

Visitor Guide

*Discover the secrets of
North Northumberland and The Borders*



North Northumberland Tourism Association



FOREWORD

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



James Joicey in the Lady Waterford Gallery, Ford

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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....



The Old Bridge, Berwick-upon-Tweed

The historic town of Berwick-upon-Tweed sits at the mouth of the River Tweed midway between Edinburgh and Newcastle upon Tyne.

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



Berwick-upon-Tweed from Tweedmouth



Pantile roofs, Berwick-upon-Tweed

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.



The Royal Border Bridge, Berwick-upon-Tweed

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.

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



Swans at Berwick

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.

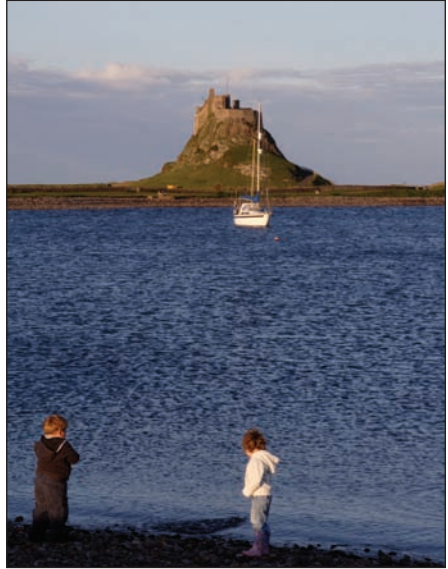
Poachers on The Tweed

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.

COASTAL GEMS

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.



Lindisfarne Castle

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.



Cocklawburn beach



Lindisfarne Priory

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

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.

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.

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.

Just a few more miles along the coastal route you will come across the lovely village of **Bamburgh**, once the capital of the Anglo-Saxon kingdom of Northumbria.

As you approach this picturesque village your eyes are drawn to the sheer magnificence of Bamburgh Castle. Built in the 11th century by the Normans it towers over the seemingly 'little' village below.



Bamburgh Castle and beach

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.



Bamburgh Castle and village

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



Seahouses Harbour

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.



Boats at Beadnell

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 North 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'



Craster

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!



Howick Hall

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



Alnmouth

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



Warkworth Castle

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.

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.



Amble Marina

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.

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.



St Abbs' Head

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.

HILLS, VALLEYS & RIVERS



Breamish Valley in Northumberland National Park © Alan Potts

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



Melrose Abbey

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 Hirsell, 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



Ford Village

Etal Castle are a reminder of border warfare long past. Heatherslaw Cornmill is powered by the rolling river and still produces excellent flour.



Heatherslaw Cornmill

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.



Wooler

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



Horse riding in Northumberland National Park ©

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



Rock climbing in Northumberland National Park ©



Cheviot



Chillingham Castle

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 Wyattville. 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.



Alnwick Castle



The Alnwick Garden

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.

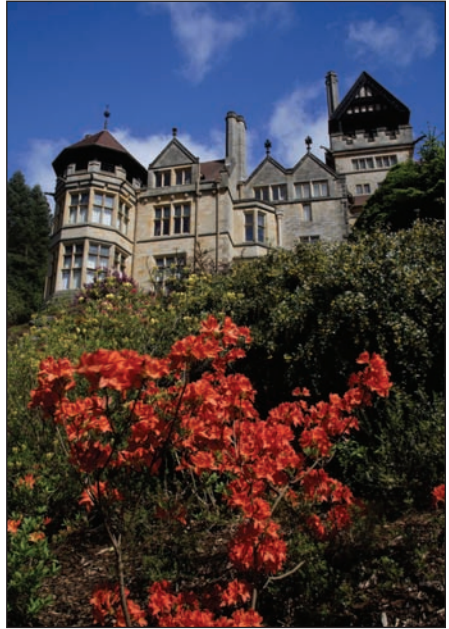
The Alnwick Garden has become a tremendous visitor attraction, with its 12 acres of landscaped gardens featuring a fabulous central water cascade, The Tree House, Poison Garden and the Bamboo Labyrinth.

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.



Cragside House and Gardens



Winter walking in Northumberland National Park ©

ATTRACTIONS & ACTIVITIES



Berwick-upon-Tweed

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 304493/307426
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.



Berwick-upon-Tweed

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



Berwick Main Guard in Autumn

Chain Bridge Honey Farm

Horncliffe, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, TD15 2XT

Tel: 01289 386362 Fax: 01289 386763

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.potadoodleo.com

Norham 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

HERITAGE COAST

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



Lindisfarne Castle

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.



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 Farne 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



Longstone lighthouse

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

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 Tea house
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:

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



Chillingham Castle

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



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

Ford & 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, Wardens 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



Hen Hole in Northumberland National Park ©

Preston Tower

Preston Tower, Chathill, Northumberland

Tel: 01665 589 227

www.prestontower.co.uk

The 14th-century pele tower gives a vivid glimpse into the lives of the warring Border Reivers. Displays and furnished rooms, and lovely grounds to explore.



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 Hirsell @ Coldstream

Throughout the year visitors are able to walk the grounds and around the lake.
Tel: 01573 224144
www.hirsellcountrypark.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

OUTDOORS

Active people, relaxing places

North 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.



Linhope Spout in Northumberland National Park © Alan Potts

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.



Red Squirrel

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 Hirsell 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.



Cycling in Northumberland National Park © Roger Coulam

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!



Jack Charlton fishing on the Tweed

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



Arctic Tern

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 on the beach

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. North Northumberland offers miles of bridleways 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.

<h2>Northern Experience Wildlife Tours</h2> <p>18 Frances Ville, Scotland Gate, Northumberland, NE62 5ST Tel: 01670 827465 Email: enquiries@newtltd.co.uk Website: www.newtltd.co.uk <i>Wildlife and birdwatching tours with experienced friendly guides. Otters, birds, whales and more. Guided walks, half-day, full-day and bespoke tours available. Transport included.</i></p>		
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ACCOMMODATION

Berwick, Tweedmouth and Spittal

Guesthouses / B&Bs:

Alannah House

Mrs Lynn Flook, Alannah House, 84 Church Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1DU

Tel: 01289 307252 Email: steven@berwick1234.freemove.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.



★ ★ ★ ★ SILVER AWARD

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.



★ ★ ★ ★

Clovelly House

Vivienne Lawrence, Clovelly House, 56 West Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed

Northumberland, TD15 1AS Tel: 01289 302337 Fax: 01289 331438

Email: vivroc@clovelly53.freemove.co.uk Website: www.clovelly53.freemove.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.



★ ★ ★ ★ SILVER AWARD

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

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

Fairholm

Beth Welsh, Fairholm, East Ord, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2NS

Tel: 01289 305370

Email: bethiawelsh@ukonline.co.uk

Website: www.welcometofairholm.com



★ ★ ★ ★

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

Meadow Hill Guest House

Christine Barton, Meadow Hill Guest House, Duns Road,

Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1UB Tel: 01289 306325

Email: christineabart@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 4Star
The Granary Guesthouse, 11 Bridge Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed. Tel:01289 304403VB 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*



★ ★ ★ ★ SILVER AWARD

West Sunnyside House

Kathleen Jamieson, West Sunnyside House, Tweedmouth
Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2QH Tel: 01289 305387 Fax: 01289 305387
Email: kjamieson58@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.



★ ★ ★ ★ SILVER AWARD

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.marshallmeadows@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
Web site: www.queensheadberwick.co.uk *Charming Town centre hotel, adjacent to Elizabethan walls. Comfortable accommodation, excellent food, wine and beer in a relaxed friendly atmosphere.*



★ ★ SILVER AWARD

Kings Arms Hotel

Kings Arms Hotel, 43 Hide Hill, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, TD15 1EJ
Tel: 01289 307454 Fax: 01289 308867
Email: enquiries@kingsarms-hotel.com Web site: www.kingsarms-hotel.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.



★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Mill Lane Apartments, 2 Palace Street East, Berwick-upon-Tweed. Tel:01289 304492 VB 4 Star

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 Whiteford, Borewell, Scremerston, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2RJ

Tel: 01289 307107 Fax: 01289 331233 Email: info@northumbrianwigwams.com

Website: www.potadoodledo.com / www.northumbrianwigwams.com

"Comfy Camping" at its best. Wooden Wigwams, canvas Tipis and Yurts. Kitchen, showers, restaurant and shop. Quad bikes, fishing and interactive arts.



CAMPING BARNs

Pool Cottage, Low Cocklaw, Berwick-upon-Tweed. Tel:01289 386384

Seaview House, Cow Road, Spittal, Northumberland, Berwick-upon-Tweed. Tel:01289 304175 VB 4 Star

The Old Barn, High Letham Farm, Berwick-upon-Tweed. Tel:01289 306585 VB 4 Star

West Ord Farm Holiday Cottages, Berwick-upon-Tweed. Tel:01289 386631 VB 3-4 Star

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.*



★ ★ ★ ★ SILVER AWARD

Hay Farm House

Mrs Tina Mulvey, Hay Farm House, Ford and Etal Country Estate

Nr Cornhill on Tweed, TD12 4TR Tel: 01890 820647

Email: tinahayfarm@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.



★ ★ ★ ★ SILVER AWARD

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.*



AWARD PENDING

The Tankerville Arms Hotel

Anne M. Park, Tankerville Arma, Cottage Road, Wooler, NE71 6AD
 Tel: 01668 281581 Fax: 01668 281387
 Email: enquiries@tankervillehotel.co.uk Website: www.tankervillehotel.co.uk
17th Century coaching inn set in the foothills of the Cheviots. A friendly and warm welcome guaranteed. An ideal base to discover 'The secret kingdom'.



★ ★ ★ **SILVER AWARD**

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.



★ ★ ★ **SILVER QUALITY 86%**

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.*



★ ★ ★ ★

Chillingham Castle Apartments, Chillingham. Tel: 01668 215359
 Ford Castle, (Cottages within grounds) Ford Village. Tel:01890 820257
 Keeper Cottage, Tillmouth Park, Cornhill-on-Tweed. Tel:01423 331503

Fenton Hill Farm Cottages

Mrs Margaret Logan, Fenton Hill Farm Cottages, Wooler, Northumberland, NE71 6JJ 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.




★ ★ ★ ★

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 VB3 Star

Willow Cottage

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




★★★★★

Holiday Parks:

Highburn House Caravan Park, Burnhouse Road, Wooler. Tel:01668 281344

Barmoor Castle Country Park

Barmoor Castle Country Park, Lowick, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2TR
 Tel: 01289 388376
 Email: ann@barmoorcastle.co.uk Website:www.barmoorcastle.co.uk
Imagine owning a luxury caravan or chalet nestled in the tranquil parkland of a historic northumbrian castle,located between Holy Island and the Cheviots.



Detchant Farm

Brenda Jackson, Detchant Farm, Belford, Northumberland, NE70 7PF
 Tel: 01668 213261
 Email: stay@detchantfarm.co.uk Website: www.detchantfarm.co.uk
A family run farm, overlooking Lindisfarne. Two rooms have fabulous views across to Lindisfarne. Berwick-upon-Tweed, Alnwick and Bamburgh are all close by, not forgetting The Alnwick Gardens.



★★★

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

St Cuthbert's House

St Cuthbert's House, 192 Main Street, North Sunderland, Seahouses, NE68 7UB
 Tel: 01665 720456 Email: stay@stcuthbertshouse.com
 Website:www.stcuthbertshouse.com
200 year-old former church, full of character, brimming with attention to detail. In quiet area, a short stroll from Seahouses Harbour and stunning beach.



★★★★ GOLD AWARD

The Farmhouse Guest House

Anne Murdoch, The Farmhouse Guest House, 24 West Street, Belford,
 Northumberland, NE70 7QE
 Tel: 01668 213083 Email: farmhouseguesthouse@hotmail.com
 Website: www.thefarmhouseguesthousebelford.co.uk *Located in the peaceful village of Belford our family run guest house offers you a personal, warm welcome with all the comforts of home.*



★★★★ SILVER AWARD

Hotels:

Beadnell Towers Hotel, The Wynding, Beadnell. Tel:01665 721211 VB 2 Star
 Warren House Hotel, Warren 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.



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

Holiday Parks:

Glorum 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, Chathill, 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 on line.



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.



FOOD, DRINK & EATING OUT

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 cobbles 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



Lindisfarne Oysters

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 deli's 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

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.



Tweedside Honey

Doddington Dairy

Cheeses & Ice-cream, Wooler,
NE71 6AN Tel:01668 283010

Chain Bridge Honey Farm

Horncliffe, Berwick upon Tweed,
TD15 2XT Tel:01289 386362

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.

Café Curio

Café Curio, 52 Bridge Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1AQ

Tel:01289 302666 Email:tnext@hotmail.com

Café Curio is a French Café and Antiques Shop where everything is for sale – from your soup bowl to the chair you sit on!

Reserve a table for lunch/dinner by calling 01289 302666.



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.



Fresh produce from North Northumberland Markets

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 / Ingleton

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

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

North Sunderland

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!



Farmers market at Alnwick

NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND LOCAL FOOD AWARDS

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.

A free brochure giving details of all the North Northumberland Local Food Award winners is available from local tourist information centres and other outlets.



MAKE SHOPPING A PLEASURABLE PASTIME

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



Shopping in North Northumberland

Cross Stitch Centre

16-18 Fenkle Street, Alnwick, NE66 1HR
Tel: 01670 511241

Marshalls Outdoor Superstore

Marshalls Outdoor Superstore and Clearance Clothing Outlet.

Near Scremerston, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, TD15 2QT

Tel 01289 309090 www.marshalleisure.co.uk

Famous Brand Outdoor Clothing at up to 75% off RRP. Camping, caravanning, hiking, and outdoor equipment. Clearance tents at up to 50% off. Equestrian shop, café.



Sweet Memories

Sweet Memories, 5 Walkergate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1DB

Tel: 01289 330101 Email: Carol@sweetmemoriesonline.co.uk

Website: www.sweetmemoriesonline.co.uk

For sweets you thought you couldn't get anymore. Over 400 glass jars of traditional sweets. Biggest range of fudge in Berwick, also gifts, rock etc.



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

Don't forget to use North 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.



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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Lindisfarne Links

Holy Island, TD15 2SE Tel: 01289 389308
email: webservices@lindisfarne.org.uk
www.lindisfarne.org.uk
www.where-to-go.info

OTHER USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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 356920
Belford Medical Practice: 01668 213738
Wooler: 01668 281740
Alnwick: 01665 510666

Attractions Activities Accommodation



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