethan Walls, good transport links, clean air and wide open spaces all help make it a very special Cittaslow town.

The town boasts an active Slow Food Group dedicated to the promotion and use of locally produced foods. The Group works closely with local producers throughout the year to provide an even better and wider choice of good food and drink for residents and visitors.

Berwick also offers some delightful and stylish individual shops for you to enjoy.
North or South this coastline will enchant you...

Heading South from Berwick-upon-Tweed, with the sea to the East it is no wonder that much of the North Northumberland coastline has been designated an ‘Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty’. Nestled along the coast are many lovely gems to visit and explore – hidden coves and beaches, quaint and unique villages, historic houses and magnificent castles, each with their own story and intrigue. This coastline is inspirational - well known for sweeping sandy beaches, rolling dunes, fossil-rich exposures, mudflats, salt-marshes and isolated islands.

Just 2 miles outside Berwick you will find one of our first beautiful beaches at Cocklawburn. Here you can admire not only the long stretches of sandy beach but also the magnificent geological history stored in its rocky landscape.

The Holy Island of Lindisfarne has a rhythm of its own, dictated by the tides. Accessible only when the tide drops back from the causeway, it has an ethereal quality where nature and history combine to provide refuge for the spirit.
The Holy Island of Lindisfarne has been a place of Christian pilgrimage for 1300 years since St Aidan founded the first monastery in 635AD. In 793AD Lindisfarne monastery suffered the first recorded Viking raid on English soil.

Visitors feel a sense of peace and tranquillity throughout the island but nowhere more so than in the atmospheric remains of the medieval Priory. Slow down from the hectic pace of modern day life and discover the spirituality and the fascinating history of this very special place.

Holy Island offers a beautiful unspoiled village with a selection of shops, cafes, pubs and hotels. The 16th century Lindisfarne Castle stands at the northern end of the island guarding the entrance to the harbour. Built in the 1530s as an artillery fort, during the reign of Henry VIII, it was bought in the 1880s by Edward Hudson and restored as a holiday residence. The renowned architect, Sir Edward Lutyens, converted the fort to a ‘home’. Gertrude Jekyll created The Walled Garden in 1911 from the original vegetable garden. It is well worth a visit! The castle is now owned by the National Trust and maintained as Hudson’s ‘holiday home’.

Visitors can view an electronic version of the Lindisfarne Gospels and an exhibition about life on the island at the Lindisfarne Heritage Centre. Opposite the Centre, The Gospel Garden can also be visited all year round. Many visitors are tempted to
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Oswald of the Blessed Hand
For several centuries after King Oswald’s death, his hand was kept in a silver casket at Bamburgh. St Aidan had predicted that the hand would never wither because the King had been such a generous benefactor to the poor.

The relic remained intact and many people who touched the casket were miraculously cured of their illnesses.

Lindisfarne is a National Nature Reserve whose mudflats, sand dunes and salt marshes are home to a variety of fascinating plants providing a marvellous habitat for migrating birds and wildlife.

Follow the Northumberland Coastal Route from the A1, travel towards Bamburgh and your next coastal viewing point could be at Budle Bay. You will rarely pass this place without spotting a set of binoculars focused on the bay as it is an English Nature SSSI site famous for its gulls, waders, ducks, geese and other migrant birds. Whether or not you are interested in bird watching you cannot fail to be enchanted by the beauty of this bay at any time of the day or year.

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buy a bottle of Lindisfarne Mead, a delicious, honey-based fortified wine dating back some 1300 years to a time when mead was first produced by the monks of the Priory.
Bamburgh Castle was restored at the end of the 19th century by Lord Armstrong, the brilliant Victorian engineer. This castle has been featured in many films including ‘Elizabeth’ and ‘Ivanhoe’ and won a high accolade in the ITV series ‘Britain’s Favourite View’.

Take some time to stroll around the pretty village of Bamburgh with its quaint local shops and eating places. Visit the church dedicated to St Aidan who died in 651AD in a wooden shelter beside the first church that stood on this site. Grace Darling, who with her father rescued survivors from the shipwreck of the SS Forfarshire in 1838, is buried in the churchyard. Across the road is the recently restored RNLI Grace Darling museum dedicated to her memory.

The wide sandy beaches and dunes below Bamburgh Castle are easily accessible and perfect for that leisurely walk, romantic picnic, or perhaps kite-flying, surfing or horse-riding.

The village of Seahouses is proud of its links to the sea. Its little harbour plays host to fishing boats bringing in their daily catches. Pleasure boats carry hundreds of visitors to and around the magical Farne Islands, home to large colonies of sea birds and seals.

Depending on the tide, visitors may see between 15 to 28 islands that make up the Farne Islands group. Take the opportunity to stop off on one or two of the islands: visit Longstone and see for yourself where Grace and her family were living on the night of that terrible storm. In the breeding season many visit to marvel at puffins, arctic and common terns flying to and from their nests – but don’t forget to take your hat! The Farne Island Nature Reserve is a must for birdwatchers and families visiting the area.

Seahouses itself offers those traditional seaside experiences, fish and chips and ice cream, enjoyed while you watch the boat trippers and the fishermen side by side on the picturesque harbour.

Today this coastline offers a wealth of opportunity for a relaxing or a fun-filled activity break. As you experience this you will be constantly reminded of the coastline’s history and its importance in
supporting local communities as the fishermen bring in their lobster pots, the lifeboats patrol and the lighthouses stand tall and proud.

The reefs and low cliffs between Seahouses and Beadnell lead to a succession of long sweeping bays punctuated by rocky headlands. Another coastal gem awaits you at Beadnell, which has the only harbour on England’s east coast that actually faces west! Two wonderfully preserved 19th century lime kilns stand by the harbour, witness to another feature of this coastline’s industrial history.

Walking along the expansive golden beach at Beadnell Bay with the Lime Kilns to the north and the silhouette of the hauntingly beautiful Dunstanburgh Castle to the south, you may feel that you never want to return home again.

Considered by many to be one of the most picturesque villages on the Northumberland coast, Low Newton-by-the-Sea is popular with visitors all year round.

This small isolated 18th century village, owned by The National Trust, consists of an open-ended square of cream-washed cottages set around a green, looking out to sea across the bay of Newton Haven. Whether you visit the micro brewery at the Ship Inn, have a windsurfing experience, bird watch at the Newton Pool Bird Reserve, or choose to wander along the tranquil beach – this is another place that will stay in your memory long after you have left Northumberland.

Built in 1906 by the Craster family, the quaint harbour of Craster nestled into the rocks, will bring a smile to your face. Craster has long been associated with the finest kippers and the aroma from the old smokery adds to the atmosphere of this wonderful place. The one and a half mile walk along the cliff tops to the jagged ruins of the 14th century Dunstanburgh Castle offers you spectacular views of the North Northumberland coastline.

The interaction of the sea and land has created a rich mix of habitats throughout the area, supporting a wide range of wildlife of international importance. The whole shoreline is designated a ‘Site of Special Scientific Interest’
Follow the coast road and you come upon the 'Home of Earl Grey Tea', Howick Hall. Owned by the Grey Family since 1319 and now lived in by Charles, 2nd Lord Howick of Glendale, the son of Lady Mary Grey.

Earl Grey tea was specially blended to suit the water at Howick by a Chinese mandarin for Charles, the 2nd Earl Grey. Its popularity was later marketed by Twinings and sold worldwide. Sadly, the Grey family failed to register the trademark and receive no money from its sale! Visit the tearooms at Howick and dare to order coffee!

The magnificent gardens at Howick have been rated by BBC Gardener's World magazine as one of the top 5 coastal gardens in the country.

On your way down the coast take a look at Boulmer, a true traditional Northumberland fishing village that has changed little over the past 100 years.

Just a few miles further along the coast and the seaside village of Alnmouth is a delight. Its brightly coloured house fronts, little craft shops, hotels and eating houses all nestle around the mouth of the beautiful River Aln. With peaceful beach walks, cream teas and great views of the coastline, it is the perfect place to unwind.

Drive into historic Warkworth with its medieval fortified bridge over the River Coquet and you will be charmed by this lovely village. The main street of 18th and 19th century terraced houses provides a perfect frame for the magnificent castle that dominates the town. Shakespeare set some of the scenes for his play Henry IV, at Warkworth, where the Earl of Northumberland and his son Harry Hotspur plotted their rebellion against the King.
Heading North from Berwick-upon-Tweed you cross the Scottish Border in minutes. Taking the coastal route, your first stop could be the sleepy little harbour of Burnmouth. Approached by a very steep downward hill you can immediately sense the essence and power of the sea.

Follow the coast road to the thriving fishing village of Eyemouth where you can treat yourself to some freshly landed fish cooked in one of the harbour-side eateries. Smell and taste the sea as you watch the comings and goings of the colourful boats or try your hand at feeding the seals!

Wind your way to the charming little village of Coldingham with its antique shop, quaint corner shops and pubs. Narrow streets lead you down to its beach where you step back in time viewing the gaily painted beach huts along the water’s edge.

Warkworth Hermitage is cut into the cliff side, a little way up stream from the castle and can be reached by rowing boat. Inside the cave there is a small chapel once occupied by a hermit paid to pray for the souls of the members of the Percy family.

A short drive brings you to Amble offering a delightful marina usually filled with a variety of yachts, leisure crafts and small boats, while the larger working harbour at the mouth of the River Coquet is worth a visit to check out the latest ‘catch of the day’. Amble harbour once bustled with colliers carrying coals from the great Northumberland coalfields from as early as 1239. In the summer months you can take a boat trip from the harbour across to Coquet Island, an RSPB nature reserve which offers sanctuary to large numbers of seabirds, including puffins, eider ducks and roseate terns. The island is dominated by the 80ft high lighthouse built on top of the ruin of a medieval tower.

Amble Heritage Centre tells the story of this historic little town with its prehistoric burial grounds on the Links and the Roman site remains at Gloster Hill.

This is a favourite spot for surfers and the coastal cliff paths give you the opportunity to stroll along to the stunning harbour and village of St Abbs. A walk up to St Abbs’ Head offers unforgettable views of the coastline.
Search for tranquillity here...

North Northumberland offers visitors breathtaking countryside to explore and relax in. You can walk in the hills and valleys, or mess around by the rocky streams or maybe fish for salmon in the renowned rivers of the area. Perhaps you would enjoy cycling along the Tweed Valley and the quiet lanes of the Borders. Visit one of our many fine country houses or stately homes or take in the atmosphere of battlefields that have seen some of the bloodiest fighting between the Scottish and English. Glimpse the clues and evidence of ancient civilisations long gone or simply follow the network of footpaths and see nature at its very best in the beautiful flora and fauna.

Follow the river Tweed from Berwick along winding country roads, not quite knowing whether you are in England or Scotland, just dallying between the two. Explore the many houses, castles, abbeys, lovely border towns and chocolate box villages. You can visit Paxton House, a fine 18th century Palladian country house overlooking the river Tweed or the Chain Bridge Honey Farm where you discover more about the astonishing life of bees. Norham Castle, once considered the most dangerous place in England and besieged on numerous occasions throughout the Border wars, is well worth a visit!

As you enter Coldstream from Cornhill-on-Tweed you could even get married at
the ‘Gretna of the East’ in the delightful marriage rooms. This first border town in Scotland and the original home of the Coldstream Guards has a rich history and is also home to the Earls of Home whose estate, The Hirsel, lies at the north end of the town.

The abbey town of Kelso, with its picturesque cobbled square, offers some fine shops, bars and restaurants. Nearby is the magnificent Floors Castle while the River Tweed, like a shiny silk ribbon, twists its way past the castle and through the town.

There are splendid ruins of historic abbeys in the Border Towns including Dryburgh, Jedburgh and Melrose. Just beyond Melrose is Abbotsford House, the home of Sir Walter Scott, the 19th century novelist.

Along the Till valley lie the unspoiled villages of Ford and Etal. The ruins of Etal Castle are a reminder of border warfare long past. Heatherslaw Cornmill is powered by the rolling river and still produces excellent flour.

Call into the pretty village of Ford where you can visit The Lady Waterford Hall with its beautiful 19th century murals of biblical scenes and find out more about a bygone age of living and working on the estate.

A little further south you enter the attractive stone-built market town of Wooler, a natural gateway to the Cheviot Hills and the Northumberland National Park.
From the Market Place and High Street three roads lead off through the foothills into the National Park and beyond, north to the Scottish Borders and south towards Alnwick.

Wooler is an excellent base for a holiday, offering a wide range of outdoor activities for all ages and abilities. The Cheviot foothills, Milfield Plain and Kyloe Hills with their quiet back roads, bridleways and footpaths are ideal for family oriented cycling, horse riding and walking. Wooler is a stopover point on the St Cuthbert’s Way and the Pennine Cycleway. If it’s a more action packed adventure you require, there are many exciting opportunities in the area for mountain biking, hiking, climbing, canoeing and even gliding.

England’s last wilderness, the Northumberland National Park is officially its most tranquil place, perfect to refresh mind, body and spirit. Covering 105,000 hectares from Hadrian’s Wall to the border of Scotland, the National Park is a place of breathtaking vistas over high hills and quiet valleys where you can enjoy real peace and solitude, wildlife and birdsong.

Take advantage of 1100 kilometres of countryside paths and bridleways – including two national trails and a number of long distance walking, cycling and horse riding routes. Enjoy the mystical Cheviot Hills, relics of the volcanic inferno that built this landscape 350 million years ago.

The curlew, whose haunting call is so evocative of the area’s moors, wild goats, red squirrels, and black grouse are among the many birds and animals that make their home here. Reach out and touch 10,000 years of history by exploring one of the most impressive
archaeological landscapes in Britain, or visit interactive exhibitions in the Visitor Centres at Rothbury and Ingram. Here you can obtain information and advice, book accommodation and acquire a wide range of maps and walking books, as well as clothing and souvenirs. Further information is also available at The Cheviot Centre, Wooler.

Heading away from Wooler you must visit the most haunted castle in Britain, Chillingham. The castle has been owned for over 700 years by the Grey family and stands in beautiful grounds, with woodland walks and an Italian formal garden designed by Wyatville. It has undergone extensive restoration work and its intriguing interior houses arms and armour, torture chamber and dungeons along with fine antiques and tapestries.

Close by you can visit the home of ‘The Wild Cattle of Chillingham’. For over 700 years this unique herd has lived, undomesticated, in Chillingham Park as relics of the ancient cattle that once roamed Britain.

The historic town of Alnwick, seat of the Duke of Northumberland, is said, by many, to be the most picturesque market town in Northumberland.

The Percys

In the 15th century, the Percys rebelled against King Henry IV and became prominent leaders for the Lancastrian Cause in the Wars of the Roses.
Once an important staging post only a day’s ride from Berwick upon Tweed to the North and Newcastle upon Tyne to the South, the town’s fine stone buildings, cobbled streets and narrow alleys provide the perfect setting for an enjoyable stay. At the centre of the town is the Market Place where weekly markets and monthly Farmers’ markets take place throughout the year along with other events including the International Music Festival.

**Harry Hotspur**

Henry Percy, son of the Earl of Northumberland, first gained fame in 1378 when at the age of 12 he led an English assault on Berwick. Handsome and courteous, but quick tempered, his fiery nature earned him the nickname ‘Harry Hotspur’.

The medieval Alnwick Castle, still home to the Duke and his family, stands by the River Aln in parkland designed by Capability Brown. The exterior is an imposing fortress but once you step inside it is breathtakingly beautiful. Decorated and refurbished in the 19th century in the Italian Renaissance style, you can, however, still see fine ceilings and chimney pieces by Robert Adam. Many visitors may also recognise it as ‘Hogwarts’ from the ever-popular Harry Potter films.

The Alnwick Garden has become a tremendous visitor attraction, with its 12 acres of landscaped gardens featuring a fabulous central water cascade, The Tree House, Poison Garden and the Bamboo Labyrinth.

The Playhouse on Bondgate Without is recognised as one of the North East’s leading small theatres and offers the very best in live performances featuring music, drama and dance as well as the latest film releases.
For book-lovers, a visit to Barter Books is a must. Over 350,000 books are housed in the grand Victorian former railway station. If you would like to find out more about Alnwick’s rich history then visit the Bailiffgate Museum.

The attractive town of Rothbury, on the edge of Northumberland National Park, lies beside the River Coquet at the foot of the Simonside Hills. The tree lined main street with interesting architecture offers some unique shops and delightful tea rooms.

A short distance from Rothbury you will come to Cragside House. Built between 1864 and 1884 for the first Lord Armstrong, it was the first house in the world to be lit by hydro-electricity. Cragside has 900 acres of grounds with 40 miles of drives and is renowned for its beautiful rhododendrons and trees.
BERWICK-UPON-TWEED & AREA

Berwick-upon-Tweed Walls & Ramparts
Mainly Elizabethan impressive bastioned town defences, complete circular walk of town. www.english-heritage.org.uk

Time to Explore Guided Walks
Guided walks around Berwick town, the Ramparts & Walls. Tel: 01289 330218
Mobiles: 07960062005 / 07960062003

Berwick-upon-Tweed Barracks
Historical regimental barracks, housing several exhibitions, regimental & historical museums. Tel: 01289 304493/307 426
www.english-heritage.org.uk
www.kosb.co.uk

Berwick-upon-Tweed Main Guard
An 18th C neo-classical military guardhouse, displaying ‘The Story of a Border Garrison Town’. Tel: 01289 330430
www.english-heritage.org.uk

Berwick-upon-Tweed Museum & Art Gallery
Local history and collections of fine and decorative art. Housed within the Barracks Tel: 01289 301869

Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Gaol
Housed in the Guild Hall, the Town Gaol has now been preserved as a museum.

Berwick-upon-Tweed Gymnasium Gallery
Visual arts exhibitions throughout the summer months, within the Barracks
Tel: 01289 304535

Berwick-upon-Tweed’s Lowry Trail
L.S. Lowry was a frequent visitor to the town. Follow a trail of information boards showing some of the artist’s renowned paintings. Detailed leaflet available at Tourist Information Centres.

Conundrum Farm @ Loughend, Berwick-upon-Tweed
Loughend, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1UT
Traditional and rare farm animals, play area, nature trail, fishing lake, restaurant, and shop. Tel: 01289 308000
www.conundrumfarm.co.uk
Chain Bridge Honey Farm
Horncliffe, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, TD15 2XT
Tel: 01289 385362 Fax: 01289 385763
Email: info@chainbridgehoney.co.uk Website: www.chainbridgehoney.co.uk
Honey farm producing and selling honey and beeswax products. Honey bee exhibits, observation hive, murals, vintage vehicles. Café in vintage bus.

Pot-A-Doodle-Do @ Scremerston, Berwick-upon-Tweed
Borewell, Scremerston, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, TD15 2RJ
Interactive craft activity centre for all ages. Fishing, restaurant and shop.
Tel: 01289 307107
www.potadoodledo.com

Northam Castle @ Norham nr. Berwick-upon-Tweed
Impressive remains of medieval fortress on the banks of the River Tweed.
Tel: 01289 304493
www.english-heritage.org.uk

The Barn @ Beal, Berwick-upon-Tweed
Visitor centre focusing on compliment of nature and farming, walks, play area, birds of prey, restaurant and shop.
Tel: 01289 381477
www.barnatbeal.com

Lindisfarne Castle @ Holy Island
Dramatic fort set on rocky headland, Gertrude Jekyll walled garden.
Tel: 01289 389244 www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Lindisfarne Heritage Centre @ Holy Island
Lindisfarne Gospels ‘Turning the Pages Exhibition’.
Tel: 01289 389004
www.lindisfarne-heritage-centre.org

Lindisfarne Gospel Garden
The award winning show garden recreated on Holy Island. Tel: 01289 389004

Lindisfarne Priory & Museum @ Holy Island
Considered by some to be the birthplace of Christianity in this country. Tel: 01289 389200
www.english-heritage.org.uk
Bamburgh Castle
Bamburgh Castle, Bamburgh, NE69 7DF
Tel: 01668 214515 www.bamburghcastle.com
A magnificent coastal castle with 14 public rooms and over 2000 items, battlements, cannons and a Norman Keep. Live archaeology 22nd June to 30th August. Cafeteria and Gift Shop.

Dramatic castle ruins perched on headland close to fishing village of Craster. Tel: 01665 576231 www.english-heritage.org.uk

Belford Craft Gallery @ Belford
Local crafts and art exhibitions.
Tel: 01668 213888
www.belfordcraftgallery.com

The Art Studio @ Lowick
Jane Harbottle Wildlife Artist
57 Main Street, Lowick Tel: 01289 388215
www.janeharbottleartist.co.uk

The Grace Darling Museum @ Bamburgh
Dedicated to the RNLI and the story of Grace Darling and her family.
Tel: 01668 214465
www.rnli.org.uk/gracedarling

The Famine Islands @ Seahouses
Sanctuary to many seabirds including puffins, large seal colony, Longstone Lighthouse, home to St. Cuthbert. Boats sail from Seahouses throughout the season.

Golden Gate Farne Island Boat Trips
Tel: 01665 721210
www.farneislandsboattrips.co.uk

Billy Shiels Boat Trips
Tel: 01665 720308
www.farne-islands.com

St Cuthbert Farne Island Boat Trips
Tel: 01665 720388/720718
www.farneislands.co.uk

Dunstanburgh Castle @ Craster
Dramatic castle ruins perched on headland close to fishing village of Craster.
Tel: 01665 576231
www.english-heritage.org.uk

Howick Hall Gardens @ Howick
Glorious gardens and arboretum, woodland walk; once the home of the Earls Grey and Earl Grey tea. Visit the Earl Grey Teahouse
Tel: 01665 577285
www.howickhallgardens.org.uk

Warkworth Castle @ Warkworth
Magnificent 12thC castle with imposing 15thC keep overlooking the medieval village of Warkworth. Tel: 01665 711423
www.english-heritage.org.uk

Puffin Cruises
Dave Gray, 21 Broomhill Street, Amble, Northumberland, NE65 0AN
Tel: 01665 711975 mobile: 07752 861914
Email: beth.gray@virgin.net Website: www.puffincruises.co.uk

PUFFIN CRUISES in 2006 was voted 10th in the 50 best venues to visit when on holiday by the Sunday Telegraph. Sailing from Amble Harbour.
Warkworth Hermitage @ Warkworth
Original cave hermitage and chapel, reached by boat along the River Coquet.
Tel: 01665 711423
www.english-heritage.org.uk

Coquet Island @ Amble
RSPB Nature Reserve with lighthouse.
One mile off the coast from Amble.
Tel: 01665 711975

Hauxley Visitor Centre @ Low Hauxley, Amble
Visitor Centre with 6 bird watching hides
Tel: 01665 711578  www.nwt.org.uk

WOOLER and AREA

Etal Castle @ Etal
14thC ruin by the River Till. The castle fell to the invading Scots in 1513. Award winning exhibition of the ‘Story of Flodden’.
Tel: 01890 820332
www.english-heritage.org.uk

Lady Waterford Hall @ Ford
Built in 1860 as the Village School with watercolour murals by Lady Waterford, it is now home to many interesting works of art and artefacts from her time.
Tel: 01890 820503
www.ford-and-etal.co.uk

Chillingham Castle @ Chillingham
Medieval fortress. Said to be haunted.
Tel: 01668 215359
www.chillingham-castle.com

Fishing in Northumberland National Park ©

National Park Centre @ Ingram Valley
National Park Visitor Centre with an excellent hillfort exhibition and trail.
Tel: 01665 578890
www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk

Flodden Battlefield @ Branxton
Site of the bloody battle in 1513 between the English and Scots.
www.ford-and-etal.co.uk

The Fenton Centre @ West Fenton
Where life and landscape come together… Tearoom and shop.
Tel: 01668 216216
www.fentoncentre.com

Maelmin Heritage Trail @ Millfield
Trail depicting Cheviot life through the ages.
www.maelmin.org.uk/

Chatton Gallery @ Chatton
Art and sculptures.
Tel: 01668 215494
www.chatton-gallery.co.uk

Chillingham Castle @ Chillingham
Medieval fortress. Said to be haunted.
Tel: 01668 215359
www.chillingham-castle.com

FDT & Etal Estates
The Visitor Centre, Heatherslaw, Cornhill-on-Tweed, TD12 4TJ
Tel: 01890 820338  Fax: 01890 820384  Email: tourism@ford-and-etal.co.uk
Website: www.ford-and-etal.co.uk Nestling between the Scottish Border, Cheviot Hills and Northumbrian coastline, visit our many attractions including steam railway, water mill and thatched pub. Accommodation also available.
Chillingham Wild Cattle
Secretary, Warden's Cottage, Chillingham, Alnwick, Northumberland, NE66 5NP
Tel: 01668 215250
Website: www.chillinghamwildcattle.com
Accompanied by the warden, to view these cattle, visitors hear the fascinating history of this world famous herd in its natural environment.

ALNWICK and AREA

Alnwick Castle @ Alnwick
Home of the Duke of Northumberland; wonderful architecture, fine art treasures, events programme, restaurant and shop.
Tel: 01665 510777 www.alnwickcastle.com

The Alnwick Garden @ Alnwick
Created by the Duchess of Northumberland this 12 acre garden will delight and inspire you. Tree house, water features, cascade, poison garden, restaurant, shop.
Tel: 01665 511350 www.alnwickgarden.com

Hulne Park @ Alnwick
Expansive parkland straddling the River Aln, containing the ruins of Alnwick Abbey, Hulne Priory and Brizlee Tower. Tel: 01665 510777

Bailiffgate Museum @ Alnwick
History of North Northumberland presented in an interactive style. Art & history exhibitions. Tel: 01665 605847 www.bailiffgatemuseum.co.uk

Barter Books @ Alnwick
One of the largest second-hand book shops in the UK. Children's room. Coffee and tea. Tel: 01665 604888 www.barterbooks.co.uk

House of Hardy Museum @ Alnwick
Manufacturer of world famous fishing tackle. Tel: 01665 602771 www.house-of-hardy.com

Cragside House and Gardens
The first house to be lit by hydroelectric power. 900 acres of grounds renowned for its beautiful rhododendrons and trees.
Tel: 01669 620333 www.nationaltrust.org

National Park Centre @ Rothbury
National Park Visitor Centre and TIC with interactive touchscreen displays.
Tel: 01665 578890 www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk

Hun Hole in Northumberland National Park ©
THE SCOTTISH BORDERS

**Paxton House @ Paxton**
A Palladian country mansion, with picture gallery, riverside walks, tearoom and shop.
Tel: 01289 386291 www.paxtonhouse.co.uk

**The Hirsel @ Coldstream**
Throughout the year visitors are able to walk the grounds and around the lake.
Tel: 01573 224144
www.hirselcountrypark.co.uk

**The Jim Clark Rooms Museum @ Duns**
Museum dedicated to the life of motor racing champion Jim Clark.
Tel: 01361 883960 www.discovertheborders.co.uk

**Mellerstain House & Garden @ Gordon**
A wonderful country mansion house standing in beautiful parklands. Tea room.
Tel: 01573 410225  www.mellerstain.com

**Manderston House @ Duns**
An Edwardian country house with silver staircase. Park and gardens, tea room, shop.
Tel: 01361 883450  www.manderston.co.uk

**Floors Castle @ Kelso**
Scotland’s largest inhabited Castle. Castle tours, woodland & riverside walks, walled garden, adventure playground, garden centre, restaurant, café, gift shop.
Tel: 01573 223333 www.floorscastle.com

**Thirlestane Castle @ Lauder**
One of the oldest and finest castles in Scotland. Adventure playground, woodland walks, tea room & shop.
Tel: 01578 722430 www.thirlestanecastle.co.uk

**Border Events – What’s on**
Tel: 01750 725480
email  info@borderevents.com
www.borderevents.com

**Abbotsford House @ Melrose**
Home of Sir Walter Scott. Huge collection of books, weapons, armour and historical relics, beautiful grounds & garden, tea room and shop. Tel: 01896 752043
www.scottsabbotsford.co.uk

**Mary Queen of Scots House @ Jedburgh**
The house displays memorabilia of Mary including jewellery, belongings, documents and paintings.
Tel: 01835 822381
www.scotborders.gov.uk

**Jedburgh Castle Jail & Museum**
19thC Howard Reform prison with a local history interpretation centre and audio tours. On the site of the Royal Castle of Jedburgh.
Tel: 01835 864750

Floors Castle
Active people, relaxing places .....  

Northumberland provides many opportunities to experience something new and the space to enjoy those activities that you normally can’t fit into a busy lifestyle.

Walking ...
Breathtaking scenery and a host of well-established walking routes make this a paradise for walkers at all levels. From hill walking in The Cheviots, coastal paths and village trails to the long distance routes of St Cuthbert’s Way, St Oswald’s Way and The Pennine Way.

Coastal paths, stretching from the north at St Abb’s Head to the south at Cresswell, are rugged and breathtakingly beautiful passing mystical castles, rolling dunes and unbelievable wildlife sites.

Take the opportunity to explore this stunning landscape at your own pace and in your own time.

Luggage transfer services are available so that your bags are waiting for you at each overnight stop along the way. Guide books and more information are available from all Tourist Information Centres and local bookshops.

Golfing...
With more than 20 golf courses to choose from, North Northumberland is an ideal spot to face the challenges of a links course such as Goswick or Eyemouth, or a manicured championship course at Roxburgh. The spectacular scenery at Bamburgh and Dunstanburgh courses is not to be missed or you may even decide to opt for the tranquillity of the course at The Hirsel in Coldstream. Berwick Tourist Information Centre runs the ‘Parsport Scheme’ offering special 3 or 5 day passes.

Cycling...
From dedicated touring cyclists to families who like to get out and about, the extensive cycling routes of North Northumberland are waiting for you to explore.
The Coast and Castles Cycle Route links the Forth and Tyne estuaries taking in some of the best natural and built heritage. This route runs from Edinburgh to Newcastle via pleasant country roads and off-road trails, through typical North Northumberland villages. There is always somewhere to stop off for that welcome cup of tea.

At Berwick-upon-Tweed the route moves inland along the Tweed Valley and the quiet lanes of The Borders.

The Pennine Cycle Way is breathtakingly beautiful. The final stretch from Wooler to Berwick passes through the charming Ford and Etal Estate and the sleepy little village of Norham.

The Berwick area is packed full of short routes taking you to delightful places like Chillingham, Bamburgh, Belford and St. Abbs. Why not ask your accommodation provider to pack you a picnic, then get on your bike and give it a go!

Fishing ...
With the North Sea and the internationally famous rivers of The Tweed, The Till and The Teviot, this area is a fisherman’s paradise.

The clean, clear waters of North Northumberland’s and The Borders’ rivers offer superb fishing for trout, sea trout and salmon. Sea fishing for mackerel, cod and other species can be enjoyed from Seahouses, Amble, Berwick-upon-Tweed and St Abbs. Hire a boat for the day and as you experience the thrills with the tranquillity of amazing scenery, you may not even care if that ‘big one’ really does get away!

Birdwatching and Wildlife...
The North of Northumberland boasts some of the most beautiful and exciting bird-watching sites in the UK along miles of picturesque coastline, internationally important nature reserves, wooded upland valleys and high isolated moorland.

The National Nature Reserve at Lindisfarne holds year-round interest for
birdwatchers with rare coasting migrants in spring and autumn and huge numbers of over-wintering wildfowl, waders and geese. In spring and summer take an excursion out to The Farne Islands from Seahouses and see the cliffs crammed full of nesting Guillemots, Razorbills, Fulmars, Kittiwakes and everyone’s favourite, the Puffin. Enjoy the Grey Seals basking in the sunshine or swimming alongside your boat.

Boat trips to the RSPB Reserve of Coquet Island leave from Amble. See the beautiful Eider Duck, known locally as ‘Cuddy Duck’ from its association with St Cuthbert of Holy Island and the less common Roseate Tern.

The River Tweed Estuary at Berwick plays host to a large number of Mute Swans, wintering Goldeneye, Grey Seals and the occasional, elusive Otter. The bays at Budle and Beadnell are excellent sites for wintering flocks of Twite, Snow Bunting as well as Common, Arctic and little Terns in summer.

In the Harthope and Breamish Valleys, within The National Park, you can lose yourself for hours searching for Ring Ouzel, Wood Warbler, Green Woodpecker, Pied Flycatcher, Tree Pipit and Redstart not to mention Buzzard, Merlin and Peregrine Falcon.

**Adventures Aloft**
Hot Air Ballooning Tel: 01890 820357
www.adventuresaloft.co.uk

**Horse Riding...**
Galloping out along wide open beaches, cantering up into the hills or just walking the quiet country lanes can be an invigorating experience. Northumberland offers miles of bridle-ways for all levels of rider, while The Cheviot Challenge Routes are more suitable for the more experienced rider. Just contact any of our excellent riding centres for more information.
Berwick, Tweedmouth and Spittal

Guesthouses / B&Bs:

**Alannah House**
Mrs Lynn Flock, Alannah House, 84 Church Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1DU
Tel: 01289 307252 Email: steven@berwick1234.freeserve.co.uk
Website: www.alannahhouse.com
Friendly, family run B&B Georgian house within historic town walls. Close to shops and attractions with well maintained garden for guests use.

Banrach, Tweedhill, Berwick-upon-Tweed. Tel: 01289 386851 VB 4 Star

**Bridge View**, 14 Tweed Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed. Tel: 01289 308098 VB 4 Star

**Cara House**
Cara House, 44 Castlegate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, TD15 1JT
Tel: 01289 302749 Email: info@carahouse.co.uk
Website: www.carahouse.co.uk  Warm, friendly welcome at Cara House.
Spacious rooms all en suite. Ideal location for visiting Holy Island, Scottish Borders and North Northumberland Near historic town walls and rail station.

Dervaig Guesthouse, 1 North Road, Berwick-upon-Tweed. Tel: 01289 307378 VB 4 Star

**Dromore House**, Norham, Berwick-upon-Tweed. Tel: 01289 382313

**Clovelly House**
Vivienne Lawrence, Clovelly House, 56 West Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed
Northumberland, TD15 1AS  Tel: 01289 302337 Fax: 01289 331438
Email: vivroc@clovelly53.freeserve.co.uk  Website: www.clovelly53.freeserve.co.uk
A centrally situated town house offering quality accommodation and delicious breakfasts. Restaurants, shops, golf courses and beaches nearby.
Residents and town parking tickets supplied.

Dervaig Guesthouse, 1 North Road, Berwick-upon-Tweed. Tel: 01289 307378 VB 4 Star

**Four North Road, Berwick-upon-Tweed. Tel: 01289 306146 VB 4 Star Silver**

**Fairholm**
Beth Welsh, Fairholm, East Ord, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2NS
Tel: 01289 305370
Email: bethiawelsh@ukonline.co.uk
Website: www.welcometofairholm.com

**Meadow Hill Guest House**
Christine Barton, Meadow Hill Guest House, Dune Road, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1UB  Tel: 01289 306325
Email: christinebart@aol.com  Website: www.meadow-hill.co.uk
Family run guest house with superb views over the Northumberland coast, River Tweed and historic town of Berwick-upon-Tweed.
Ladythorne House, Cheswick, Berwick-upon-Tweed. Tel: 01289 387382 VB 4 Star

**11 Quay Walls B&B**
11 Quay Walls B&B, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, TD15 1HB
Tel: 01289 309945 Email: info@11quaywalls.co.uk
Website: www.11quaywalls.co.uk  
**11 Quay Walls is a Grade II listed building dating back to the 17th Century. It is located on the Elizabethan Walls of the town and commands superb views of the Tweed and its famous bridges.**

Ravensdowne Guesthouse, 40 Ravensdowne, Berwick-upon-Tweed. Tel: 01289 306992 VB 4 Star

The Granary Guesthouse, 11 Bridge Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed. Tel: 01289 304403 VB 5 Star Silver

**The Old Vicarage Guesthouse**
24 Church Road, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2AN Tel: 01289 306909
Email: stay@oldvicarageberwick.co.uk Website: www.oldvicarageberwick.co.uk
**Beautiful Victorian house in peaceful surroundings. Delicious food featuring local produce. Off road parking. Short walk to town and beaches.**
**Lovely atmosphere, wonderful hospitality.**

West Sunnyside House
Kathleen Jamieson, West Sunnyside House, Tweedmouth
Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2QH Tel: 01289 305387 Fax: 01289 305387
Email: kmjami58@aol.com Website: www.westsunnysidehouse.co.uk
**19th Century former farm house offering quality facilities. Situated on the A1167 adjacent to the Swan Leisure Centre. Large car park with security lighting.**

The Walls Guest House, 8 Quay Walls, Berwick-upon-Tweed. Tel: 01289 330233 VB 5 star Silver

Hotels:
Cobbled Yard Hotel, 40 Walkergate, Berwick-upon-Tweed. Tel: 01289 308407

**Marshall Meadows Hotel**
Marshall Meadows Hotel, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, TD15 1UT
Tel: 01289 331133 Fax: 01289 331438
Email: gm.marshalleadows@classiclodges.co.uk Website: www.classiclodges.co.uk
**The hotel stands in 15 acres of picturesque woodland overlooking the Northumberland coast and is only 2 miles away from the town centre.**

**Queens Head Hotel**
Queens Head Hotel, Sandgate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1EP
Tel: 01289 307852 Fax: 01289 307858 Email: info@queensheadberwick.co.uk
Website: www.queensheadberwick.co.uk **Charming Town centre hotel, adjacent to Elizabethan walls. Comfortable accommodation, excellent food, wine and beer in a relaxed friendly atmosphere.**

**Kings Arms Hotel**
Kings Arms Hotel, 43 Hide Hill, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, TD15 1EJ
Tel: 01289 307454 Fax: 01289 308867
Email: enquiries@kingsarms-hotels.com Website: www.kingsarms-hotels.com **VB 3 star Twenty eight bedrooms, two Restaurants and Wedding Ceremony licensed for two large function suites. Two small meeting rooms available. Beautiful walled Garden to rear.**
**Self-Catering:**

**2 The Courtyard**
2 The Courtyard, Church Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1EE  
Tel: 01289 308737  
Email: patmosphere@yahoo.co.uk  Website: www.berwickselfcatering.co.uk  
Within minutes of the old ramparts, restaurants and shopping, right in the heart of the old town, but amazingly secluded away from the street.

**Composers at Woodlands**
Dee and Martin Colam, Composers at Woodlands, Scremerston, Berwick-upon-Tweed  
Northumberland, TD15 2QU Tel: 01289 332599  
Email: info@composers-woodlands.co.uk  Website: www.composers-woodlands.co.uk  
Outstanding accommodation of the highest standard. Fully fitted kitchen, luxury lounge, digital TV, DVD, radio/CD. Double and twin bedded rooms.  
Bathroom with bath and walk-in shower.

**Ness Street**
Julian Thornhill, Ness Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1HY  
Tel: 01289 381069  
Email: bookings@ness-street.co.uk  Website: www.ness-st.co.uk  
Luxury 4 bedroom cottage in the heart of Berwick’s conservation area. Sleeps 2 to 8.  
Yards from the sea with beach nearby. Free wireless internet.

**Northumbrian Wigwams**
C Whitford, Borewell, Scremerston, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2RJ  
Tel: 01289 307107  Fax: 01289 331233  Email: info@northumbrianwigwams.com  
Website: www.potadoodledon.com / www.northumbrianwigwams.com  

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**Holiday Parks:**
Berwick Holiday Centre, Magdalene Fields, Berwick-upon-Tweed. Tel:01289 307598  
Ord House Country Park, East Ord, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Tel:01289 305288 VB 5 Star

**Wooler and the Till Valley**

**Guesthouses / B&Bs:**

**Primrose Cottage**
Robert and Irene Bellerby, Primrose Cottage, 28 Main Street, Lowick, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, TD15 2UA Tel: 01289 388900  
Fax: 01289 388900  
Email: info@primrosecottagelowick.co.uk  
Website: www.primrosecottagelowick.co.uk  Primrose cottage is a pretty stone built cottage located at the centre of Lowick village. Perfect for visiting Holy Island, Bamburgh, Berwick and the Borders and Alnwick Castle.

**Hay Farm House**
Mrs Tina Mulvey, Hay Farm House, Ford and Etal Country Estate  
NrCornhill on Tweed, TD12 4TR  Tel: 01890 820647  
Email: linahayfarm@tiscali.co.uk  Website: www.hayfarm.co.uk  
A beautiful period farmhouse with spectacular views over the Cheviots and Scottish Borders. With a warm and friendly atmosphere we offer excellent food, using local produce, lovely spacious rooms, comfort, peace and tranquility.
Old School House, Tillmouth, Cornhill-on-Tweed. Tel:01890 882463  VB 5 Star Gold Award
Retlaw Saddlery, Milfield, Wooler. Tel:01668 216055  VB 4 Star
The Coach House, Crookham. Tel:01890 820293 VB 4 Star Silver Award
The Estate House, Ford. Tel:01890 820668
The Old Manse, Chatton. Tel:01665 215343 VB 5 Star Gold
Tilldale House, 34-40 High Street, Wooler. Tel:01668 281450  VB4 Star Silver

Hotels

Collingwood Arms Hotel
Mr Kevin Kenny, Collingwood Arms Hotel, Main Street, Cornhill-on-Tweed
Northumberland, TD12 4UH Tel: 01890 882424 Fax: 01890 883098
Email: enquiries@collingwoodarms.com Website: www.collingwoodarms.com
North Northumberland Food Award 2008/09 Following major refurbishment, The Collingwood is now restored to its glorious best. We invite you to experience one of the finest destinations in Northumberland.

Tankerville Arms Hotel
Anne M. Park, Tankerville Arms, Cottage Road, Wooler, NE71 6AD
Tel: 01668 281581 Fax: 01668 281387
Email: enquiries@tankervillehotel.co.uk Website: tankervillehotel.co.uk

Tillmouth Park Country House Hotel
Cornhill-on-Tweed, Northumberland, TD12 4UU Tel: 01890 882255 Fax: 01890 882540
Email: reception@tillmouthpark.f9.co.uk Website: www.tillmouthpark.co.uk
Gold Award North Northumberland Local Food Awards AA Rosette
A secluded location, very high standards of care and service, stunning bedrooms, elegant public rooms and excellent food combine to ensure a perfect stay.

Self-Catering:

Crookhouse
Crookhouse, Kirknewton, Wooler, NE71 6TN
Tel: 01668 216113 Email: stay@crookhousecottages.co.uk
Website: www.crookhousecottages.co.uk Secluded, tranquil location with outstanding views of College Valley and Cheviot Hills. Two superior cottages can easily transform into one house for 12+. Dogs welcome.

Fenton Hill Farm Cottages
Mrs Margaret Logan, Fenton Hill Farm Cottages, Wooler,
Northumberland, NE71 6JL Tel: 01668 216228
Email: stay@fentonhillfarm.co.uk Website: www.fentonhillfarm.co.uk
Quality cottages in a stunning location with wonderful views of the Cheviot Hills. Peace, comfort and tranquillity in a beautiful place.
Holiday Parks:
Highburn House Caravan Park, Burnhouse Road, Wooler. Tel: 01668 281344

Willow Cottage
Jane and Darren Curry, 57 Main Street, Lowick, Berwick-upon-Tweed
Northumberland, TD15 2UD  Tel: 01289 388215
Email: jdcurry@tiscali.co.uk  Website: www.willowcottagelowick.co.uk
A unique and cozy wooden cottage set in a rural village location. Ideally situated for the stunning coastline, castles and the Cheviots. Come and enjoy.

Bamburgh, Belford and Seahouses

Guesthouse / B&Bs:
Easington Farmhouse, Easington, Belford. Tel: 01668 213298  VB 4 Star Silver
Regal House, 6 Regal Close, North Sunderland. Tel: 01665 720008  VB 4 Star
Shepherds Cottage, Beadnell. Tel: 01665 720497 VB 4 Star

Pantile Cottage, 3 Whitton Park, Milfield, Wooler. Tel: 01668 216535 VB 4 Star
The Coach House Cottage, Western House, Main Street, Lowick. Tel: 01289 388657 VB 5 Star
Tithe Hill Holiday Cottages, Tithe Hill, Cornhill-on-Tweed. Tel: 01890 850286 VB 3 Star

Bamburgh Towers Hotel, The Wynding, Beadnell. Tel: 01665 721211  VB 2 Star
Waren House Hotel, Waren Mill, Belford. Tel: 01668 214581 VB 3 Star Silver Award
Self-Catering:

**Ross Farm Cottages**
Mrs Shirley McKie, Ross Farm, Belford, Northumberland, NE70 7EN
Tel: 01668 213336 Fax: 01668 219385
Email: enquiry@rosscottages.co.uk Website: www.rosscottages.co.uk
*Between Bamburgh and Holy Island, in unique secluded coastal location. Choice of warm, comfortable and well equipped cottages each with its own garden and parking.*

**Self-Catering:**

Teal & Wagtail Cottages, Fenham Le Moor, Belford. Tel:01668 213247 VB 3&4 Star

**Holiday Parks:**

Glororum Caravan Park, Bamburgh. Tel:01668 214457
Waren Caravan & Camping Park, Waren Mill, Bamburgh. Tel: 01668 214366

**Alnwick & Rothbury**

**Guesthouse / B&Bs:**

**Chatton Park House**
Chatton Park House, Chatton, Alnwick, Northumberland, NE66 5RA
Tel: 01668 215507 Fax: 01668 215446
Email: enquiries@chattonpark.com Web site: www.chattonpark.com
*One of England’s top boutique bed & breakfast establishments; set in 4 acres of gardens, close to beaches, walks, castles and much, much more.*

**Self-Catering:**

**Breamish Valley Cottages**
Michele Moralee, Branton, Powburn, Alnwick, Northumberland, NE66 4LW
Tel: 01665 578263 Fax: 01665 578263 Email: peter@breamishvalley.co.uk
Website: www.breamishvalley.co.uk *Superb luxury cottages with outstanding leisure facilities, including indoor pool, tennis court and games room. Wonderful spot for cycling and walking in the Cheviot Hills.*

Carterside Cottages, Carterside Road, Rothbury NE65 7RT Tel:01669 621937 VB 4 Star

**Northumberland Cottages Ltd**
Northumberland Cottages Ltd, The Old Stable Yard, Chatthill, NE67 5DE
Tel: 01665 589434 Email: enquiries@northumberlandcottages.com
Website: www.northumberlandcottages.com
*Local cottage booking agency based between Alnwick and the coast. Check availability online.*

**Holy Island Guesthouse / B&Bs:**

**The Bungalow**
The Bungalow, Holy Island, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2SE
Tel: 01289 389308 Email: bungalow@lindisfarne.org.uk
Website: holy-island.info/bungalow *Quality guest accommodation on Holy Island with magnificent views of Lindisfarne Castle, harbour and countryside. Convenient for all aspects of village. Own car park.*
Savour the flavours...

One of the greatest pleasures of any holiday is treating yourself to the very best of local produce and cuisine.

From the North Sea to the Cheviots, North Northumberland’s coast and countryside produces fine food and drink to tickle the taste buds and tempt all the senses. Smell the fish being kippered in the traditional smokehouses of Craster and Seahouses. Taste the freshest asparagus and soft fruits in season, artisan cheeses and slow-fermented bread from a wood-fired oven.

Watch the last of the net-fishermen catching salmon on the Tweed at Berwick and the colourful fishing cobles landing crab, lobster and prawns in the picturesque harbours of the heritage coast.

Listen to the water-wheel and the machinery grinding locally-grown grain into flour at Heatherslaw Cornmill, or the buzzing of the bees at the Chain Bridge Honey Farm.

Feel the friendly welcome in a typical Northumbrian country pub or village tea room. Every occasion can be catered for from the vast array of Northumbrian fare.

No visit to the seaside is complete without fish and chips, or you can sample a fresh crab sandwich or a warming bowl of seafood soup. On those lovely warm evenings try out all the varieties of local ice-creams, fruit ices and sorbets.

In our towns and villages you will find quality family bakers. Our traditional butchers offer locally raised beef, lamb and pork, as well as their own home-made sausages and pies. Try a Northumbrian stottie, a Border tart, some Bamburgh Bangers or a hot Scotch pie during your stay.

Throughout the area you will find farm shops and delis offering a wide range of locally-sourced food and drink. You can meet the producers themselves at our farmers’ markets. Alnwick Farmers’ Market takes place in the Market Place on the last Friday each month, and Berwick Farmers’ Market is held in The Maltings on the last Sunday.
Seasonal variety is one of the greatest pleasures of Northumbrian food.

**Spring** brings hill-bred Cheviot lamb, tasty heritage varieties of new potatoes and the freshest Holy Island asparagus. **Summer** is the time for home-made ice-creams flavoured with Alnwick Rum or Chain Bridge heather honey.

Through **Autumn** and **Winter** you can enjoy home-made preserves, Lindisfarne oysters and mussels, wild venison and game from the area’s estates.

![Doddington Cheese](Doddington_Cheese.png)

The area has its distinctive drinks, too. The Ship Inn at Newton-by-the-Sea is one of the few pubs that still brews its own ale. If you prefer spirits, Alnwick Rum is made to a unique old recipe while visitors to St. Aidan’s Winery on Holy Island can try a sample of the famous Lindisfarne Mead.

The Berwick area is proud of its Slow Food Convivium established in 2005.

![Tweedside Honey](Tweedside_Honey.png)

**Eating Out**

You will find eating out in North Northumberland a mouth-watering and memorable experience. Whether you prefer a country house hotel, a coaching Inn, a welcoming guesthouse, a restaurant, a local pub, the informal appeal of cosy cafes, tea rooms and coffee shops or a bag of fish and chips on the sea front, you will be spoilt for choice!

Remember to ask in these eating places to hear the many stories about food from the wonderful North Northumberland area.

The Berwick area is proud of its Slow Food Convivium established in 2005.
Why not join them for one of their gourmet meals at a local restaurant or pub? Walk a Food Heritage Trail visiting old fishing shiels, the old Corn Exchange and sample local ales. Going home? ... pick up a Directory of Local Producers and take a little bit of Northumberland with you.

**Places to eat**

**Hotels – Lunches / Dinners**

**Marshall Meadows Hotel**
Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1UT
Tel: 01289 331133

**Kings Arms Hotel**
Hide Hill, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1EJ
Tel: 01289 307454

**Queen’s Head Hotel**
6 Sandgate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1EP
Tel: 01289 307 852

**The Cobbled Yard Hotel**
40 Walkergate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1DJ
Tel: 01289 308407

**The Beadnell Towers Hotel**
The Wynding, Beadnell, NE67 5AU
Tel: 01665 721211

**Tillmouth Park Country House Hotel**
Tillmouth, TD12 4UU Tel: 01890 882255

**The Collingwood Arms**
Main Street, Cornhill on Tweed, TD12 4UH
Tel: 01890 882424

**Tankerville Arms Hotel**
Wooler, NE71 6AD, Tel: 01668 281581

**Waren House Hotel**
Waren Mill, nr. Bamburgh, NE70 7EE
Tel: 01668 214581

**Restaurants / Cafes / Tearooms**

**The Black Bull Pub & Restaurant**
Etal Village. TD12 4TL Tel: 01890 820200

**The Lavender Tea Rooms**
2 Etal Village. TD12 4TN Tel: 01890 820777

**Milfield Country Café**
Main Road, Milfield, NE71 6JD
Tel:01668 216323

**Bamburgh Castle Tearooms**
Bamburgh. NE69 7DF Tel: 01668 214515

**Chain Bridge Honey Farm Tearooms**
Horncliffe. TD15 2XT Tel: 01289 386362

**Chillingham Castle Tearooms**
Chillingham, NE66 5NJ, Tel: 01668 215359

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**MARKET DAYS**

**Tuesday-**
Hexham / Ashington

**Wednesday-**
Berwick / Morpeth / Leith Walk / Dumfries

**Thursday-**
Bedlington / Newcastle / Peebles

**Friday-**
Seahouses / Blyth / Peebles

**Saturday-**
Berwick / Alnwick / Blyth / Hexham / Newcastle / Hawick

**Sunday-**
Amble / Kelso / Newcastle / Ingliston

*Fresh produce from North Northumberland Markets*
Conundrum Farm & Restaurant
Berwick upon Tweed. TD15 1UT
Tel: 01289 306092

Floors Castle Tearooms
Roxburghe Estate, Kelso. TD5 7SF
Tel: 01573 223333

Heatherslaw Corn Mill Tearooms
Heatherslaw. TD12 4TJ, Tel:01890 820338

Marshall Outdoor Centre Cafe
Scremerston,. TD15 2QT. Tel: 01289 309090

Paxton House Tearooms
Paxton, Berwick upon Tweed. TD15 1SZ
Tel: 01289 386291

Pot-a-Doodle-Do Tearooms
Berwick upon Tweed. TD15 2RJ
Tel: 01289 307107

The Barn at Beal Restaurant
Beal, TD15 2PB. Tel: 01289 381477

The Fenton Centre Tearooms
West Fenton, nr.Wooler. NE71 6JL
Tel: 01668 216216

Savour the tastes of Northumberland and the Borders as you explore our peaceful and unspoiled countryside.

Look out for the North Northumberland Local Food Awards logo that highlights pubs, restaurants, cafes, shops and accommodation providers where you can be sure of discovering some of the area’s best food and drink.

Award winners have demonstrated their particular commitment to using and promoting food and drink sourced within 30 miles of their business.

North Northumberland Local Food Awards

In 1850, the register of the residents of North Sunderland, a small village on the outskirts of Seahouses, showed that the village had 3 beer retailers, 3 boot and shoe makers, 2 blacksmiths, 3 grocers and drapers, and 1 constable!
Indulge yourself....

Whatever your taste, the towns and villages of North Northumberland and The Borders will have a shop window to tempt you - from antiques and curios, fine works by local artists, crafts, gifts or books - old and new. Makers of exquisite glassware, eye-catching handmade jewellery and unusual pottery are often on hand to give you information and discuss their designs.

This area has everything you could need for the ‘great outdoors’ for that activity holiday and our garden centres are full of beautiful plants and pots. Craftsmen, makers of stunning, traditional and modern hand-built furniture, are keen to make something special just for you.

It is an effortless task finding all of these fascinating goodies to entice you.

For those of you looking for fashion there are special individual shops to charm and beguile you, from shoes to handbags, jewellery to clothes - you will not be able to resist. Of course if you are looking for serious ‘retail therapy’, the stunning city centres of Newcastle or Edinburgh and the renowned Metro Centre at Gateshead, are just an hour away.

**Berrydin Books**
18a Castlegate, Berwick upon Tweed, TD15 1JT
Tel: 01289 309000

**Collectables (Glass & China)**
47 Bondgate Within, Alnwick, NE66 1SX
Tel: 01665 602461

**Cross Stitch Centre**
16-18 Fenkle Street, Alnwick, NE66 1HR
Tel: 01670 511241

**Marshalls Outdoor Superstore**
Marshalls Outdoor Superstore and Clearance Clothing Outlet.
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Tel 01289 309090  www.marshallleisure.co.uk

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**Sweet Memories**
Sweet Memories, 5 Walkergate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1DB
Tel: 01289 330101  Email: Carol@sweetmemoriesonline.co.uk
Website: www.sweetmemoriesonline.co.uk

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Other places to visit in Northumberland

Don’t forget to use Northumberland as your base for exploring other parts of the county too. The best sections of Hadrian’s Wall are to be found in the south of the county near Hexham; search for the most tranquil spot in Britain at Kielder Water & Forest Park, where the new 27 mile multi-user Lakeside Way has just opened.

Alternatively visit Woodhorn, once the largest colliery in Northumberland, now home to an industrial heritage centre and the county archives.

Are you tracing your family history?

For anyone tracing their ancestors the Berwick-upon-Tweed Records Office holds a variety of sources relating to the area. These include parish and non conformist registers of baptisms, marriages and burials; census returns, 1841 – 1901; St Catherine’s House indexes of births, marriages and deaths, 1837 to 1955 and many others. In addition, the Office also holds a number of records among them, estate collections, official records including Quarter Sessions and Petty Sessions, coroners and shipping records, local newspapers and the Berwick Borough Archives relating to the town of Berwick-upon-Tweed itself.

Berwick-upon-Tweed Record Office,
Council Offices, Wallace Green,
Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 1ED
Tel: 01289 301865
or 01289 330044 ext 265
email: archives@berwick-upon-
tweed.gov.uk

Woodhorn Museum and Heritage Centre © Tim Sokell

Other places to visit in Northumberland

Flodden Field
ADDITIONAL TOURIST INFORMATION

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES

Berwick-upon-Tweed
106 Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1BN
Tel: 01289 330733 Fax: 01289 330448
Email: tourism@berwick-upon-tweed.gov.uk
Open all year.

Seahouses
Seafield Road Car Park, Seahouses, NE68 7SW
Tel: 01665 720884
Email: seahouses@berwick-upon-tweed.gov.uk
Open Easter –end of October

Wooler
The Cheviot Centre, 12 Padgepool Place, Wooler, NE71 6BL
Tel: 01668 282123
Email: wooler@berwick-upon-tweed.gov.uk

Alnwick
2 The Shambles, Alnwick, NE66 1TN
Tel: 01665 511333
Email: alnwicktic@alnwick.gov.uk

Eyemouth
Auld Kirk, Market Place, Eyemouth, Scotland TD14 5HE
Tel: 01835 863170
Fax: 01750 21886
Email: bordersinfo@visitscotland.com

Kelso
Town House, The Square, Kelso, Scotland TD5 7HF
Tel: 01835 863170
Email: bordersinfo@visitscotland.com

NATIONAL PARK CENTRES

Rothbury (also TIC)
Church House, Church Street, Rothbury, NE65 7UP
Tel: 01669 620887
Email: tic.rothbury@nnpa.org.uk

Ingram
Ingram, Powburn, Alnwick, NE66 4LT
Tel: 01665 578890
Email: ingram@nnpa.org.uk

LEISURE CLUBS & SWIMMING POOLS

Swan Centre
Northumberland Road Berwick-upon-Tweed
TD15 2AS Tel: 01289 330603

Willowburn Sports and Leisure Centre
Willowburn Avenue Alnwick NE66 2JH
Tel: 01665 605030

Houndridge Leisure
Houndridge Kelso TD5 7QN
Tel: 01573 470237

Eyemouth Leisure Centre
North Street, Eyemouth TD14 5ET
Tel: 01890 750557

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www.lindisfarne.org.uk
www.where-to-go.info

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Coastguard or other Emergency Services: 999

Northumbria Police: 03456 043 043

NHS Direct: 0845 4647

National Rail Enquiries:
08457 48 4950

Newcastle Airport: 0871 882 1121

Edinburgh Airport: 0870 040 0007

Doctors Surgeries –
Berwick-upon-Tweed: 01289 3568920
Belford Medical Practice: 01668 213738
Wooler: 01668 281740
Alnwick: 01665 510666