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The **Northumberland Coast Path** is a beautiful 66 mile (106 km) walk which is part of the North Sea Trail. Breathing in the fresh sea air and walking along the beautiful Northumberland Coastline, you will discover sleepy seaside fishing villages, ancient castles and ruins, isolated islands, and abundant coastal wildlife. On this walking holiday you will discover a host of conservation sites, including two National Nature Reserves.

The Northumberland Coast Path follows the coast in most places with an inland detour between Belford and Holy Island. You'll start in the fishing village of Cresswell, following the sweeping sands of Druridge, past the fishing port of Amble to the historic village of Warkworth where you will see the first of many castles on your walk, Warkworth Castle.

Leaving Warkworth you pass through pretty fishing villages such as Alnmouth, Boulmer and Craster. Taking in further seascapes and fascinating ruins such as Dunstanburgh Castle before heading inland to the historic villages of Bamford and Belford. From Belford, a walk along dramatic cliff top paths will eventually bring you to your end-point at Berwick-upon-Tweed.

Most of the paths are public rights of way (footpaths and bridleways), but in some places beaches, minor roads, tracks and permissive paths are used. The Northumberland Coast Path is clearly signposted and well maintained, and it is mostly flat, with occasional inclines and plenty of places to stop for a rest.

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### Why do this walk?

- Immerse yourself in this breathtaking Northumberland coastline best known for its wide, sweeping beaches, backed by high sand dunes that are punctuated by dark whinstone outcrops. Walk in the footsteps of saints, enjoy the dramatic landscapes and precious wildlife of the coast and learn how the North Sea has shaped the lives of people living beside it.
- Discover ancient castles and ruins including Warkworth and Dunstanburgh, as well as Bamburgh, which was the seat of the former Kings of Northumbria, and is also renowned for its association with the Victorian era heroine Grace Darling, who is buried there.
- Make time to stop off at the tiny fishing harbour at Craster, which offers a view northwards along the rocky shore to the spectacular ruins of Dunstanburgh Castle, and sample some of the local seafood specialities such as kippers and smoked salmon.
- Visit the hamlet of Fenwick, which lies alongside St Cuthberts Way, the path on which the monk St Cuthbert made his passage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne.
- The end-point of your walking holiday is Berwick-upon-Tweed, which is also known as the Border Town, as it has changed hands between England and Scotland some thirteen times.

### Essential Info

**Length:** 6 days / 7 nights**Full Route Length:** 66 miles / 106 km**Shortest Break Length:** 66 miles / 106 km**Easy to Moderate**

**Grade** This is a mainly flat coastal walk, and can be completed by people with limited walking experience.

**Terrain** Flat walking along the edge of the coastal plateau. A small excursion into the low lying Kyloe hills. Coastal paths, and country lanes, beaches, a couple of sea cliffs, and a golf course or two!

**What's it like underfoot?** On the whole the paths are well defined and maintained, but are at times a bit sandy. Walking in soft sand on the beach can get tiring – but there's usually a parallel path further inland.

**How much up and down?** Not very much at all! Most days are pretty flat. The high point of the route, near St Cuthbert's Cave, is only just over 200m.

**Signposting** Generally good.

**Navigation** Pretty straightforward.

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### **Our holidays**

The Northumberland Coast Path is an energising and fascinating walk along the Northumberland Coast. If you are looking for a walk which has a combination of stunning landscapes and interesting history, then this is the walking holiday for you.

### **Route**

#### **The Whole Northumberland Coast Path**

We have one walking holiday for the whole Northumberland coastal route. There's also the option of adding an extra day to walk across the sands to Holy Island.

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### What's Included

#### Every walking holiday includes:

**Accommodation** We'll select your accommodation from a specially curated collection of hotels, farmhouses, country houses, and coaching inns along each of our routes. When selecting accommodation our focus is a helpful, friendly host with good quality accommodation and superb facilities. All of our accommodation has been carefully chosen so that you can unwind after a long day's walking and enjoy unique architectural features, quirks and interiors, whilst also experiencing a superb level of comfort and service.

**Breakfast** To make sure that you put your best foot forward after a good night's sleep you can get your day started with either a Full English breakfast or a Continental breakfast.

**Luggage transfer** We'll also transfer your luggage between each overnight stop. All you need to do is leave your bag at your accommodation when you set off in the morning, and it will be moved to your next overnight stop for when you arrive later that day. All you'll need is a small day sack with any clothes and provisions that you'll need during your day's walk

**Personal itinerary** An itinerary setting out the relevant information for each overnight stop, including large scale maps for each location and details of where we'd recommend you head for your evening meal.

**Maps** OS map/s (1:25,000) covering your whole route.

**Guidebook** Detailed route information, including maps and photos.

**Services information** An information sheet detailing cash points, banks, post offices, village shops, inns, cafes and taxis available along the route.

**Emergency support** We are always on hand to help if you experience any difficulties during your holiday, including outside of normal office hours.

**15% discount at Cotswold Outdoors** As a little thank you from us you will get a 15% discount at all Cotswold Outdoor stores - online and high street - for twelve months following confirmation of your booking.

#### Options:

**Off road parking** If you are travelling to your start location by car just let us know and we will see what we can do to organise parking for the duration of your trip. There may be a small charge for this.

**Return transport** We can also arrange transfer back to your car - it's no problem, just ask - and we'll even advise you when public transport is a better option!

#### What's not Included:

**Evening meal** Your evening meal isn't included in your walking holiday package, however your itinerary will include details of the best local eateries along your route - it could be a pub, a restaurant or even the accommodation that you're staying in - so you'll be able to relax and refuel after a good day's walking. We always do our best to pick somewhere within walking distance of your accommodation, and you should allow approximately £20.00 per night for your evening meal.

**Packed lunch** We don't include a packed lunch as part of your walking holiday.

**Transport to and from your start and finish points** Click on the "Travel Info" tab on your chosen walking holiday for our recommendations. Alternatively just get in touch with us directly and we'll help you sort it all out.

**Travel Insurance** For your own peace of mind we'd recommend you make sure that you've got ample travel insurance before you set off on your holiday.

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### Rest days

#### Seahouses

Seahouses is known as the Gateway to the Farnes and is well worth a rest day. Famous for its outstanding natural beauty, superb attractions, and bustling harbour. Boat trips can be taken to the Farne Islands where you can experience an abundance of wildlife, including entertaining puffins and lazy seals.

#### Fenwick

Choose a rest day at Fenwick to allow an extra day to visit Holy Island. Holy Island is only accessible at low tide, either by the causeway (approximately 3 mile walk) or by the Pilgrims' Way across the sands (not recommended). The tide table is included in your holiday pack. Originally known as Lindisfarne, the island has many historic attractions and is situated at the heart of the Lindisfarne National Nature Reserve. Please note that Lindisfarne Castle is closed on Mondays.

### Travel info

General travel information for the Northumberland Coast area will be in your holiday pack including train and bus timetables where available. Detailed instructions on getting to your first night's accommodation by car, or on foot from the nearest train or bus station, will also be included in the holiday pack on individual accommodation maps. To view train times please visit [qjump](#) where you can also purchase tickets in advance. For information on bus timetables please visit [traveline](#). If you require secure car parking whilst walking this route, please contact us for information.

#### Getting There:

**By Air:** The nearest airport is Newcastle (NCL).

Travel by train to Morpeth and then take a taxi to Eshott.

**By Public Transport:** Travel by train to Morpeth and then take a taxi to Eshott.

**By Road:** Eshott is located just off the A1 about 24 miles north of Newcastle.

#### Returning from Berwick upon Tweed:

**By Public Transport:** There is a railway station in Berwick upon Tweed. Trains to London take approximately 4 hours.

**By Road:** From Berwick upon Tweed you can take the A1 north or south. To travel west take the A698.

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### Accommodation

A good night's sleep is critical on your walking holiday. We want you to wake refreshed and recharged ready for a new day, and selecting the right accommodation for you is our priority. We have spent time and energy rigorously curating our collection of hotels, farmhouses, country houses, and coaching inns. When selecting accommodation our key focus is a helpful, friendly host with good quality accommodation and superb facilities. All of our accommodation has been carefully chosen so that you can unwind after a day's walking and enjoy their unique architectural features, quirks, and interiors whilst also experiencing a superb level of comfort and service. Some examples of the collection of accommodation we have curated for this route include:

#### Fenham Farm

Modern, comfortable, cosy rooms, including under floor heating, are beautifully located overlooking Holy Island. These converted farm buildings have independent access to make the space your own.



#### Old Post Office Warkworth

At the heart of the pretty Medieval village of Warkworth this grade II listed building dates back to 18th century. It has bright, modern rooms. If you are lucky enough to stay on a Friday or Saturday, the you can dine at the Old Post Office's own bistro, which has been a firm favourite with our clients for some time.



#### Eshott Hall

Eshott Hall is a boutique hotel set in a Country House dating from the 16th Century. Nestled within beautiful gardens and extensive woodland the hotel has 2 rosette restaurant, with an emphasis on incorporating local produce, some of which comes from their own kitchen garden.



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### **The Walls**

The Walls is a B&B set in a smart Georgian townhouse, built around 1750. Modern, spacious rooms with a Georgian style. The B&B is set right on the mediaeval town walls, with views overlooking the River Tweed.



### **St Cuthbert's House**

St Cuthbert's House is a 200 year old former chapel, which has been tastefully renovated to create a unique B&B. It was voted 'England's Best B&B' in the 2017 Visit England awards.



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## Our Itineraries

**Cresswell to Berwick (6 days walking): XNC7**

		<b>Miles</b>	<b>km</b>
Day 1	Travel to Eshott for your first nights accommodation		
Day 2	Transfer to Cresswell then walk to Warkworth	11	18
Day 3	Warkworth to Embleton	15	24
Day 4	Embleton to Seahouses	10	16
Day 5	Seahouses to Budle	6	10
Day 6	Budle to Fenwick	11	18
Day 7	Fenwick to Berwick-Upon-Tweed	13	21



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## Booking Form

### Contact Details

Address:	
Telephone:	Mobile/Alternative Tel:
Email:	Emergency Contact No:

### Your Holiday

Holiday Name:	Holiday Code:
Date of First Night:	Date of Last Night:

### Party Members

Title	First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth

### Other Options

Options	Rooms Required:	Rest Days
Off Street Parking:	No. Double Rooms:	
Transfer Required:	No. Twin Rooms:	
	No. Single Rooms:	
	No. Triple Rooms:	

Comments (special diets, other requirements, etc):

### Payment

Holiday cost per person:	I enclose a cheque for the deposit value
Rest Days:	OR please debit my Visa/Visa Debit/Mastercard/Mastercard Debit/Solo.
Total cost per person:	Card number:
Number in group:	Valid from:                      Expires:                      Security number*:
	*The last digits on the back of the card
Total group cost:	I authorise A Walk in The Country to charge a 20% deposit to my card now and the remaining balance 6 weeks before commencement of my holiday, (for card payments only). I confirm that the above details are correct and that I have read and accept the terms and conditions available on the website.
Deposit (20% of Total Cost):	Signed:    Date:
	Name:

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