



Northumberland National Park

# Visitor Guide

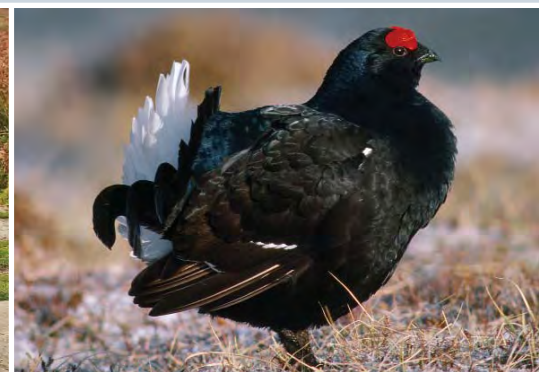
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## Vision for the future in Northumberland National Park



Tony Gates, National Park Officer  
Chief Executive NNPA

Northumberland National Park is a special place and we have a vision for the 405 scenic square miles (1049km<sup>2</sup>) of this protected landscape that we share with the many people who helped us to develop our latest Management Plan.

Our vision is that Northumberland National Park will be a truly welcoming and distinctive place, easily accessible to all. Its natural and cultural assets will be widely recognised and valued and its living, working landscape will contribute positively to the well-being of the thriving and vibrant communities in and around it.

The Management Plan will guide the work and decisions from now through to 2014 and beyond, not only of the National Park Authority, but of every organisation that has an impact on the landscape, wildlife, communities, cultural heritage and welcome of the National Park. It was developed over two years of discussion to ensure that a wide range of people and organisations had the opportunity to contribute.

As well as the hopes embodied in our vision, we have an ambition to make this corner of the country a role model for low carbon living and working landscape. Over time, we want to see carbon-saving practices becoming commonplace and a variety of renewable technologies becoming the principal source of energy in communities throughout the National Park.

The landscape of the National Park has been shaped by rural business activity over the centuries. To make sure it is a good place for families to live and work, we plan to develop a College in the Park - using the National Park as a training resource to help increase the skills available locally in farming, forestry, traditional building and tourism.

**TONY GATES**  
National Park Officer

## Free to you!

National Parks are 'Britain's Breathing Spaces' and Northumberland National Park with its distinctive open and tranquil landscapes and unique heritage will provide you with wonderful memories to savour.

Stretching from Hadrian's Wall in the south, through the rolling valleys of the Tyne and Rede to the impressive hills of the Cheviots on the Scottish Border, the National Park has some of the most unspoilt landscapes in the country.

Its wealth of history and culture has been shaped by a past that was not always peaceful. The landscape of the National Park as it is today has been formed over centuries - from Iron Age hillforts to the legacy of the Romans, through the Middle Ages to the Victorian industrial age - and the evidence is everywhere.

In this Visitor Guide you will see how the National Park Authority, landowners, farmers, businesses and other organisations are all working to ensure that Northumberland National Park remains one of Britain's most beautiful breathing spaces for everyone to enjoy.



Alhammoor and The Cheviots

## The Campaign for National Parks



Ben Fogle, President of CNP

If, like me, you treasure the National Parks of England and Wales and want to see them protected, then please join us at the Campaign for National Parks (CNP). With over 70 years of experience, we were there at the beginning helping to establish the National Park movement and today we continue to work hard to protect and promote the Parks for the benefit of everyone.

In the last year we have successfully influenced the Government's decision to give the green light to the South Downs National Park. We also helped safeguard the Peak District National Park from destructive road building and quarrying and fought alongside our many partners to increase awareness of the challenges facing the Parks. By becoming a Friend of CNP you can make a real difference, giving us much needed income and strengthening our voice to influence the decisions that affect all of the National Parks. Please join us.

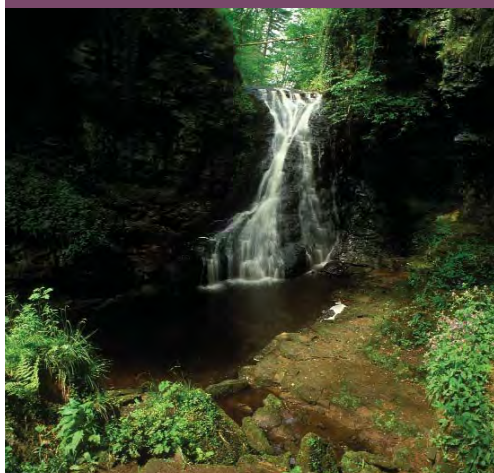
Call us on **020 7924 4077** or log onto **www.cnp.org.uk** to find out how you can become a Friend of CNP.

Thank you.  
**BEN FOGLE**  
President of CNP



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# National Park Centres



## National Park Centre Once Brewed

FREE  
WiFi  
Here

NE47 7AN  
T: +44 (0)1434 344396  
E: [tic.oncebrewed@nnpa.org.uk](mailto:tic.oncebrewed@nnpa.org.uk)

**Open daily:**  
April - October 9.30am - 5pm

**Winter:**  
Weekends only 10am - 3pm



Situated in the middle of Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site, the National Park Centre at Once Brewed is ideal for people exploring the southern end of the National Park. As a Tourist Information Centre it provides a wealth of information and can help with booking accommodation.

Facilities include toilets, light refreshments, clothing, maps and gifts for sale, as well as car parking for walkers and a picnic area.

The Hadrian's Wall bus (AD122) can be caught from here too. For the timetable log onto: [www.hadrians-wall.org](http://www.hadrians-wall.org)

2007 Gold Winner - Enjoy England Awards for Excellence  
2008 Gold Award - Green Business Tourism Scheme



## National Park Centre Rothbury

FREE  
WiFi  
Here

NE65 7UP  
T: +44 (0)1669 620887  
E: [tic.rothbury@nnpa.org.uk](mailto:tic.rothbury@nnpa.org.uk)

**Open daily:**  
April - October 10am - 5pm

**Winter:**  
Weekends only 10am - 3pm



The National Park Centre at Rothbury is in the centre of this picturesque market town. It is an ideal base for exploring the central part of the National Park. An exhibition and interactive displays bring the landscape and history of the area to life. The Centre is also a Tourist Information Centre from where accommodation can be booked.

Facilities include toilets, clothing, maps, gifts for sale and information leaflets. You can find details of walks in the nearby Simonside Hills and about Lordenshaws with its mysterious prehistoric 'cup and ring' markings in the rocks.

2007 Regional Gold Winner - Tourist Information Centre  
2009 Gold Award - Green Business Tourism Scheme



## National Park Centre Ingram

FREE  
WiFi  
Here

NE66 4LT  
T: +44 (0)1665 578890  
E: [ingram@nnpa.org.uk](mailto:ingram@nnpa.org.uk)

**Open daily:**  
April - October 10am - 5pm

**Winter:**  
Closed

The National Park Centre at Ingram has interactive archaeological displays spanning the last 10,000 years of life in the Breamish Valley. They feature many of the most interesting artefacts discovered during 10 years of archaeological excavations in the Valley.

Facilities include toilets, light refreshments, information leaflets to the area, and clothing, maps and gifts for sale.

Bring a picnic and wander along the riverside or take an exhilarating hike into the Cheviots. Our Centre staff will be pleased to advise you.

2009 Gold Award - Green Business Tourism Scheme



Start your journey at Once Brewed



Guided walk through Elsdon village



Helpful staff at the National Park Centres

## National Park Information Points

Whilst you are out and about in Northumberland National Park why not drop into one of our many Information Points. You will find a wide range of visitor information and local attractions there - and maybe a cup of tea or something stronger and a bite to eat in some cases! Look out for our signs.



Falstone Old School Tea Room

Log onto our website for local walks and cycle rides near to the Information Points:  
[www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/rangersfavouritewalks](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/rangersfavouritewalks)

Falstone Old School Tea Room and National Park Information Point has numerous walks in the area that have been devised by the community. You can download them from our website or pick up a copy from one of our National Park Centres.

## NATIONAL PARK CENTRES & INFORMATION POINTS

We have National Park Information Points at:

- 1 Milfield Country Store & Cafe
- 2 Barrowburn Tea Room
- 3 The Star Inn, Harbottle
- 4 Impromptu Cafe, Elsdon
- 5 Camien Cafe, Rochester
- 6 Falstone Old School Tea Room
- 7 Calvert Trust, Kielder
- 8 Simonburn Tea Room
- 9 Humshaugh Village Shop
- 10 Gilsland Village Store







Falstone Old School Tea Rooms & National Park Information Point

**Falstone Old School Tea Rooms & National Park Information Point**  
NE48 1AA  
**T: +44 (0)1434 240459**  
**Open:** Easter - October, 7 days a week  
**Winter:** 10.30 - dusk (closed Tues & Wed)

Situated in the village of Falstone, near Kielder the tea room, craft shop and information centre is on the Tynedale Renewable Energy Trail. The tea room boasts a number of 'firsts' for the National Park - photovoltaic cells on the roof to

convert daylight into electricity, a biomass wood pellet boiler to heat radiators and water; a tank that harnesses rainwater to use for flushing the toilets and a welcoming log-burning fire, as well as providing a welcome cup of tea!

Why not take a 10 minute walk to 'Stell', one of the best picnic spots in the National Park on the banks of the River Tyne – it even has sofas and cushions! Pick up a free leaflet from the Tearooms.  
**www.falstonetearoom.co.uk**

### GREEN ACCOMMODATION

As a National Park we pride ourselves in linking you to sustainable tourism businesses. We signpost you to local suppliers who have worked with us to develop their business in a way that celebrates, respects and conserves the special qualities of Northumberland National Park.

Wherever you are thinking of staying in the Park, there is plenty of choice when it comes to impeccable green credentials, whilst offering all the comfort you could ask for on your holidays and breaks. They all provide a friendly welcome with genuine tranquillity and breath-taking views and many also offer delicious local food.

**Battlesteads Country Inn & Restaurant**  
**www.battlesteads.com**

**Bellingham Camping and Caravanning Club**  
**www.campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk**

**Border Forest Caravan Park**  
**www.borderforest.com**

**Carraw (B&B)**  
**www.carraw.co.uk**

**Drovers Cottage (Holiday Cottages)**  
**www.drovers-cottage.co.uk**

**Falstone Barns (Holiday Apartments)**  
**www.falstonebarns.com**

**Fellside Cottage (Holiday Cottage)**  
**www.fellsidecottcheviots.co.uk**

**Firwood (B&B)**  
**www.firwoodhouse.co.uk**

**Forest View Hostel at Byrness**  
**T: +44 (0)1830 520425**

**Grindon Cartshed (Holiday Accommodation)**  
**www.grindon-cartshed.co.uk**

**Keepers Cottage (Holiday Accommodation)**  
**www.bonnyrighghall.co.uk**

**Kidlandlee (Holiday Accommodation)**  
**www.kidlandlee.co.uk**

**Netherhouses Cottage (Holiday Cottages)**  
**www.netherhouses.co.uk**

**Old Repeater Station (B&B)**  
**www.hadrians-wall-bedandbreakfast.co.uk**

**River Breamish Caravan Club Site**  
**www.caravanclub.co.uk**

**The Deer Hut (Short Stay Accommodation)**  
**www.barrowburn.com**

**The Hytte (Holiday Accommodation)**  
**www.thehytte.com**

**Twice Brewed Inn**  
**www.twicebrewedinn.co.uk**

**Willowford (B&B)**  
**www.willowford.co.uk**



#### Turvelaws Farm near Wooler

Set on the very edge of Northumberland National Park on a working farm on Milfield Plain and overlooked by the Cheviot Hills, the recently renovated five star holiday cottages are fully equipped to the highest standard, providing contemporary, comfortable and relaxing accommodation. Many of the original features have been retained and state of the art eco friendly technology has been included.

**www.turvelaws.com**



#### Tankerville Arms in Wooler

Built in the 1600s as a coaching inn, the Tankerville Arms has been welcoming visitors for 400 years. Overlooked by the Cheviot Hills, it is in an ideal location for exploring Northumberland National Park. The elegant Cheviot Restaurant uses fresh local produce and has a relaxing atmosphere overlooking the gardens. The 16 en-suite bedrooms offer comfortable and excellent facilities to ensure that you enjoy a peaceful night's sleep to prepare you for your next day.

**www.tankervillehotel.co.uk**



#### Saughy Rigg Bed & Breakfast, Hadrian's Wall

The B&B is magnificently situated about half a mile north of Hadrian's Wall within Northumberland's National Park and is an ideal base for walking and cycling. Extras not usually available at B&Bs include a restaurant with full a la carte menu using fresh seasonal local produce, a bar with draught and local ales and an excellent wine list. The B&B owners care about their beautiful area and the building sources power and heat from renewable energy.

**www.saughyrigg.co.uk**



#### Demesne Farm Campsite and Bunkhouse

The campsite and self catering bunkhouse are located within traditional farm buildings near to the market town of Bellingham, on the edge of the National Park. The site is fully equipped and is less than 100 metres from the traditional shops, pubs, restaurants and cafes in nearby Bellingham. During your stay you may get the opportunity to watch or even help with our work on the farm! It is an ideal base for exploring Northumberland, Hadrian's Wall, Kielder Forest and Water Park.

**www.demesnefarmcampsite.co.uk**



#### Hadrian's Wall Camping and Caravanning Site

Hadrian's Wall Camping and Caravan Site is a small secluded site lying close to Northumberland National Park and Hadrian's Wall, near to Melkridge village. Tents, caravans, children and dogs will all have a warm welcome from our friendly, family run site. The site is laid out on level grass pitches with wonderful views. The site can provide bad weather accommodation for campers in our new centrally heated bunk barn with common room and cooking facilities.

**www.romanwallcamping.co.uk**



#### Winshields Bunk Barn and Tea Room

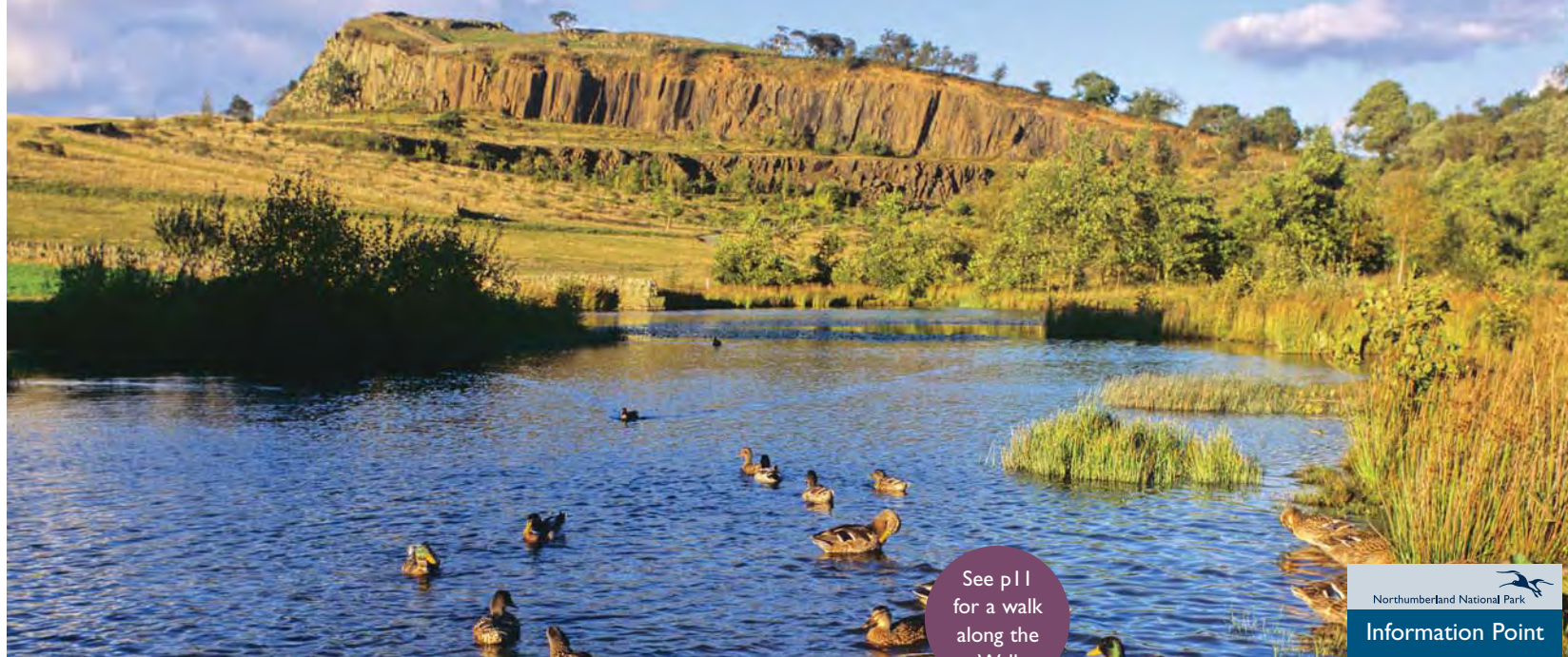
Winshields is a working farm surrounded by the unspoilt beauty of Hadrian's Wall country. It is convenient to both the east and west coasts of Britain. The Camp Site is also perfectly situated to explore more of this wonderful area with Kielder Water, The Lake District, Gretna Green and the Scottish Borders. Facilities include a camping area, showers and small shop, picnic benches and BBQ areas. A bunk barn is also available offering basic accommodation.

**www.winshields.co.uk**





# Hadrian's Wall



Walltown, Hadrian's Wall

See p11 for a walk along the Wall

Northumberland National Park  
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Today you can walk the entire length of Hadrian's Wall, end to end, for the first time in over 1600 years on the new Hadrian's Wall National Trail.

'The Wall' itself can be seen at numerous locations with the most spectacular sections between Birdswald in Cumbria and Housesteads within Northumberland National Park. Archaeologists are making exciting discoveries all the time. Every aspect of Roman life on and around the Wall is on display in museums and forts along the length of the Wall. This includes Vindolanda Roman Fort, home to the famous 'Roman Postcards' and where you can often watch archaeologists unearthing treasures from the past and at Housesteads Roman Fort.

But there is more to Hadrian's Wall Country than just 'the Wall'. Greenlee Lough National Nature Reserve is great for watching birds and Walltown picnic site is a great place for kids, with a quiz trail, orienteering course and wildlife ponds.

The Hadrian's Cycleway runs the length of the Wall between Maryport on the West coast and Newcastle-upon-Tyne on the East coast. This exciting cycleway passes through picturesque market towns and villages as well as passing historic Roman forts.

For just £12 per year or £24 for three years you can park FREE at any of the car parks along Hadrian's Wall in Northumberland National Park. The passes are available from - The National Park Centre at Once Brewed, Housesteads, Haltwhistle Post Office and Walltown. All money from car parking goes back into providing services along the Wall, including supporting the Hadrian's Wall bus service.



## Catch the bus!

Leave the car behind and take it easy with the award-winning Hadrian's Wall Bus (AD122), which visits all the main Roman sites along the Wall as well as passing through some spectacular scenery. Running daily from 2 April to the end of October, you can pick up a timetable from any National Park Centre or Tourist Information Centre.



For further information on Hadrian's Wall Bus T: +44 (0)1434 322002

## Information Points



Gilsland Village Store

### Gilsland Village Store 14

Situated on the Northumberland/Cumbrian border and on the route of Hadrian's Wall National Trail, Gilsland Village Store is the most westerly of our National Park Information Points and offers a friendly welcome to both trail walkers and other visitors alike. The store provides the ideal opportunity to stock up on gifts, refreshments and information.

T: +44 (0)16977 47211



Ann Maddison at Simonburn Tea Room

### Simonburn Tea Room 15

Head to the peaceful 'olde world' village of Simonburn situated between Hexham and Bellingham and you will come across the award winning Simonburn Tea Room and B&B. Here you can sample delicious home baking and browse through the local crafts and produce for sale. In the summer you can enjoy tea on the terrace. Disabled access to both the tea room and terrace is available.

[www.simonburntearooms.com](http://www.simonburntearooms.com)

## NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- 1 Hadrian's Wall Adventure Tours  
[www.hadrianswall.ltd.uk](http://www.hadrianswall.ltd.uk)
- 2 Haltwhistle open air swimming pool  
Sports and Leisure Centre, heated outdoor pool, cafe and playground  
[www.hslc.freeserve.co.uk](http://www.hslc.freeserve.co.uk)
- 3 Vindolanda - Roman site & museum  
[www.vindolanda.com](http://www.vindolanda.com)
- 4 Housesteads - Roman fort & museum  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)
- 5 Carvoran Roman Army Museum  
[www.vindolanda.com](http://www.vindolanda.com)
- 6 Cawfields - Picnic Site  
[www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)
- 7 Brocolitia - Roman site  
[www.roman-britain.org/places/brocolitia](http://www.roman-britain.org/places/brocolitia)
- 8 Chesters - Roman Fort and Museum  
[www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)
- 9 Thirlwall Castle - Early 14th century fortified hall-house in ruins  
[www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)
- 10 Walltown picnic site - Reclaimed quarry now a picnic site with lake and easy-access paths, refreshments on sale  
[www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)

- 11 Greenlee Lough National Nature Reserve - Great for winter waders, with a bird hide and boardwalk  
[www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)

Hadrian's Wall Country  
Information on things to see and do  
[www.hadrians-wall.org](http://www.hadrians-wall.org)

- 12 Humshaugh Village Shop & National Park Information Point

- 13 Ye Olde Forge Tea Rooms at Greenhead (Fri - Wed, 10 - 5)

## LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

Greenhead - Hadrian's Wall Market (Village Hall) Second Sunday of month

Hexham (Market Place) Second & Fourth Saturday of month

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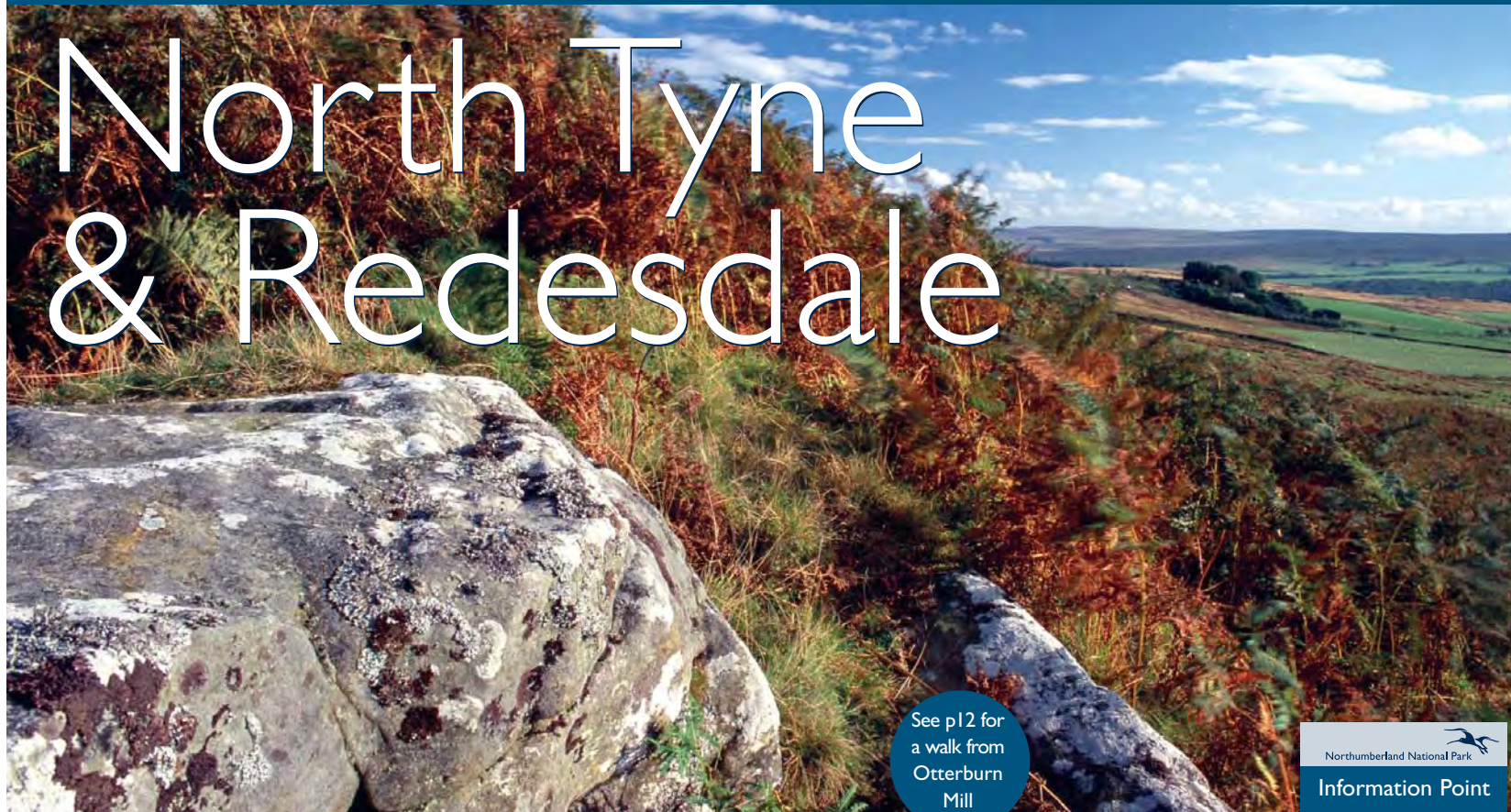
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# North Tyne & Redesdale



See p12 for a walk from Otterburn Mill

Northumberland National Park  
Information Point

Daw's Crag, High Rochester

Explore the wonderful charm of the countryside in the North Tyne and Rede Valley. Meander along the winding rivers, woodlands and wild moors. Feel the vibrant community spirit celebrating the wonderful quality of life in these twinned valleys.

Scattered through this wild landscape, which was once the stamping ground of the notorious Border clans (the Reivers) are historic bastles (fortified homesteads that sheltered both people and animals) and castles. Discover the ruins of a Roman fort at High Rochester and the Percy Cross commemorating the fierce 14th Century Anglo-Scottish battle at Otterburn. Large forests provide the rare red squirrel with a secure home. You may also catch a glimpse of otters in the rivers and streams.

Bellingham is a historic market town on the banks of the River Tyne. From its centre you can walk along Hareshaw Linn - a wonderful family walk along a wooded path to a 30ft high waterfall at the end. Villages such as Greenhaugh and Falstone have pubs and tearooms where you can relax in the company of local people.

## Bellingham Heritage Centre

Station Yard, **20**  
Woodburn Road,  
Bellingham NE48 2DF



The Heritage Centre at Bellingham is a lively local museum with fascinating collections on the Border Reivers, mining, farming, the now defunct Border Counties Railway and databases of historic photos and local names. The centre is also home to the original Stannersburn Forge, lovingly transported from near Falstone and rebuilt on the site so that people can view a snapshot of local society from before the motorcar. It is also incorporates the local Tourist Information Centre.

Northumberland National Park Authority have supported the Heritage Centre, linking



Vintage Vehicles Weekend

it with the industrial archaeology of Hareshaw Linn nearby, now a well-known Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) for its ancient woodland and is a favourite local walk.

Each year, courtesy of Wesley Turnbull and friends, it holds a **Vintage Vehicles Weekend** where cars, motorcycles and tractors from the past are displayed by their proud owners. **Don't miss this exciting exhibition from Saturday 10 to Sunday 11 April.**

[www.bellingham-heritage.org.uk](http://www.bellingham-heritage.org.uk)

For further information T: +44 (0)1434 220616

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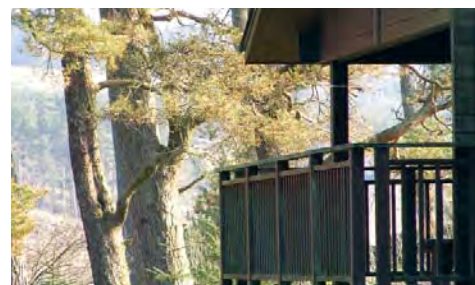


Camien Cafe

### Camien Cafe, Rochester **18**

Situated in the upper reaches of Redesdale on the A68 between Otterburn and the Scottish border, Camien Cafe is a small family run business offering a varied menu catering for most special dietary needs. Internet access is also available here as well as information on local attractions. The cafe is open Tuesday to Sunday. The ancient Roman road of Dere Street passes through the village.

T: +44 (0)1830 520161



Calvert Trust lodge

### Calvert Trust, Kielder **19**

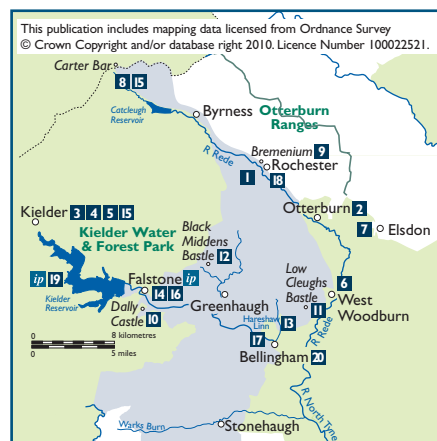
For over 30 years, Calvert Trust has been enabling people with disabilities together with their families and friends to achieve their potential through outdoor adventure activities in the countryside. Accommodation however is available for all to book. Please note, this National Park Information Point is available for residents at the Calvert Trust only as it is located in the holiday accommodation.

[www.calvert-trust.org.uk](http://www.calvert-trust.org.uk)

## NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- 1** Woolaw Farm - Quad Bike Safari & Clay Pigeon Shoot  
[www.woolawfarm.co.uk](http://www.woolawfarm.co.uk)
- 2** Otterburn Mill - Cafe and shop, local tourist information & walks  
[www.otterburnmill.co.uk](http://www.otterburnmill.co.uk)
- 3** Kielder Observatory  
[www.kielderobservatory.org](http://www.kielderobservatory.org)
- 4** Kielder Water & Forest Park - Bike trails, walking and watersports  
[www.visitkielder.com](http://www.visitkielder.com)
- 5** Kielder Bikes - Cycle hire, spares and repairs T: +44 (0)1434 250457
- 6** Mary-Ann Rogers - Art Gallery  
[www.marogers.com](http://www.marogers.com)
- 7** Redesdale Riding Centre  
[www.redesdaleridingcentre.co.uk](http://www.redesdaleridingcentre.co.uk)
- 8** Whitelee Moor Nature Reserve  
[www.nwt.org.uk](http://www.nwt.org.uk)
- 9** Breminium Roman Fort  
[www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)

- 10** Dally Castle
- 11** Low Cleughs Bastle
- 12** Black Middens Bastle  
[www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)
- 13** Hareshaw Linn, Bellingham - Walk to the waterfall and picnic site  
[www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)
- 14** 'Stell' at Falstone - Sculpture on the banks of the North Tyne  
[www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)
- 15** Purple Mountain Bike Hire, Kielder Forest  
[www.purplemountain.co.uk](http://www.purplemountain.co.uk)
- 16** Falstone Old School Tea Room & National Park Information Point  
[www.falstonetearoom.co.uk](http://www.falstonetearoom.co.uk)
- 17** Kielder Organic Meats Farm Shop - at Dunterley Farm near Bellingham  
[www.kielderorganicmeats.co.uk](http://www.kielderorganicmeats.co.uk)



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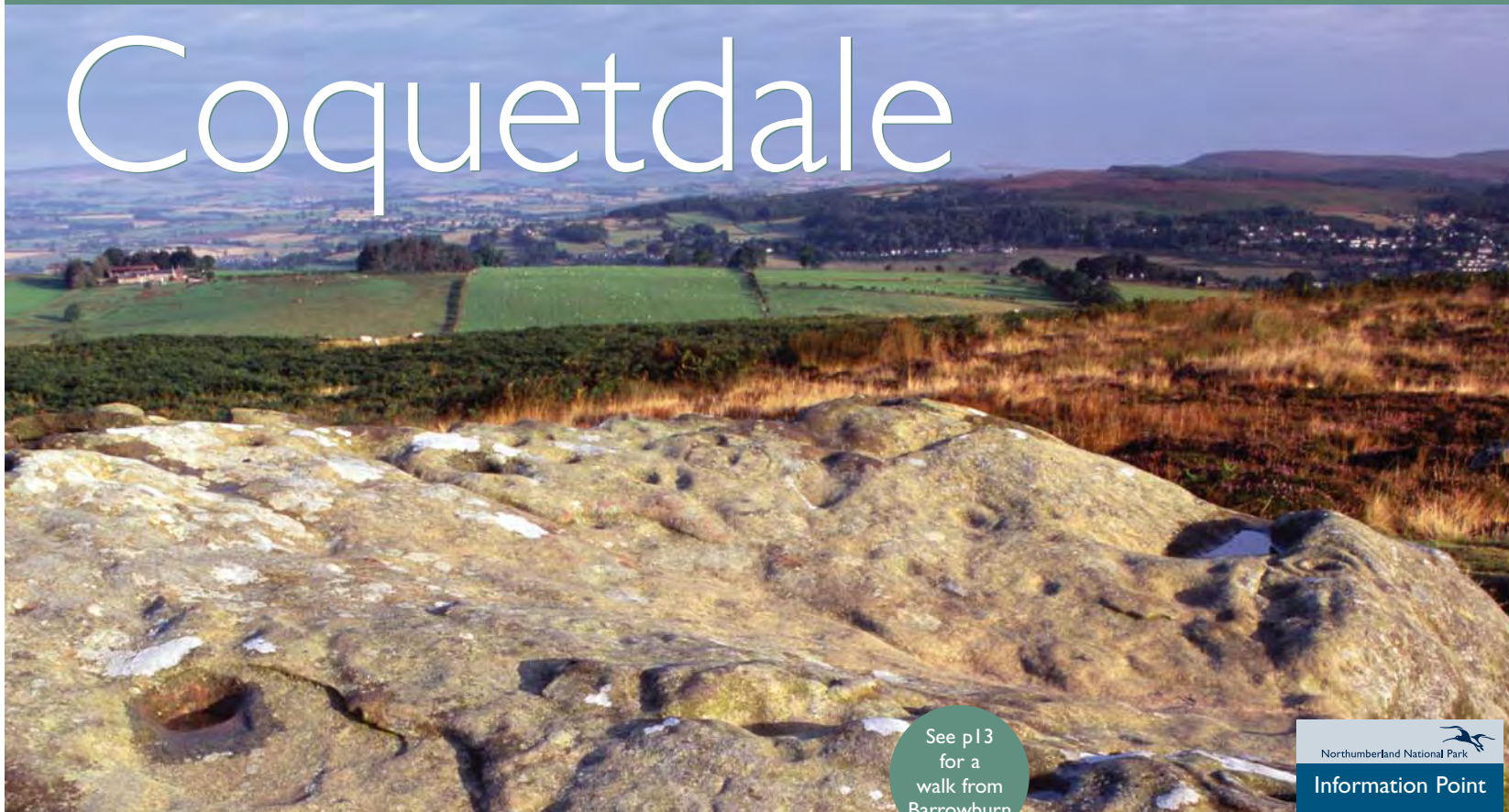
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# Coquetdale



Lordenshaws 'cup and ring' rock art looking across to Rothbury

See p13 for a walk from Barrowburn

Northumberland National Park  
Information Point

Built of the same mellow fell sandstone that can be seen in the Simonside Hills above it, the market town of Rothbury stands on the River Coquet, one of the best fishing rivers in the country. A thriving but unspoilt rural community, it boasts a range of services and facilities from specialist clothing and food shops to an ironmongers and an art gallery. In mid-July the annual Rothbury Traditional Music Festival brings together the area's strong tradition of Northumbrian song, music and dance.

Walk in the Simonside Hills for inspiring views and discover the mysterious 'cup and ring' rock carvings at Lordenshaws. Meander up the Coquet Valley for a day's walking in the high hills of the Border Ridge. Or visit Craggside, the house built by Tyneside magnate Lord Armstrong and the first in the world to be lit by hydro-electricity. It houses a collection of Victorian art and the 900 acres of gardens are famous for their rhododendrons, adventure trails, lakes and woodlands. Today it is run by The National Trust.

Coquetdale is stunning all year round, with breathtaking views and inspiring landscapes. Each of the surrounding villages has its own charm - Harbottle with its castle, Holystone with the tranquil Lady's Well, Alwinton with its annual Border Shepherds Show. It's a great place to take a break!

## Alwinton Border Shepherds Show - 9 October 2010



This year it's the 145th Border Shepherds Show and it should be a fun day out for all the family! Alwinton Show **18** is the 'last' show of the season and one of the largest in Coquetdale. With splendid views of the River Coquet set in the showfield outside Alwinton, the Show consists of various organised activities for visitors to either participate in or just watch.

Events include: Adult's Fell Race, Children's Fell Race - Under 16 and Under 13 Events, 'New' Ladies Fell Race, Cumberland & Westmoreland Wrestling, Stick Dressing, Pipe Band Display, Terrier Racing, Dog Shows and Trails, Trade Stands, Craft Tent, Exhibit Tents, Beer Tent, Food and Refreshments.

[www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/events](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/events)

## Information Points



Impromptu Tea Room

### Impromptu Tea Room, Elsdon **16**

If you visit Elsdon the historic capital of Redesdale you will come across the Impromptu Tea Room, which is housed in the old school house and dates back to the early 1700s. Cyclists, including those on the Pennine Cycle Way and walkers are especially welcome. Why not call in and sample some of their 'Gibbet Fruit Cake' and light refreshments.

**T: +44 (0)1830 520389**



The Star Inn

### The Star Inn and Craft Shop, Harbottle **17**

Set in the heart of the Upper Coquet valley this small and very friendly pub in the village of Harbottle, offers not only the opportunity to have a quiet drink in beautiful surroundings but also serves as the local village shop, craft shop and National Park Information Point.

**T: +44 (0)1669 650221**

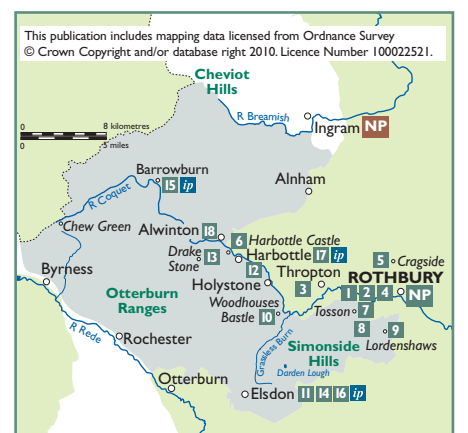
## NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- 1** Crown Studio, Rothbury - Pottery & Art Gallery [www.crownstudio.co.uk](http://www.crownstudio.co.uk)
- 2** Coquetdale Arts Centre, Rothbury - Community Art Gallery [www.coquetdale.org.uk](http://www.coquetdale.org.uk)
- 3** Westfield Farm, Thropton - Pottery & Gallery **T: +44 (0)1669 640263**
- 4** Northumbrian Fly Fishing - Learn fly fishing, with tuition for all levels [www.northumbrianflyfishing.co.uk](http://www.northumbrianflyfishing.co.uk)
- 5** Craggside - Country House, gardens and grounds [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)
- 6** Harbottle Castle [www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)
- 7** Tosson Limekiln [www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)
- 8** Simonside Forest - Waymarked walks in the hills and forest, picnic area [www.forestry.gov.uk](http://www.forestry.gov.uk)
- 9** Lordenshaws, near Rothbury - Ancient 'cup and ring' marked rocks [www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)
- 10** Woodhouses Bastle [www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)
- 11** Elsdon village and Winter's Gibbet [www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)
- 12** Lady's Well, Holystone - Ancient well [www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)
- 13** The Drake Stone, Harbottle - Forest and moorland walk to the stone [www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)

- 14** The Coach House, Elsdon - Tea Room, Gallery & Activity Centre [www.thecoachhouseelsdon.co.uk](http://www.thecoachhouseelsdon.co.uk)
- 15** Barrowburn Tea Room & National Park Information Point [www.barrowburn.com](http://www.barrowburn.com)

## LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

Morpeth (Market Place)  
First Saturday of month



## Nearest National Park Centre

Rothbury  
**T: +44 (0)1669 620887**  
**E: [tic.rothbury@nnpa.org.uk](mailto:tic.rothbury@nnpa.org.uk)**





# The Cheviots



Wooler and The Cheviots

See p14  
for a walk  
up West  
Hill

Northumberland National Park  
Information Point

Situated in the North of the National Park just an hour from Newcastle, the Cheviot Hills mark the border with Scotland.

The Cheviot Hills are made up of hard igneous rock, granite and andesites from long extinct volcanoes. This has left rounded hills, which today are criss-crossed with bridleways and footpaths, enabling mountain bikers and walkers to follow the routes of ancient cattle drovers. The dramatic waterfall, Linhope Spout, is a worthwhile visit for a family day out. A walk up Yeavinger Bell reveals the pre-Roman remains of ancient circular huts and stunning views over to the coast and Scotland. But for a real challenge, climb Cheviot - the highest point in Northumberland at 2674ft (815m)

A picnic and a paddle in the Breamish Valley is a traditional day out where you can share the shallow, clean rivers with dippers and otters. Experience the artefacts from the archaeological digs of the valley's hillforts which are on display at the National Park Centre in Ingram. Here you can also get an ice cream and find out about lots of other local attractions and walks.

## Ad Gefrin - A Palace in the Park!

On the northern side of the Wooler to Kirknewton road (B6351), **13** where it crests a small knoll rising amidst the fields, stands a monument marking the site of one of the most evocative archaeological sites in Northumberland, Ad Gefrin. It is also a record of one of the most remarkable archaeological discoveries of the 20th century.

Around 1300 years ago a royal township of timber halls provided apartments for the royal court as it travelled around the kingdom. It was abandoned by AD731, when the scholar and saint, Bede, records that while king Edwin and his queen were staying here, bishop Paulinus baptised many from the locality in the nearby River Glen. Thereafter the site of Ad Gefrin passed into legend until its rediscovery in 1949, when the deep foundations of its lost buildings were spectacularly revealed from the air.

To learn more about the story behind the cropmarks, the early excavations on the site, the finds, discoveries and theories log onto the website.

[www.gefrintrust.org](http://www.gefrintrust.org)



## Information Point



Milfield Cafe & Country Store

### Milfield Cafe & Country Store, near Wooler **11**

Our most northerly Information Point can be found at Milfield, north of Wooler. Here you can choose from a hearty traditional breakfast, extensive lunch menu, or simply enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with a home-baked cake or scone. A wealth of information on local attractions and the National Park can be found here and crafts and gifts are also on sale. **T: +44 (0)1668 216323**

### Conservation, education and diversification at The Fenton Centre



The Fenton Centre

The Fenton Centre **12** is a unique visitor attraction located near the town of Wooler. The Centre provides a resource for family and individuals allowing exploration of the cultural heritage and natural diversity of life in the countryside, from times past, present and the implications for the future. There is a coffee shop, restaurant and art gallery together with information on local attractions.

[www.fentoncentre.com](http://www.fentoncentre.com)

## NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- 1** Glendale Gateway Trust & Cheviot Centre, Wooler - Tourist Information Centre **T: +44 (0)1668 282406**
- 2** Breeze Art Cafe, Wooler - Workshops and exhibitions [www.breezewooler.com](http://www.breezewooler.com)
- 3** Peter Podmore Gallery, Kirknewton [www.peterpodmore.co.uk](http://www.peterpodmore.co.uk)
- 4** St Gregory Church, Kirknewton - In churchyard memorial to womens rights
- 5** Ford and Etal Estate - Light railway, walled garden, castle and gallery [www.ford-and-etale.co.uk](http://www.ford-and-etale.co.uk)
- 6** Heatherslaw Cornmill, near Ford - 150 year old working watermill **T: +44 (0)1890 820488**
- 7** Heatherslaw Cycle Hire **T: +44 (0)1890 820338**
- 8** Maelmin Heritage Trail, Milfield - Short walk illustrating life in the Cheviot Hills through the ages [www.maelmin.org.uk](http://www.maelmin.org.uk)

- 9** Borders Gliding Club [www.bordersgliding.co.uk](http://www.bordersgliding.co.uk)
- 10** Flodden Edge Riding & Driving Centre **T: +44 (0)1668 216287**

Self Guided walks in The Cheviots [www.cheviotwalks.co.uk](http://www.cheviotwalks.co.uk)

Active4seasons - Guided activity trips [www.active4seasons.co.uk](http://www.active4seasons.co.uk)

Guided Walks by Peter McEwan [www.walknorthumbria.co.uk](http://www.walknorthumbria.co.uk)

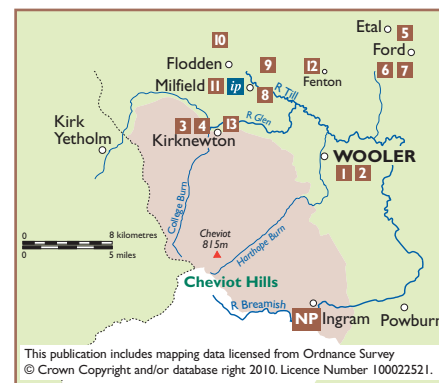
Northumberland Bouldering [www.northumberlandbouldering.co.uk](http://www.northumberlandbouldering.co.uk)

Bird watch Northumbria - Events and trips into the Cheviot Hills [www.birdwatchnorthumbria.co.uk](http://www.birdwatchnorthumbria.co.uk)

## LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

Alnwick (Market Square)  
Last Friday of month

Berwick (The Maltings)  
Last Sunday of month



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## Nearest National Park Centre

Ingram  
**T: +44 (0)1665 578890**  
**E: [ingram@nnpa.org.uk](mailto:ingram@nnpa.org.uk)**





## Protected landscapes and climate change - Not just a pretty place

We all agree that National Parks are stunningly beautiful and inspirational landscapes, but did you know that they could be affected by climate change?

It is estimated that Britain's peat bogs are storing 10 times the country's total carbon emissions - that's about 3 billion tonnes.

75% of the world's remaining heather moorland is found in Britain. About 5% of Northumberland National Park land is blanket bog-deep mires, up to 15 metres deep.

Here in the North East experts have used the latest climate modelling techniques to show that by 2050 we can expect wetter winters and drier summers, with more frequent occasions of intense, extreme weather.

The visible effect of this has already started to be seen in the Northumberland uplands with memorable incidents of rivers bursting their banks and moorland fires taking hold. What are Northumberland National Park doing?

### Looking after the landscape

The good news is that through the Cheviot Futures Partnership, Northumberland National Park Authority is working with landowners, farmers, communities and businesses to make sure that this landscape is looked after in ways that will help reduce the impact of climate change in the future.

[www.cheviotfutures.co.uk](http://www.cheviotfutures.co.uk)

#### For example the partnership is:

- Looking after our moorlands to keep them in peak condition. This means they continue to provide a fantastic habitat for a variety of plants and animals whilst also soaking up excess rainfall and storing carbon
- Planting trees to stabilise river banks and hillsides
- Creating and maintaining natural reservoirs for collecting water when there is excess and storing water for use at times of drought
- Training emergency services to respond to moorland fires that can lead to the drying up of peat soils and the subsequent release of the carbon stored within them.

You can find out more through new displays and activities in our National Park Centre at Ingram in the Breamish Valley.

Ingram village won a British Gas 'Green Streets Award' in 2009 and our centre building has achieved a gold standard Green Tourism Award for some of its energy saving features, so you might even pick up some tips on greening up your own home!

### Helping National Park residents

- **The Northumberland National Park Sustainable Development Fund** – making available grants for environmental innovation, recycling and energy conservation
- **Community Planning** – encouraging people to adapt to climate change in any of their village planning.
- **New ways of living and working in the uplands** – working with farmers and landowners to share best practice and identify opportunities and funding to adapt to new ways of working.
- **Supporting businesses** - there are excellent examples of pioneering businesses going that extra mile to work in a sustainable way. Many are tourism businesses who are finding these new practices are not only helping to conserve the environment, but are saving money and attracting like-minded people to their businesses. [www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)



Bogs are good! Bell Crag Flow

### What about your visit?

You will find that some of the best ways to enjoy what's special about Northumberland National Park are green anyway.

**Travel on Hadrian's Wall bus (AD122)** - leave the car at home or use this scenic service to get back to your car after a linear walk along the wall.

[www.hadrians-wall.org](http://www.hadrians-wall.org)

**Buy local gifts** - there are lots of talented artists and crafts people taking inspiration from Northumberland National Park.

[www.artistnetwork.org.uk](http://www.artistnetwork.org.uk)

**Buy local food** - look for pubs and cafes that promote local produce or buy food for your self-catering holiday home from local producers and suppliers.

[www.foodlocal.co.uk](http://www.foodlocal.co.uk)

**Get active** - a walk or a cycle has little impact on the environment and you get to see all the wild places that cars can't get to. [www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)



Hadrian's Wall Farmers Market at Greenhead

### Northumberland National Park Authority leads the way!

- ✓ All of our three National Park Centres have achieved the Gold Green Tourism Business Scheme standard for the sustainable way they operate.
- ✓ The Authority is modifying its buildings, staff working practices and operations in a bid to reduce its carbon footprint by 20% over the next three years.
- ✓ Two Visitor Centres have had old night-storage heating units replaced with modern, state of the art air source heat pump heating systems which will reduce the carbon emissions by 400% and save over £3000 in energy costs.
- ✓ A series of automated weather stations across the National Park have been set up, which will raise awareness of climate change at our National Park Centres and via our website, as well as potentially contributing to the flood early warning system for communities.



Catch the bus



Join our Voluntary Rangers on a free guided walk this summer



# Pull out walking guide

Northumberland National Park



## Hadrian's Wall: Once Brewed, Housesteads & Vindolanda

Grade: Moderate | Length: 7.5 miles (12 km) | Time: 4.5 hours | Map: OS Explorer OL 43 Hadrian's Wall



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Wild thyme

**O.S Grid Reference:** NY 753 669

**Start at:** National Park Centre at Once Brewed

**Toilets:** Once Brewed and Housesteads

**Local Services:** Twice Brewed Inn, Haydon Bridge and Haltwhistle

**Nearest National Park Centre:** Once Brewed

**Terrain:** Footpaths, agricultural land, some short sharp ascents and minor roads

**Description:** A great walk along some of the most scenic sections of Hadrian's Wall

**Wildlife to look out for:** Birds include curlew, kestrel and skylark, as well as whooper swan, teal and widgeon in the winter on Crag Lough, plants include rock rose, bog asphodel and wild thyme

**Worth stopping off at:** Housesteads Roman Fort (National Trust) and Vindolanda Roman Fort and Museum - there is a charge at both

**Public Transport:** Hadrian's Wall bus AD122 contact Traveline 0871 200 2233

**Note:** This route can be made shorter by catching the bus from Housesteads car park back to the National Park Centre at Once Brewed

**A** Turn left out of the National Park Centre at Once Brewed car park and carefully cross the main B6318 Military Road. Follow the single track road uphill, signed 'Cycle Route 68'.

**B** Just past Peel Cottage, on your right, go through the wicket gate signed 'Hadrian's Wall'. Follow the footpath left and head for the wicket gate in the wall. Turn right through the gate and follow Hadrian's Wall east along the path that runs alongside it, up Peel Crags to Milecastle 39 and then Sycamore Gap. Keep following the path along Highshield Crags looking down to Crag Lough. **Take care - there are steep drops here!**

**C** Cross over the farm road following the signpost 'National Trail Housesteads 1 1/2 miles.' Hotbank Farm is on your left, keep to the path following the Wall uphill with two small woods either side. These crags are Hotbank Crags and Cuddy's Crags. Keep following the Wall and pass Milecastle 37. Go through the woods on top of Housesteads Crags - you can walk along this bit of the Wall.

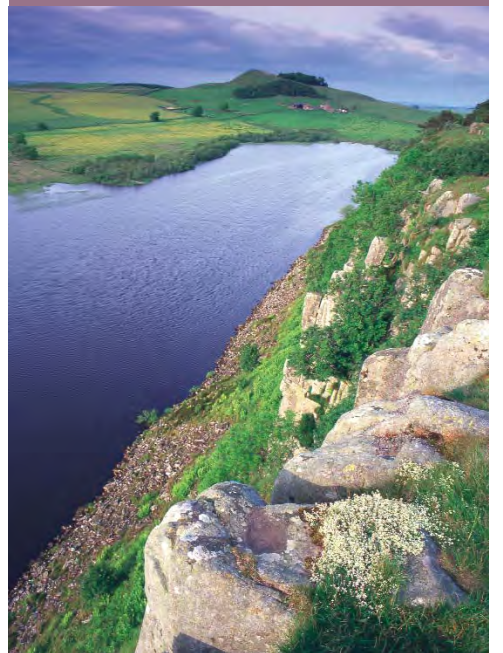
**D** At the end of the wood go through the gate and head downhill keeping Housesteads Roman Fort on your left. Keep the museum on your right and follow the tarmac road go through the kissing gate alongside the cattle grid.

**E** Cross the main B6318 Military Road carefully, and take the path signed 'Public Bridleway'. Turn right along the minor road (the Stanegate) for approx 3/4 mile.

**F** Turn right along the private road signed 'Vindolanda', go past Vindolanda Roman Fort and Museum on your left. Keep following the Stanegate road, past Causeway House - a rare example of heather thatching. At the T junction turn right and follow the road back to Once Brewed, the National Park Centre and the car park.

### A little bit of history:

Emperor Hadrian probably gave orders for the Wall to be built in AD122 to act as a barrier that allowed Roman soldiers to control movements of people coming into or leaving Roman Britain. The Wall is 73 miles (117km) long and took 6 years to build.



View from Hadrian's Wall over Crag Lough



Photo courtesy of Hexham Courant

## Information Point

### Humshaugh Village Shop

The pretty little village of Humshaugh is situated close to the river North Tyne, just north of Chollerford and has much to offer the visitor including beautiful walks, accommodation and also the first community owned village shop in the area. Here you will find a warm welcome awaits you. There is an abundance of produce on offer - much of it locally sourced. You can also browse through National Park information and other local information is also displayed here.

[www.humshaughshop.co.uk](http://www.humshaughshop.co.uk)



Widgeon spend winter on the Loughs



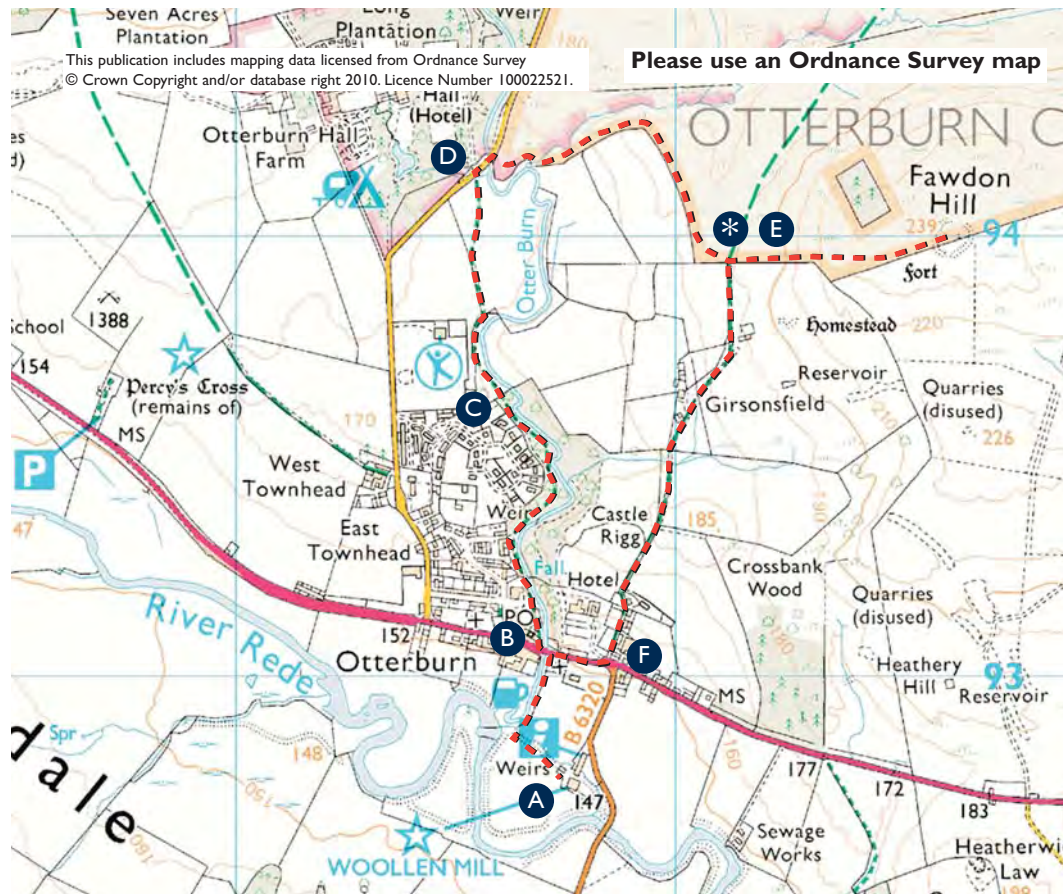
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## North Tyne & Redesdale: Otterburn Village Trail and Fawdon Hill

Grade: Moderate Length: 3 mile (5 km) Time: 2 hours Map: OS Explorer OL42 Kielder Water & Forest



**O.S Grid Reference:** NY 887 928

**Start at:** Otterburn Mill car park

**Toilets:** Otterburn Mill

**Local Services:** Otterburn and Rothbury

**Nearest National Park Centre:**  
Rothbury

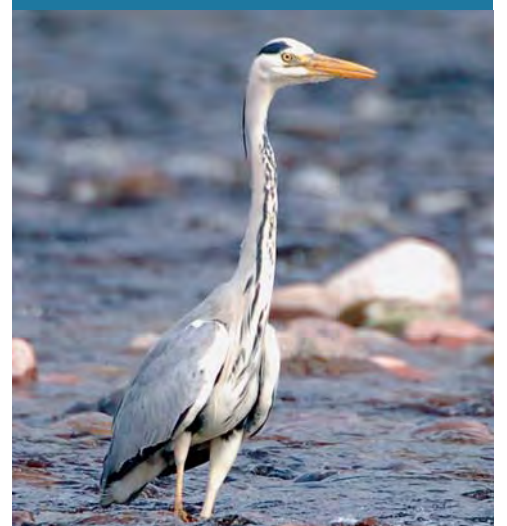
**Terrain:** Road and grassy paths, may be muddy with some slight inclines

**Description:** A lovely walk up the Otter Burn with the option of walking up Fawdon Hill Iron Age hillfort

**Wildlife to look out for:** Otter if you are really lucky. Birds include heron, grey wagtail, dipper, curlew, skylark and buzzard. In the silver birch woodland you may see betony, meadowsweet and harebell.

**The Otterburn Ranges (Ministry of Defence):** You may hear the distant sound of military training from Otterburn Ranges on this walk. For further information log onto:  
[www.otterburnranges.co.uk](http://www.otterburnranges.co.uk)

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Heron

**A** Leave the car park through the wicket gate by the National Park interpretation panel and cross the field to the footbridge. Go over the footbridge and turn right following the well worn path up to the road, keeping the Otter Burn on your left and the fence on your right. Cross over the main road, turn left and then right following the fingerpost signed 'Otterburn Hall 1 mile.'

**B** Carry on along the footpath, upstream, keeping the fence on your left and the Otter Burn on your right. Pass through the kissing gate and continue along the well-worn path.

**C** The path runs alongside the burn to a second kissing gate. Cross over the two sleeper bridges and continue on through the small area of birch woodland, the village sports field is on your left. Go through the wicket gate in the fence ahead. Follow the path straight ahead through the field to the kissing gate leading out onto the road by the house.

**D** Turn right along the road, after 100 metres turn right, through the gate at the fingerpost signed 'Otterburn Village Trail.' Continue on the track over the sleeper bridge and up to the left, keeping the fence, then the wall on your right. On reaching the corner of the wall turn right and carry on to the field gate in the wall straight ahead.

**\* ROUTE UP FAWDON HILL** - Turn left at the gate and follow the field wall and then the fence, on your right, up hill. Go through the gate at the top and continue on for approximately 100 metres. You are now at the top of Fawdon Hill Iron Age hillfort. Retrace your steps back down hill to the field gate in the wall at Point E.

**E** Go through the gate in the wall and continue straight on, keeping the wall on your right. At the corner of the wall follow the track down, with the fence on your right, to the wooden gates at Girsonfield Farm. Pass through the gates and turn left onto the farm road. Continue along this road down to Otterburn village.

**F** On reaching the main road turn right along the footpath and cross over the road carefully, before the road bridge. Take the footpath back along the Otter Burn, which is on your right, back to Otterburn Mill car park.

### A little bit of history:

The summit of Fawdon Hill contains the remains of an Iron Age hillfort where a timber roundhouse would have stood.

A visit to the Percy Arms Hotel reminds us that in 1388 Henry Hotspur the then Lord Percy, Duke of Northumberland, took on Scottish rival James, Earl of Douglas in the bloody Battle of Otterburn. Partly fought in moonlight, it was victory for the Scots.

Otterburn Tower Hotel stands on the site of a fortified tower or pele house that was built to keep families safe from clan rivalry, known as border reiving in the 13th to 17th century in this area.



Otterburn village



### Otterburn Mill

Otterburn Mill is a great day out whatever the weather. Built in the 18th century the Mill used the natural resources of sheep wool and water power to produce Otterburn Tweed. On the birth of Princess Elizabeth in 1926 Buckingham Palace contacted Otterburn Mill requesting a small rug to be made to fit the royal pram. Today, the Mill offers stress free shopping, a coffee shop with good home baking and local tourist information. The shop, which is housed in the original mill buildings, sells a wide range of products including high quality mens and ladies clothing, outdoor clothing, woollen goods and gifts. Parking at Otterburn Mill is free. [www.otterburnmill.co.uk](http://www.otterburnmill.co.uk)



Otter and tracks in mud



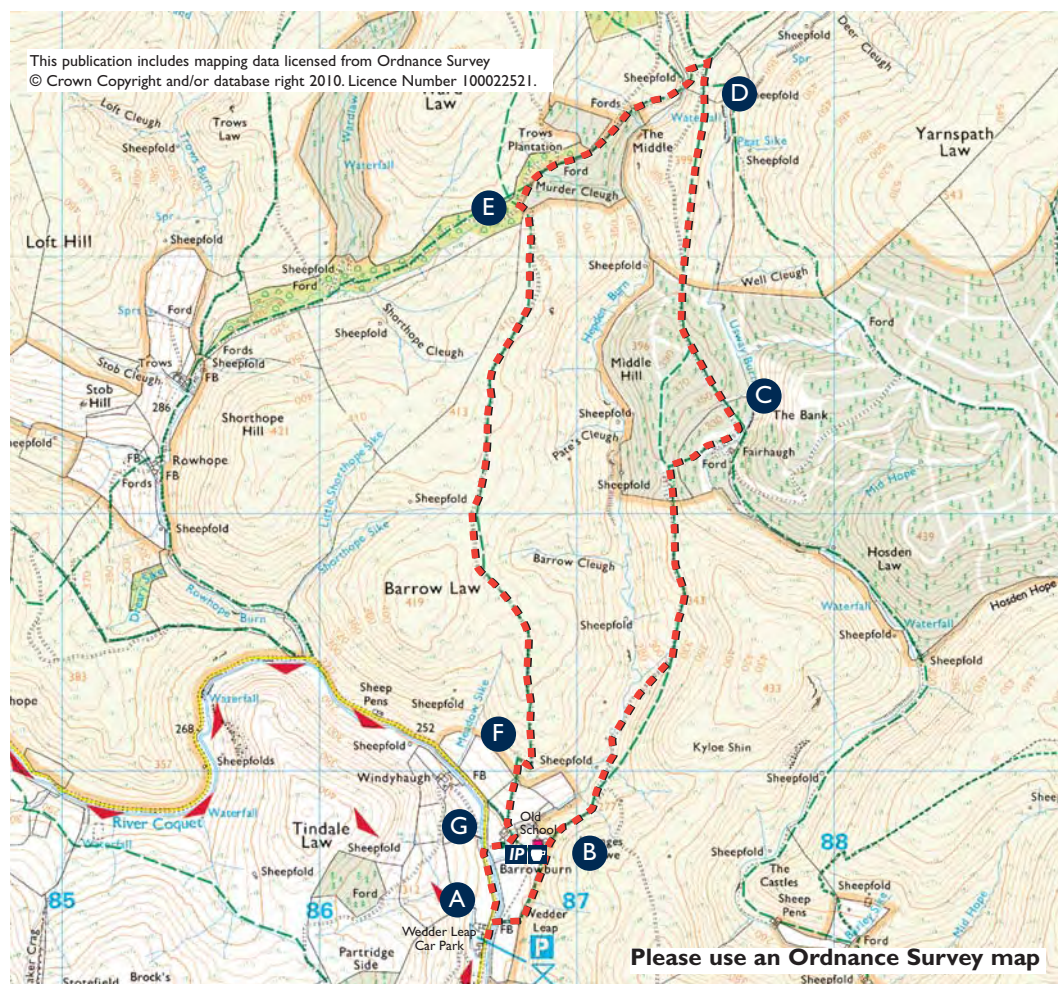
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## Coquetdale: Barrowburn and Barrow Law

**Grade:** Strenuous **Length:** 5 miles (8.2 km) **Time:** 2 hours 30mins **Map:** OS Explorer OL 16 The Cheviot Hills



**A** Turn left out of the car park along the road and cross the small footbridge over the River Coquet at the deep pool known as Wedder Leap. Go through the gate and follow the fence line on your left up to the corner of the field. Go through the gate and follow the tumbled dry stone wall up past the hay meadow to the Deer Hut and the Old School.

**B** Join the gravel track following it uphill, before descending into the valley alongside Hepden Burn. Climb steeply uphill on the track out of the valley and onto more level ground. Cross the ladder stile and take the track straight ahead into the forest. Head downhill to Usway Burn. Fairhaugh, originally a Shepherd's cottage is on the far side.

**C** With the burn still on your right keep following the track around to the left, and head uphill into the forest. At the hilltop follow the track right

and downhill. Go over the ladder stile out of the forest. After 50 metres turn right onto a narrow path which skirts gently around the side of the hill.

**D** Cross the stile and head straight ahead for 50 metres, then turn left down a sunken grassy track to the Hepden Burn. Cross the burn and go through the gate, following the track uphill to the main forest track.

**E** Follow the forest track left to the end of the plantation. Turn left and go through the gate. After 20 metres turn right onto a grassy track and follow this over the brow of the hill. Follow the main track as it skirts left of Barrow Law, and head downhill, passing between two large boulders that were an old field boundary.

**F** As the track comes over the crest of the hill, Barrowburn Farm is ahead and Shillhope Law on the left. Keep following the grassy track as it winds its way down hill. Go through the gate and across the

**O.S Grid Reference:** NT 866 103

**Start at:** Wedder Leap car park

**Toilets:** Alwinton - National Park car park

**Local Services:** Rothbury

**Nearest National Park Centre:** Rothbury

**Terrain:** Footpaths, tracks and forest rides with some steep slopes, may be muddy

**Description:** Invigorating half day family hill walk with stunning views ending up at a farmhouse tea room

**Wildlife to look out for:** In June and July the haymeadows come into bloom with cranesbill, eyebright, knapweed and yellow rattle, the mountain bumblebee can also be seen. Swallow and house martin are around the farm, goldfinch, twite and linnet over the meadow. Roe deer and red squirrel in the woodland, adder higher up in the hills, with salmon and trout in the rivers and burns.

**Hill Safety:** The route involves exposed hill sections where there is little shelter. Strong walking boots and suitable clothing must be worn and food, water and compass should be carried at all times. The weather here can change very quickly at any time of year.

hay meadow to the farm buildings and the wind turbine.

**G** At the farm road turn right and go past Barrowburn Farmhouse Tea Room. Turn left onto the main road and follow it back to the car park at Wedder Leap.

### A little bit of history:

Wedder Leap is a long deep pool in the River Coquet that has a local tale associated with it. During mosstrooping days a 'lifter' carried away a nice plump 'wedder' from the flock grazing on a nearby hillside. Struggling with the 'wedder' tied around his neck the sheep stealer decided that his only chance of escaping the owner, who was giving chase, was to leap the chasm over the River Coquet near where the footbridge is today. His feet touched the opposite bank, but the 'wedder' around his neck dragged him backwards into the murky depths of the pool below and never to be seen again.



Linnet



Barrowburn hay meadow in bloom

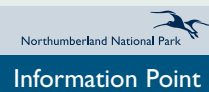


Mountain bumblebee on knapweed



## Information Point Barrowburn Tea Room

Truly a get away from it all place. Situated next to the River Coquet high up the Upper Coquet Valley and located in the main farmhouse of Barrowburn Farm, the Tea Room provides a place to take the weight off your feet, listen to the stream running past the front door and the opportunity to refresh yourself with some delicious home baking, washed down with a cup of strong farmhouse tea or a cold drink. [www.barrowburn.com/tearoom](http://www.barrowburn.com/tearoom)





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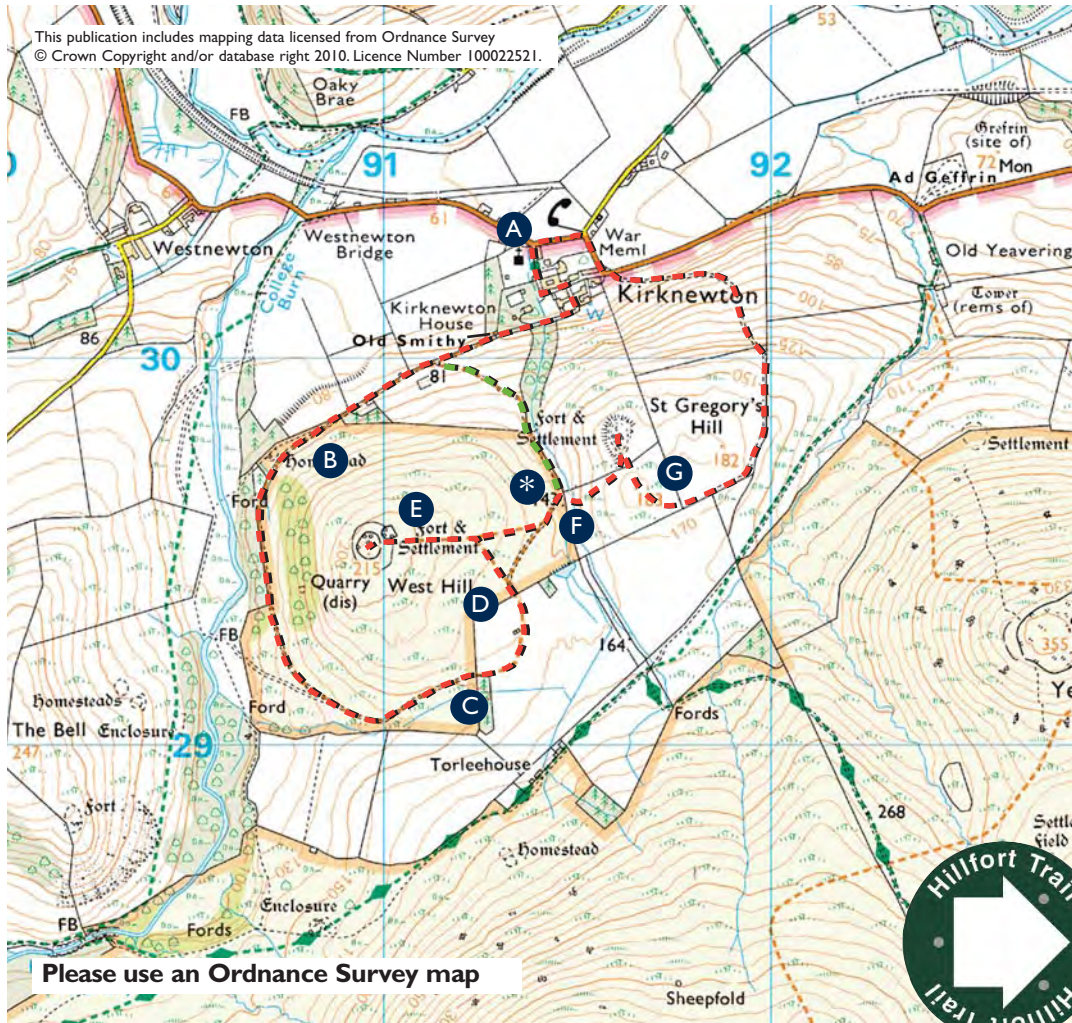


## The Cheviots: Kirknewton West Hill and St Gregory's Hill

Grade: Moderate Length: 3 miles (5km) Time: 2 - 3 hours Map: OS Explorer OL 16 The Cheviot Hills



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**O.S Grid Reference:** NT 913 302

**Start at:** Kirknewton village hall, please park considerately and do not block any gates

**Toilets:** Kirknewton village hall

**Local Services:** Wooler and Milfield

**Nearest National Park Centre:** Ingram

**Terrain:** Footpaths and tracks, some short steep inclines, may be muddy

**Description:** A waymarked hillfort trail that follows permissive footpaths across working farmland, please keep to the footpath. Lovely views of the Cheviot Hills.

**Wildlife to look out for:** Wild Cheviot goats roaming the hills, common buzzard, curlew, skylark and hares lying low in the grass

**Well worth a visit:** St Gregory Church and churchyard has a memorial to the Victorian campaigner for women's rights, Josephine Butler (1828 - 1906), there are also memorials to 12 airmen killed in the Cheviots during the second world war

**Hill Safety:** Strong walking boots and suitable clothing should be worn



Hare

**A** With Kirknewton Village Hall on your left and St Gregory's Church on your right follow the track up through the village, past the Old Smithy. Keep to the track following it uphill and passing the ruined shepherds cottage on your left.

**B** Keep to the left track as it curves around the hillside, with the College Burn below on your right. Follow the track around to the sunnier south side of West Hill.

**C** Go through the gate and cross the field heading upwards and past the ruined cottage on your left, to a stile. Cross the stile.

**D** Take the path on the left uphill to the top of West Hill where you will find

the remains of an Iron Age hillfort. There are lovely views of the Cheviot Hills from here.

**E** Retrace your steps from the top to half way down the hill. Take the left path and rejoin the main footpath at the bottom of the hill.

**\*** From here you can either return by the track back to Kirknewton.

**F** Or, head towards the stile at the top of the field wall by the burn. Cross the burn and follow the path up St Gregory's Hill where you will find the stone ramparts of another hillfort and further views of the Cheviot Hills.

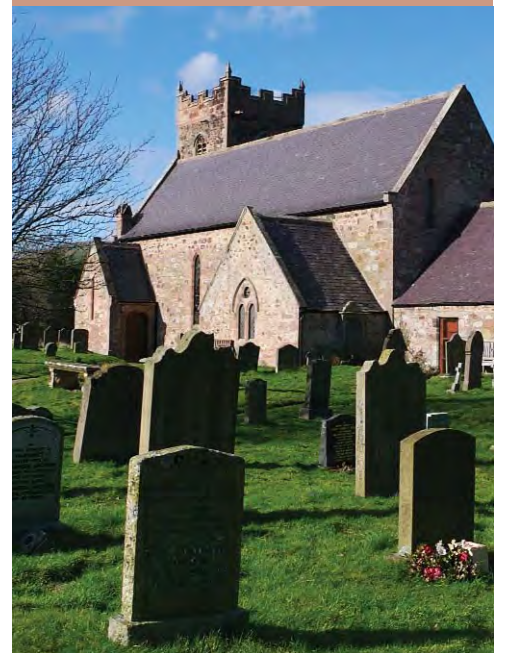
**G** Come down the hill along the way-marked track around the east side of

St Gregory's Hill and head back towards the village. Go through the gate and turn left and walk back along the road to the village.

### A little bit of history:

People have probably lived in this area for over 5000 years! Signs of this include the ridge and furrow markings on the ground just west of West Hill.

Hillforts were built by Ancient Britons over 2000 years ago during the Iron Age. Each had ramparts of earth or stone enclosing an area where timber roundhouses once stood. At West Hill you can see the footings of stone roundhouses built during Roman times, long after the hillfort was abandoned. The stone ramparts on St Gregory's Hill are more elaborate on the west side facing West Hill, perhaps to impress the neighbours!



St Gregory Church, Kirknewton



### The Good Life Shop

Situated on Wooler High Street this delicatessen specialising in wholesome food sells a fantastic range of cheese, groceries, puddings, cakes, meats, teas and coffees as well as gluten free, wheat free, organic and vegetarian products. It also offers an online shopping service which can be delivered to your door, or picked up direct from the shop. [www.goodlifewooler.co.uk](http://www.goodlifewooler.co.uk)



### Gear for Girls

If you run, walk, bike, climb or ski, and are a girl then this is the shop for you. It stocks some of the top women's brands for outdoor activities. If you need any advice then visit the shop on Wooler High Street. [www.gearforgirls.co.uk](http://www.gearforgirls.co.uk)



Wild Cheviot goat



# The Otterburn Ranges

Northumberland National Park



The Otterburn Ranges are one of England's remotest upland areas and have been used for military training since 1911. They also lie within Northumberland National Park. The 90 square miles of range provides a realistic environment for training more than 30,000 NATO troops every year, as well as offering visitors the chance to enjoy miles of tranquil walks and rides in some breathtaking scenery, the landscape is rich in history, folklore and wildlife, from herons and dippers to owls, buzzards and even wild goats.

## There are two zones where different access arrangements apply:-

**The Open Access Area** covers the Upper Coquet Valley and hills to the north up to the border ridges and part of the Grasslees Valley up to Darden Lough in the south. Visitors are free to explore this area on foot, by bicycle or on horseback, on the bridleways any day of the year. You may see soldiers training but they will not be using live ammunition - though they may use blank ammunition and pyrotechnics.

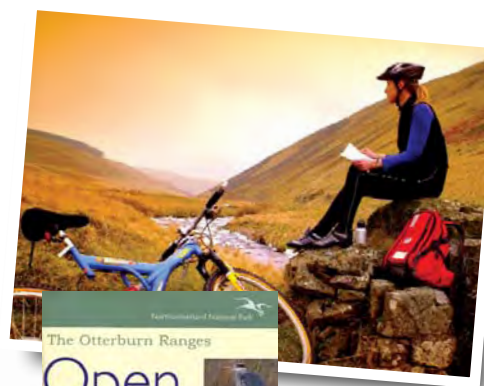
**The Controlled Access Area** is an upland area of hills, moors wooded valleys and farmland lying south and west of the Coquet Valley.

When **RED** flags are flying on the perimeter of this area (around 250 days of the year) the roads are closed to visitors - training with live ammunition and artillery is taking place. On non firing days you can drive, ride or walk along the dedicated paths and bridleways.

**Firing Notices** are published fortnightly in advance and posted in all our National Park Centres and Local Post Offices. Live firing is suspended during lambing (Mid April - Mid May), over Bank holiday weekends including Christmas and New Year, and for at least one weekend each month.

Leaflets with full details of the access areas and maps with various routes for walkers, cyclists and horse are available from all our National Park Centres.

**REMEMBER:** Obey all signs and red flags. Do not touch or pick up any military objects lying on the ground. **IF IN ANY DOUBT ABOUT ACCESS** please contact Range Control on **+44 (0)1830 520569** or visit: **www.otterburnranges.co.uk**



The Otterburn Ranges  
**Open ACCESS AREA**

The Otterburn Ranges  
**Controlled ACCESS AREA**

Pick up a leaflet from any of our National Park Centres

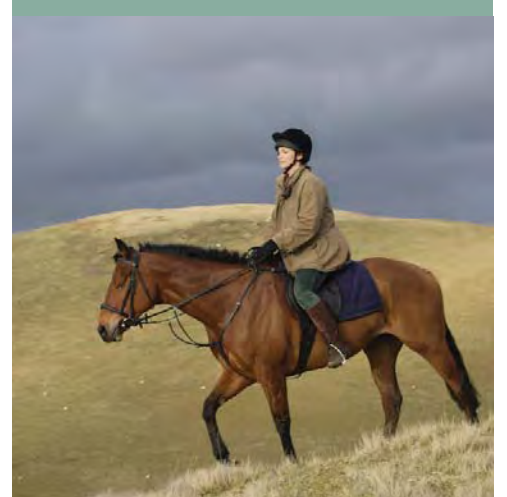
The Otterburn Ranges  
**Access MAP & GUIDE**



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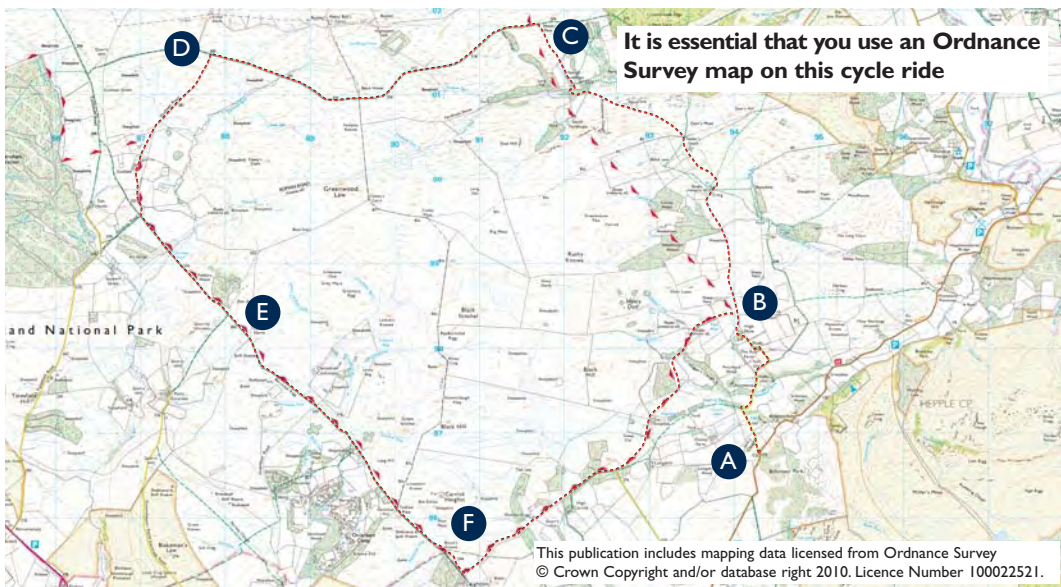
Horse riding in the Open Access Area of the Otterburn Ranges, on bridleways and roads

## A bike ride over the Otterburn Ranges

### Coquetdale: The Bastle Circuit Bike Ride

**Grade:** Strenuous | **Length:** 16 miles (7 km) | **Time:** 2.5 hours | **Map:** OS Explorer OL 16 The Cheviot Hills

**Important Note:** This bike route goes through the Otterburn Ranges Controlled Access Area. **When red flags are flying access is CLOSED.** When no red flags are flying keep to the roads, and obey all signs.



It is essential that you use an Ordnance Survey map on this cycle ride

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**O.S Grid Reference:** NT 913 302

**Start at:** National Park car park at Billsmoorfoot on the B6341

**Toilets:** Otterburn

**Local Services:** Rothbury and Otterburn

**Nearest National Park Centre:** Rothbury

**Terrain:** Roads, with some long climbs, you will need a road bike with low gears!

**Description:** A circular route to the heart of the Training area, and the CONTROLLED ACCESS AREA passing ancient Bastles

**A** Take the side road by the car park and interpretation panel at Billsmoorfoot and enter the Otterburn Ranges Training Area. Head north for 4.5 miles (7 km) past The Raw Bastle and High Shaw Bastle.

**B** Keep to the right road to Craig Bastle.

**C** Turn left onto the 'Burma Road'. Head west for 2.7 miles (4.5 km).

**D** Take the left to descend 1.2 miles (2 km) past Dudlees Farm.

**E** At the fork in the road keep left for 3.7 miles (6 km), and take the left at Leighton Hill.

**F** A steep descent and ascent takes you 1.2 miles (2 km) to High Carrick. Continue north east for 1.2 miles (2km), past Ironhouse Bastle on your left and turn left at point B back past High Shaw and The Raw Bastles, down 0.9 miles (1.5km) back to Billsmoorfoot.

See if you can spot rare black grouse on the Otterburn Ranges!



Red flag flying - **No Access** to this Bike Route today!



Cycling on the Otterburn Range - only when the red flag is not flying



The Raw Bastle, a fortified farmhouse



# Wild and Wonderful

Northumberland National Park



## Hadrian's Wall



This area is dominated by the dramatic whin sill ridge along which Hadrian's Wall is built. This rock was here 295 million years before the Romans! Look out for rare whin grassland with species such as wild chive and biting stonecrop. Below the rocky ridge are deep peat habitats where sphagnum moss, bog rosemary and bog asphodel grow. Birds such as golden plover and dunlin can be seen, together with the large heath butterfly. Loughs (fresh water glacial lakes) are also found here, look out for whooper swan, golden eye, teal and wintering geese. The loughs are also home to native white-clawed crayfish.

## North Tyne & Redesdale



Native broad leaved woodlands at Hareshaw Linn and Donkleywood are home to red squirrel and roe deer. Internationally important upland hay meadows are full of flowers around Greenhaugh in June and July. Look out for purple wood cranesbill, scabious, melancholy thistle, yellow rattle, ox-eye daisies and eyebright. The rivers are home to salmon, with the River Tyne now considered the best salmon river in England! In the River Rede live fresh water pearl mussels.

## Coquetdale



Heather moorland can be found on the fell sandstone ridges at Darden Lough, Simonside and Harbottle. This habitat is home to red grouse and emperor moth and green tiger beetle as well as plants such as bilberry, cowberry and crowberry. Grasslees Valley has native woodland including alders lining the riverbanks. Barn owls are doing well here thanks to the project to provide them with boxes to nest in. Hay meadows, particularly at Barrowburn are colourful in June and July. Moorland with heather and bogs and small amounts of woodland is good for black grouse, of which a few can still be found on the Otterburn Ranges.

## The Cheviots



The Cheviot Hills lie at the northern end of Northumberland National Park and form part of the boundary with Scotland. Formed as molten rock flowed out from deep in the earth, they are now rounded and smoothed by ice and water. The hills are covered in grass and heather, and are a glorious site in late summer when the heather blooms. The mountain bumblebee, the emperor moth and birds such as merlin and curlew are just a few of the species to look out for.

## Greenlee Lough - National Nature Reserve



Greylag goose, a winter resident

Northumberland National Park is blessed with a series of shallow, fresh-water lakes called loughs (pronounced 'loffs'), strung out along the central section of Hadrian's Wall. These are Broomlee Lough, Crag Lough and Greenlee Lough - all are European Special Areas of Conservation and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Greenlee Lough is also a National Nature Reserve.

Greenlee Lough is a vital refuelling stopover for many arctic birds, who spend the winter here from November to February or pass through on the way to the Solway estuary or Ireland. Winter residents include whooper swan, greylag, white fronted, pink footed and barnacle goose, as well as ducks such as goldeneye, goosander, pochard, widgeon and teal. Year round residents include mute swan, sedge and willow warbler, reed bunting and heron. Passing osprey have also been seen. Other wildlife spotted include otter, fox and roe deer, whilst fish include perch, roach and pike. Rare native white-clawed crayfish also live in the open water habitat. Locally rare pondweeds such as shining pondweed can be seen on the water. Fen vegetation fringing the lough include marsh cinquefoil, meadowsweet, marsh marigold, yellow flag iris and marsh valerian. The mire area of deeper peat is dominated by sphagnum moss, bog asphodel, cranberry, cotton grass and round leaved sundew. The large heath butterfly lives on the bog with their caterpillars feeding on cotton grass.

A five-hundred metre boardwalk was constructed by National Park Rangers and trainees from our Traditional Boundaries/Traditional Skills scheme to link Greenlee Lough, north of Hadrian's Wall to the public road by a new permissive footpath over farmland. This has been made possible through Higher Level Stewardship funds managed by Natural England. This access will protect the sensitive environment of the National Nature Reserve whilst encouraging visitors with a particular interest in nature to divert from Hadrian's Wall to spend a day enjoying the tranquillity, wildlife and inspiring landscape north of the Whin Sill ridge.



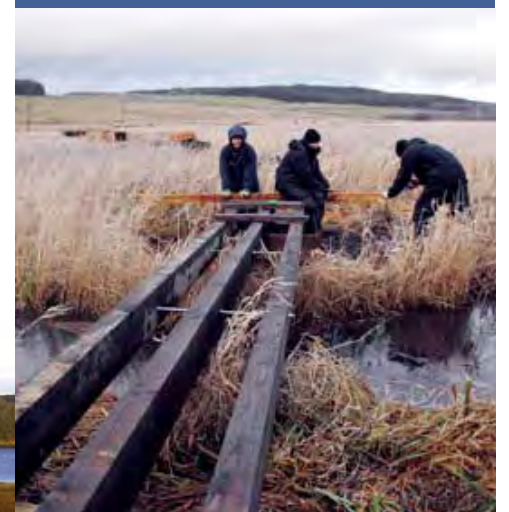
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Greenlee Lough Bird Hide



Large heath butterfly

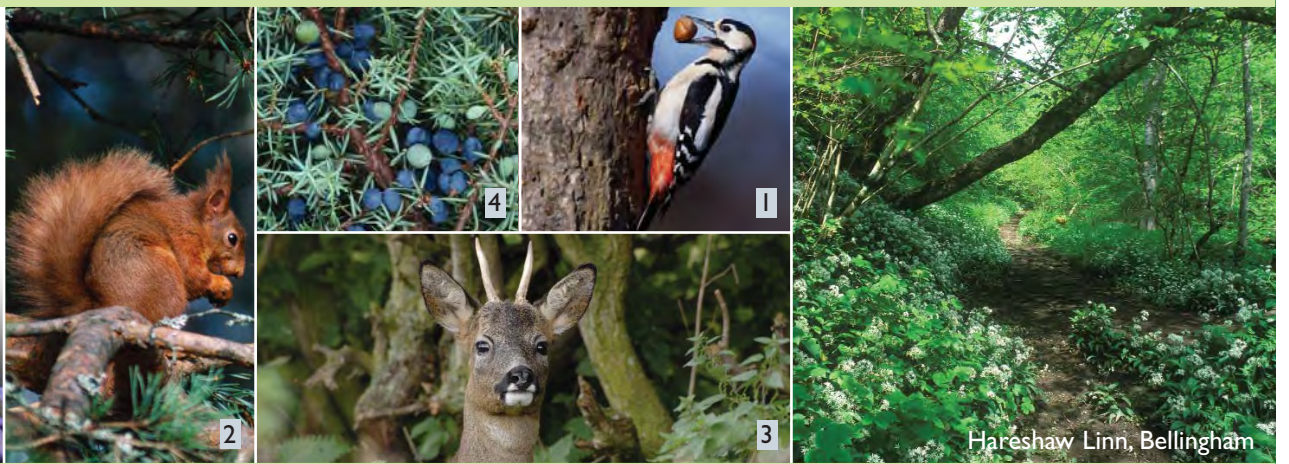


Rangers and TBTS trainees constructing the boardwalk at Greenlee Lough



## Ancient Woodland

Woods are part of the British landscape but many in Northumberland National Park have been cleared over the centuries and only fragments remain along rivers and in upland gullies and cleughs. These woodlands are great for lichens, birds and mammals such as great spotted woodpecker (1), badger, red squirrel (2) and roe deer (3). Aspen and juniper (4) are upland species that grow here. Wildflowers include wood anemone and bluebell (5).



Hareshaw Linn, Bellingham



## Rivers & Burns

Northumberland National Park contains some of the cleanest rivers and burns in the country (1). They are home to salmon (2), otter and plants such as water-crowfoot (3). Strange primitive fish called lamprey can also be found and birds such as dipper (4) and grey wagtail search for insects in the streams and along the riverbanks. Native white-clawed crayfish (5) can be found in many of the rivers.



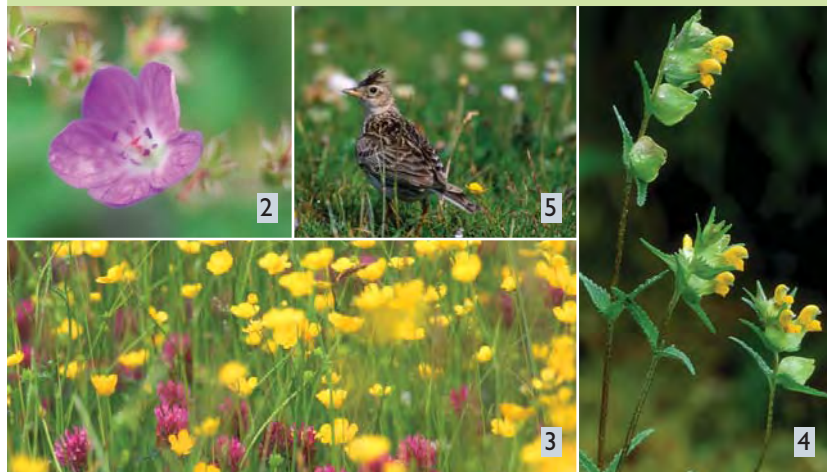
Linhope Spout, near Ingram

## Heather Moorland

In late summer Northumberland National Park is a purple haze when the heather flowers (1) are in bloom. Lots of insects and birds make their homes on moorland. The mountain bumblebee (2), emperor moth (3) and green tiger beetles can be seen amongst the heather and a small bird of prey, the merlin (4), sometimes makes its nest on the moorland. Look out also for short-eared owls and rare hen harrier. Curlews, the National Park emblem are found on the moorland edges.



The Simonside Hills



## Hay Meadows

A blaze of colour in summer, the few remaining flower rich meadows in Northumberland National Park are some of the best in Europe. Traditionally managed by farmers to provide a crop to feed their animals, these meadows (1) have developed into a haven for flowers and grasses. Plants you may see include wood cranesbill (2), ragged robin, buttercup (3), red clover (3) and yellow rattle (4). Skylark (5) often make nests on the ground in the meadows.



Greenhaugh

## Bogs

Northumberland National Park has some of the best bogs in the world! These peaty habitats are important in storing carbon to help protect against global warming and they also hold water in the uplands, preventing flooding downstream in urban areas. Carpets of sphagnum moss (1), cotton grass (2), cranberry (3) and bog rosemary, together with round leaved sundew (4), a carnivorous plant, can be found on some of the wettest bogs in the country here. Boardwalks have been constructed over Bell Crag Flow and Greenlee Lough in order to preserve the sensitive habitat.



Bell Crag Flow



## The Upland Farming Traineeship

Derek Proudlock, Southern Operations Manager of Northumberland National Park Authority said 'There is a crisis in upland farming. The impact caused by an ageing farming population and an exodus of young people from upland agriculture on rural communities and the countryside as we know it would be immense. Instead of thriving communities and the wide horizons and well-maintained scenery that characterises Northumberland National Park, we would see broken boundaries and rural dilapidation alongside dormitory villages.'

'To address the crisis, we have been fortunate in recruiting farmers from across the Northumberland uplands who are willing to provide placements and mentoring for our eight trainees in traditional upland farming skills. Initially the trainees will need support but as they grow in confidence they will begin to make a useful contribution to the operation of the farm. Trainees will gain valuable experience by working on several farms in rotation and sharing ideas and methods between the farms' said Derek.



Breamish Valley

## National Park's new hillfarm based training scheme

The Upland Farming Traineeship has been developed by Northumberland National Park Authority in conjunction with Northumberland College in response to local demand to keep traditional upland livestock farming skills in the countryside.

For the traineeship we have recruited eight people aged 16+ from both urban and rural locations.

Trainees will benefit from hands-on, farm-based training and mentoring by farmers and by the college that will lead to a work based diploma in livestock management from Northumberland College. In addition trainees will learn related skills such as tractor and all terrain vehicle driving and safety.

The trainees are employed by the National Park Authority during their traineeship and paid the national minimum wage for their age group. Most hill farms these days can no longer justify more than one worker, the farmer, so it is almost impossible to gain or pass on experience. The average age of upland farmers in Northumberland is 58, with many children of farming families opting for alternative careers. Only one in seven farmers have a planned succession for their farm.

The farming community are very concerned about where the next generation of farmers will come from. Our participating farmers have the opportunity to pass on valuable traditional skills and experience to another generation, which we are sure will begin to make a difference to the continuation of farming in the Northumberland uplands.



Luing cattle in the College Valley



Hill farming in The Cheviots

This course is funded by LandSkills North East as part of the Rural Development Programme for England. LandSkills North East is managed by Lantra on behalf of One North East:



traditional boundaries  
traditional skills

## TBTS Project Trainees 2010



**Front row, left to right:** Leigh Philp, Eve Leadley, Cara Saville, Graeme Gown, Nick Coward, Chris Davidson and Scott Iley.  
**Back row left to right:** Steve Falcus, Alex McKenzie and Michael Sevilla.

## Traditional Boundaries & Traditional Skills

The Traditional Boundaries/ Traditional Skills project has helped 37 graduates in its first four years, with a further 10 to graduate this year. The project has enabled people of all ages to acquire countryside skills in dry stone walling, hedging, fencing and footpath construction. This is the final year the project and its benefits can be seen throughout Northumberland National Park and the surrounding area.

The trainees complete the nationally recognised LANTRA/Dry Stone Walling Association examinations at the National Park site at Walltown on Hadrian's Wall.

Here they take the examination under identical conditions and last year after seven hours of intensive work it was all over. Happily it was another 100% pass rate for our eight 2009 trainees! You can see examples of their walling work at Walltown throughout the year.

On completing the project some of the successful trainees have set up businesses as self employed boundary management contractors. If you want more information log onto our web site for contacts.



Burt Hunter hedging trainer with a trainee

The 2009 trainees with examiners from the Dry Stone Walling Association of Great Britain. 100% success, CONGRATULATIONS to all!



A trainee dry stone walling





## The Cheviot Hills Heritage Project



The Cheviot Hills Heritage Project was a two year initiative running from November 2007 to 2009, working across the English-Scottish Border with the local communities in the Cheviot Hills to explore, research, record and celebrate the rich natural and cultural heritage of the area. The main communities involved were those circling the foothills of the Cheviots. They were Oxnam, Morebattle and Yetholm on the Scottish side, and Kirknewton, Wooler, Ingram and Alwinton on the English side.

The Project ran a series of asset mapping workshops, walks and talks which were attended by a wide variety of people who lived in the area, worked there or visited to walk, run, ride or simply enjoy the scenery. The final outcome from the Project was the *Cheviot Hills Heritage Atlas* which brought together the findings

from the last two years with the aim of encouraging local people to further explore their landscape and share their knowledge of the natural and cultural heritage of the Cheviots.

The Heritage Atlas is made up of three elements: the *Cheviot Hills Heritage Assets Map*, which shows the majority of the assets put forward by the community; the *Cheviot Hills Heritage Assets Sheet*, which lists all the assets and their community value and the *Cheviot Hills Heritage Atlas Book*, which provides a brief overview of the Cheviot Hills landscape and further information on some of the nominated assets.

Copies of the Heritage Atlas have been sent out to everyone who was involved with the Project and reference copies can be found at all our National Park Centres and local libraries.

Another major part of the project was the Routeways Study, research carried out by the Archaeological Practice. This study examined the changing nature of the five major cross Border routes running through the Cheviot area. The routes studied were *Dere Street*, *The Street*, *Clennell Street*, the *A697* and *St Cuthbert's Way*. A full copy of the final Routeways Study report, *The Anglo-Scottish Border Roads of the Cheviot Hills*, will be available to view and download from the Project website.

Research work was also carried out as part of the Alwinton Celebratory Event - 'Fishing on the Coquet'. Dr Craig Armstrong was commissioned to carry out research into the history of fishing and poaching on the River Coquet. The outcome of this work was several leaflets and published articles as well as a talk. The leaflets can be downloaded from the Project website.



The Border Ridge



Cheviot summit



Looking down Bowmont Valley in The Cheviots © Keith Robeson

The Cheviot Hills Heritage Project has been supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Northumberland National Park, Scottish Natural Heritage, Alnwick District Council, Berwick Borough Council, Scottish Borders Council and Northumberland County Council

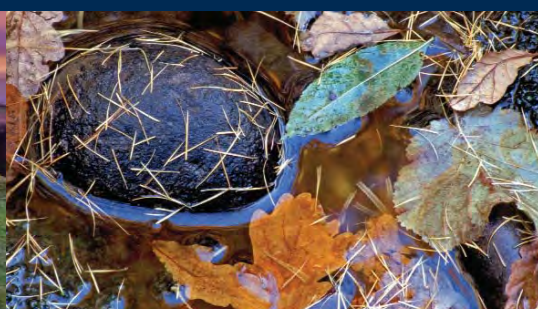
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## Must see! sceNE in Northumberland National Park



Walltown by Roger Clegg



Hareshaw Burn by Simon Fraser



Hare by Allan Potts

### A photography exhibition at The Biscuit Factory, Newcastle | 1 June - 30 August

**sceNE** shows you our countryside through the eyes of three master outdoor photographers, Roger Clegg, Simon Fraser and Allan Potts. They know the National Park well, walk the hills and valleys in winter and summer, in sunshine and storm. Come along and see the light on the hills, the water falling down the crags and know the places where the wild things are.

sceNE will show Northumberland National Park at its very best, why not come along and visit?

**Roger Clegg** lives in Hexham, near Hadrian's Wall, the place that has become his abiding passion. Roger embraced photography professionally after a career in business and then as a lecturer. He captures the contrasting moods and timeless scenes of Hadrian's Wall from coast to coast.  
[www.hadrianswallcountry.com](http://www.hadrianswallcountry.com)

**Simon Fraser** is a professional photographer who lives in the National Park near Bellingham. He specialises in science, nature and the environment, with his work used in the Science Photo and National Trust

Photo Library. 'I love the sense of space and distance, the far horizons, and the intricate details of the fells, valleys and woodlands'.  
[www.simonfraserphoto.com](http://www.simonfraserphoto.com)

**Allan Potts** has been involved in wildlife photography for the past forty years. Being a farmer brings him close to nature at his own back door. Specialising in panoramic images of the natural world, he brings an artistic interpretation to his photographs with computer imaging creating an extended vision beyond what we see in his fine art prints.



Roger Clegg won the Northumberland National Park prize in the 'Landscape Photographer of the Year Awards 2009', with this photograph of Sycamore Gap on Hadrian's Wall.

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## Free walks for all ages with National Park Voluntary Rangers

### in Northumberland National Park

Once again this summer, our Voluntary Rangers will be out and about at a number of National Park locations, to share some of the knowledge and stories they have about our landscape, wildlife and history. These Voluntary Ranger led walks are free of charge and are an ideal way of getting into the great outdoors for a half day. Families and people of all ages are welcome. **There is no need to book, just turn up on the day.**

**Dogs:** Only registered assistant dogs please.

For further information about these walks or to download a leaflet log onto:  
[www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/events](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/events)



#### Ingram The Cheviots

**From:** National Park Centre at Ingram, Breamish Valley NE66 4LT

#### Ingram/Breamish Valley WALK A, B or C

Sunday 11 July  
Sunday 18 July  
Sunday 25 July  
Sunday 1 August  
Wednesday 4 August  
Wednesday 11 August  
Sunday 15 August  
Sunday 22 August  
Sunday 29 August

Start: 1pm  
**NOTE:** The walk takes into account the weather and the nature/ability of the group, it is the Voluntary Rangers decision on the day.

**WALK A:** From NP Centre via Wether Hill. Gentle ascent and quite a steep descent.  
**Distance:** 3 miles, 2 hours

**WALK B:** From NP Centre via Wether Hill and Fawdon. Gentle hills to ascend.  
**Distance:** 5 miles, 3 hours

**WALK C:** From NP Centre via Wether Hill, Cochrane Pike and Middle Dean returning via Brough Law.  
**Distance:** 5 miles, 3 hours



#### Catcleugh Reservoir North Tyne & Redesdale

**From:** The entrance to Catcleugh Reservoir near Byrness NE19 1TX

#### The Black House & Catcleugh Reservoir

Sunday 18 July  
Sunday 25 July  
Sunday 1 August  
Sunday 8 August  
Sunday 15 August  
Sunday 22 August  
Sunday 29 August  
Find out about life at Calcleugh Reservoir over 100 years ago by visiting the restored cabin, The Black House, home of one of hundreds of work-men.  
Start: 11am & 2pm  
Distance: 1.5 mile, 1 hour

#### Lordenshaws Coquetdale

**From:** National Park car park at Lordenshaws, Simonside NE61 4PU

#### Explore Simonside

Wednesday 21 July  
Sunday 25 July  
Wednesday 28 July  
Sunday 8 August  
Sunday 15 August  
Sunday 29 August  
Walk up to The Beacon and Simonside tops.  
Start: 1pm  
Distance: 4 miles, 2-3 hours



#### Greenlee Lough Hadrian's Wall

**From:** Greenlee Lough National Nature Reserve car park  
OS Grid Ref: NY 748 690  
Parking: There is only room for 2-3 cars here, you may have to park at the National Park car park at Steel Rigg, and walk to the Reserve car park

#### Birds of Marsh and Moor

Sunday 6 June  
Start: 9am  
Distance: 2.5 miles, 4 hours

#### Hunt for Wild Flowers

Wednesday 21 July  
Start: 11am  
Distance: 2.7 miles, 3 hours



#### Once Brewed Hadrian's Wall

**From:** National Park Centre at Once Brewed NE47 7AN

#### PATROL\*

Sunday 4 April  
Start: 11am  
Distance: 8 miles, 4.5 hours

#### PATROL\*

Sunday 30 May  
Start: 11am  
Distance: 4.4 miles, 3 hours

#### Crags & Loughs

Sunday 11 July  
Sunday 1 August  
Sunday 29 August  
Sunday 12 September  
Start: 11am  
Distance: 4.4 miles, 3 hours

#### Romans & Ruins

**PATROL\***  
Sunday 22 August  
Start: 11am  
Distance: 8 miles, 4.5 hours

**\*PATROLS:** These are longer walks by Voluntary Rangers. Please feel free to dip in and out of these.



#### Walltown Hadrian's Wall

**From:** National Park car park Walltown CA8 7JD

#### A walk through time along Hadrian's Wall

Sunday 4 July  
Sunday 8 August  
Start: 11am  
Distance: 2.9 miles, 2 hours

#### Forts & Castles

**PATROL\***  
Sunday 18 July  
Sunday 5 September  
Start: 11am  
Distance: 7.8 miles, 5 hours

Sunday 25 July  
**Forts & Flowers**  
**PATROL\***  
Start: 11am  
Distance: 5.8 miles, 4 hours

#### Rocks, Romans & Reivers

Sunday 4 July  
Sunday 8 August  
Start: 2pm  
Distance: 3.2 miles, 2 hours

**Forts & Flowers**  
Sunday 15 August  
Start: 11am  
Distance: 5.8 miles, 4 hours

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### • INDEPENDENT ACTIVITY PROVIDERS •

#### Peter McEwen of Walk Northumbria

For further walks:  
[www.walknorthumbria.co.uk](http://www.walknorthumbria.co.uk)  
Advance booking essential

**Freedom**  
Saturday 15 May  
Start: 10am, £10 per person  
Distance: 9-13 mile, 6 hour  
Strenuous guided walk in hills around the College Valley.

**Celtic Encounter**  
Saturday 11 September  
Start: 10am, £10 per person  
Distance: 9-13 mile, 6-7 hour  
Strenuous guided walk in hills around the Ingram Valley.

**Wooler Walk Weekend**  
Friday 29 - Sunday 31 Oct  
Based at Wooler Youth Hostel, with daily guided walks into the Cheviot Hills.  
[www.wooler.org.uk](http://www.wooler.org.uk)

#### HadriansWall Ltd Guided Bike & Hike Days Out

For further details:  
[www.hadrianswall.ltd.uk](http://www.hadrianswall.ltd.uk)  
Advance booking essential

**Guided Bike & Hike**  
Bank Holiday Weekends:  
Sunday 4th April  
Sunday 2nd May  
Sunday 30th May  
Sunday 29th August  
Guided bike ride from Steel Rigg along country lanes and an off-road section. A guided tour of the Roman Army Museum followed by a walk back to Once Brewed along the Wall.  
**Note:** A degree of fitness is necessary (8 mile bike ride followed by 6 mile walk).  
**Included:**  
• Bike & equipment  
• Guide (all day)  
• Museum entry  
Cost: £40 per person

#### Jon Monks of Shepherds Walks

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**Full Year Guided Walks Programme**  
Most weeks throughout year.

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Saturday 6 March  
Saturday 10 July  
Saturday 2 October  
Learn how to use a map and compass.

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Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 June  
Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 Oct

Saturday 4 September  
**Kielder Challenge Walk**  
26 Mile challenge walk around Kielder Reservoir.  
[www.kielderwalking.co.uk](http://www.kielderwalking.co.uk)

#### Ollie Jay of Active4Seasons

For further walks:  
[www.active4seasons.co.uk](http://www.active4seasons.co.uk)  
Advance booking essential

**Open Canoe Trips**  
Wednesday 7 April  
Monday 3 May  
Start: 10am & 2pm  
From Ford to Etal through the beautiful Till Valley. Suitable for beginners. \*

**Canoe Trips**  
Sundays in August: 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29  
Thursdays in August: 5, 12, 19 & 26  
Full and 1/2 day canoe trips on the Rivers Till or Tweed throughout the summer. \*

**Note:** \* Booking essential. Under 14's half price. All under 18's must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

#### Martin Kitching of Northern Experience Wildlife Tours

For further details:  
[www.newtltd.co.uk](http://www.newtltd.co.uk)  
Advance booking essential

**Birds of the Breamish Valley**  
Sunday 25 April  
Start: National Park Centre at Ingram  
Time: 9am  
Cost: £15 adult, £9 child

**Dawn Chorus Walk**  
Saturday 1 May  
Start: Harthope Valley  
Time: 5am  
Cost: £15 adult, £9 child

**Close-up Photography Outdoor Workshop**  
Sunday 13 June  
Start: Greenlee Lough  
Time: 9am  
Cost: £30 adult, £15 child

#### Other events in Northumberland

The following organisations offer many varied events throughout the year. Please visit their websites for further information:

**Northumberland Wildlife Trust**  
[www.nwt.org.uk](http://www.nwt.org.uk)

**The National Trust**  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

**English Heritage**  
[www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)

**Forestry Commission**  
[www.forestry.gov.uk](http://www.forestry.gov.uk)

**Hadrian's Wall Country**  
[www.hadrians-wall.org](http://www.hadrians-wall.org)

**Kielder Water & Forest Park**  
[www.visitkielder.com](http://www.visitkielder.com)





## MARCH

**Coffee Shop Walks in Northumberland**  
Wednesday's (at 11am)  
4 March – 20 May  
T: 07777 688105

### illuminating Hadrian's Wall

13 March

This will be a spectacular line of light from coast to coast, along the length of Hadrian's Wall. This once in a lifetime event will follow the route of the 84 mile long Hadrian's Wall Path National Trail. There will be around 500 individual points of light, with the first one being illuminated at Wallsend in the North East, with the line of light then making its way along the Wall to Bowness-on-Solway in Cumbria over the following hour.  
[www.illuminatinghadrianswall.com](http://www.illuminatinghadrianswall.com)



### Kielder Festival of Lanterns

20 March

Join the first ever magical lantern festival.  
[www.visitkielder.com](http://www.visitkielder.com)

## APRIL

### Cheviot Summit - Northumberland Fell Runners

25 April

[www.northumberlandfellrunners.co.uk](http://www.northumberlandfellrunners.co.uk)

### Haltwhistle Spring Walking Festival

24 April - 3 May

Guided Walks for all ages and all levels of fitness over the week. Cost will vary as will venues and start times.  
[www.haltwhistlewalkingfestival.org](http://www.haltwhistlewalkingfestival.org)



## MAY

**Bellingham All Acoustic Music Festival**  
1 - 2 May  
[www.baclub.co.uk](http://www.baclub.co.uk)

### Haltwhistle Challenge

8 May

Challenging walk on way-marked routes, with controls and checkpoints.  
[www.haltwhistlewalkingfestival.org](http://www.haltwhistlewalkingfestival.org)

### Clennell Hall Folk Festival (Alwinton)

14 - 16 May

Northumbrian music with a bit of international flavour.  
[www.clennellhallhotel.com](http://www.clennellhallhotel.com)

### Northumberland County Show (Corbridge)

31 May

Agricultural show, crafts, dog show and lots more.  
[www.northcountyshow.co.uk](http://www.northcountyshow.co.uk)

### Thrift & Thread

21 - 23 May

A contemporary craft tour.  
[www.greenheadvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.greenheadvillagehall.org.uk)

## JUNE

### Visual Arts & Rural Communities

5 June

[www.varc.org.uk](http://www.varc.org.uk)

**Must see!**

**sceNE Photographic Exhibition**  
11 June - 30 August  
At: The Biscuit Factory, Newcastle (FREE entry)  
An exhibition of stunning landscape and wildlife photographs of the National Park.  
[www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)

### Tynedale Beer Festival (Corbridge)

17 - 19 June

[www.tynedalebeerfestival.co.uk](http://www.tynedalebeerfestival.co.uk)



## JUNE

**Rothbury Walking Festival**  
19 June - 26 June  
16 Guided Walks over 8 days.  
[www.rothburywalking.co.uk](http://www.rothburywalking.co.uk)

### Roman Wall Show (Steel Rigg on Hadrian's Wall)

12 June

Agricultural show and fell race.  
[www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)

## JULY

### Brinkburn Priory Summer Music Festival

2 - 4 July & 9 - 11 July

Classical Music festival.  
[www.brinkburnmusic.org](http://www.brinkburnmusic.org)

### The Black House & Catcleugh Reservoir

3 July

Start: The entrance to Catcleugh Reservoir near Byrness, NE19 1TX  
Find out about life at Calcleugh Reservoir over 100 years ago by visiting the restored cabin, The Black House, home of one of hundreds of work-men.  
Start: 11am & 1.30pm  
Distance: 1.5 mile, 1 hour  
[www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)

### Rothbury Traditional Music Festival

16 - 18 July

Featuring pipes, fiddles, guitars, folk singing and dialect poetry.  
[www.rothbury-traditional-music.co.uk](http://www.rothbury-traditional-music.co.uk)

### Otterburn Mill Festival (Otterburn Mill)

17 - 18 July

Family festival.  
[www.otterburnmill.co.uk](http://www.otterburnmill.co.uk)

### Glendale Festival (Wooler)

Sunday 25 July

Music and events.  
[www.wooler.org.uk](http://www.wooler.org.uk)

### National Parks Week

26 July - 1 August

Celebrate cultural heritage in National Parks across the UK. Join us for events over the week in Northumberland.  
[www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)



## AUGUST

**Alnwick International Music Festival**  
31 July - 7 August  
Folk music and dancing in Alnwick market place.  
T: +44 (0)1665 511333

### Greenhead Duck Day

1 August

Good family day out.

### Redefest (Rochester)

7 August

Music and events.

### Powburn Show & Sheepdog Trials

7 August

[www.powburnshow.co.uk](http://www.powburnshow.co.uk)

### Gilsland Show

8 August

[www.gilslandshow.co.uk](http://www.gilslandshow.co.uk)

### Simonside Country Fair

(4 miles south of Rothbury)

8 August  
[www.simonsidefair.co.uk](http://www.simonsidefair.co.uk)

### Traditional Boundaries/ Traditional Skills Open Day

(Walltown on Hadrian's Wall CA8 7JD)

8 August - All Day  
Join David Tasseel, Skills Trainer and the Southern Team and have a go at dry stone walling.  
[www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)



### John Barleycorn Festival

14 - 15 August

A two day event centred on the history of illicit whisky stills in Coquetdale.  
[www.johnbarleycornfestival.co.uk](http://www.johnbarleycornfestival.co.uk)

### Glanton Village Show

14 August

[www.glantononline.net](http://www.glantononline.net)



## AUGUST

**Traditional Boundaries/ Traditional Skills Open Day**  
(National Park Centre at Ingram, NE66 4LT)  
15 August - All Day  
Join Stephen Green, Skills Trainer and the Northern Team and have a go at dry stone walling.  
[www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)



### Whittingham Show

21 August

[www.whittinghamshow.co.uk](http://www.whittinghamshow.co.uk)

### Falstone Border Shepherds Show

21 August

[www.falstoneshow.co.uk](http://www.falstoneshow.co.uk)

### Kirknewton Craft Fair & Family Day

(Kirknewton Village Hall)

22 August

### Northumberland Fell Runners - Cheviot Challenge

28 August

12 hour long distance walk in aid of Mountain Rescue. Starts and finishes at Alwinton.  
[www.northumberlandfellrunners.co.uk](http://www.northumberlandfellrunners.co.uk)

### Bellingham Show

28 August

[www.bellinghamshow.com](http://www.bellinghamshow.com)

### Elsdon Fete

30 August

### Wooler Carnival

29 - 31 August

T: +44 (0)1668 281836

### Glendale Show

30 August

[www.glendaleshow.com](http://www.glendaleshow.com)

### Holystone Village Fair & Car Boot Sale

30 August

T: +44 (0)1669 650330

### College Valley Show

August

## SEPTEMBER

**Northumberland Heritage Open Days**  
9 - 12 September  
For further info log onto:  
[www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)



### Harbottle Show

4 September

[www.harbottleshow.com](http://www.harbottleshow.com)

### Ingram Show

11 September

### Milfield Show

12 September

### Thropton Village Show

18 September

### Upper Redesdale Show

25 September

## OCTOBER

### Alwinton Border Shepherds Show

9 October

The largest and last show of the season, featuring industrial and horticultural exhibits, many stalls, fairground rides, crafts etc.  
T: +44 (0)1669 640216

### Witches at Once Brewed (National Park Centre at Once Brewed, NE47 7AN)

31 October

(At 5pm - 2 hour event)  
Join National Park Rangers for ghoulish games, terrifying tales and creepy challenges! Bring food and soft drinks for a BBQ, and a torch. Bring a decorated pumpkin and enter our competition.  
[www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)



All dates and times correct at time of going to print (February 2010), please check website for further details





## Mountain Rescue

Northumberland National Park Mountain Rescue Team is a volunteer organisation (Registered Charity No. 511313) whose members share a common interest in providing an important life saving service 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year.

Members come from a variety of backgrounds and professions and are all volunteers. The team provides search and mountain rescue services to the Northumbria Police Authority and covers an operational area of 2159 square miles. This covers the whole of Northumberland and the Tyne and Wear conurbations. The team also works closely on call outs with HM Coastguard, 202 Squadron at RAF Boulmer and the Ambulance Service. **If you would like to help the Mountain Rescue team by making a donation log onto: [www.nnpmrt.org.uk](http://www.nnpmrt.org.uk)**

### When you need us!

To request assistance from Mountain Rescue, call the Police on **999** and ask for Mountain Rescue.

Photocopy & reuse this form - always tell someone where you are going

General area and date going \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Area \_\_\_\_\_

Number in party \_\_\_\_\_ Equipment carried \_\_\_\_\_

Intended route \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify the Police if I/we do not return by Date \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Enjoy the outdoors safely

### Before you go:

Always tell someone where you are going, when you expect to be back and who to call if you have not returned in time.

### ALWAYS CARRY THE 10 ESSENTIALS:

- 1 Compass and map - know how to use them
- 2 Whistle - to signal searchers if you are lost
- 3 Torch - with spare batteries and bulb, to signal searchers at night
- 4 First Aid kit
- 5 Warm drink and food
- 6 Windproof & waterproof outer clothing
- 7 Hat and gloves
- 8 Extra warm clothes
- 9 Emergency rations
- 10 Emergency shelter - large poly bag, big enough for you to get into

**If you are lost, stay where you are** the Mountain Rescue Team will soon be out looking for you, even in the dark.

## The Countryside Code

- Be safe - plan ahead and follow signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people



If you follow the Countryside Code wherever you go, you'll get the best enjoyment possible and you'll help to protect the countryside now and for future generations. For further information log onto: [www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk](http://www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk)



Mountain Rescue at work

## Kids Corner

Look out for Curlew when you are out and about, it is the emblem of Northumberland National Park and used on our logo. Have a go at colouring in this drawing of a curlew or try drawing or painting your own.



Curlew

### Curlew facts:

The curlew is Europe's largest wading bird, distinct with its long down-curved bill, brown upperparts, long legs and white v-shaped patch on rump in flight.

### Where to see them:

Moorland and moor edges in the National Park, coastal mudflats in the winter.

### When to see them:

March - July in the National Park.

### Cry:

Drawn out 'coor-lew' and a rising bubbling call.



Curlew chick



# Enjoyment!



## Last years winners

Mandy Younger of Hexham is seen here with her Christmas Hamper prize. Northumberland National Park also inspired her to write this poem.

Linda Croft of Nottingham also won a Christmas Hamper prize and is looking forward to coming to Northumberland National Park in 2010.



### The Countryside is Waiting

Put on your boots!  
Take the Routes that befall you  
Northumberland awaits  
Hadrian's Wall calls you  
Rothbury, Kielder, Bellingham too  
The National Park Rangers will guide you

To the Cheviots and Scottish Borders  
Fields of Battles, feuds and disorder

Historical drama's begin to unfold  
In Villages and Towns stories are told  
Bridges over rivers to hidden hamlets  
you'll discover

Forest and hills follow each other

Listen to birds and natures sounds  
Encapsulating beauty all around

Castles galore, Museums and much more

Miles after miles of up and down trails  
Footpaths leading to the countryside's  
treasure

Journeys of unscheduled pleasure  
Waiting for us all amongst the hills  
It's Freedom and Exhilarating

Come and be thrilled!

**Mandy Younger**

## Answer our competition and win a Christmas Hamper!

We're giving the winner of this competition a Christmas hamper packed with the best local food from Northumberland. All you have to do is answer three simple questions on this entry form and return it no later than 1 December 2010, to:

**Visitor Guide Prize Draw 2010**  
Northumberland National Park Authority,  
Eastburn, South Park,  
Hexham,  
Northumberland NE46 1BS

All answers are in this Visitor Guide!

### Question 1

Which National Nature Reserve can be seen near to Hadrian's Wall?

### Question 2

Where can you see the 'Stannersburn Forge' now?

### Question 3

Near which small village/hamlet can you see the tranquil Lady's Well?

### ANSWERS:

Q1 \_\_\_\_\_

Q2 \_\_\_\_\_

Q3 \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please send this questionnaire in with your answers

Have you visited our website?  Yes  No

Please tick if you would like to receive more information on Northumberland National Park  By mail  By email

Type of activity you are interested in:

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking       | <input type="checkbox"/> Cycling      | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Watching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing       | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Climbing | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardens      | <input type="checkbox"/> Food          |

Does this Visitor Guide help you understand the National Park and understand its special qualities?

Yes  No  Not sure

### Competition terms and conditions:

Employees of Northumberland National Park Authority and their families are not entitled to enter this competition. No cash alternative is available.

The information that you supply on this form will be used by Northumberland National Park Authority in accordance with the 1998 Data Protection Act. The information will not be disclosed to any third party. Should your name and contact details change, or should you wish your name to be removed, please contact NNPA at the address above.

## National Parks - Britain's breathing spaces

There are 15 National Parks in the UK, and they are all beautiful areas of mountains, hills, meadows, moorlands, woods and wetlands. All are areas of protected countryside that everyone can visit and where people live, work and shape the landscape. Each one has a National Park Authority that looks after the landscape and wildlife and helps people enjoy and learn about the area. We all work together as the Association of National Park Authorities (ANPA).

This year the South Downs will be added to the UK family of National Parks. The UK National Parks are all linked to a network of European protected areas through the EUROPARC Federation which has 360 member organisations in 37 countries and is part of a global family made up of 6,555 protected areas covering 12% of the earth's surface, that's one million square kilometres!

[www.nationalparks.gov.uk](http://www.nationalparks.gov.uk)

- 1 Cairngorms
- 2 Loch Lomond & The Trossachs
- 3 Northumberland
- 4 Lake District
- 5 Yorkshire Dales
- 6 North York Moors
- 7 Peak District
- 8 Snowdonia
- 9 The Broads
- 10 Pembrokeshire Coast
- 11 Brecon Beacons
- 12 Exmoor
- 13 Dartmoor
- 14 New Forest
- 15 South Downs



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# Go further...

Beyond Northumberland National Park, an equally friendly welcome awaits you in other parts of North East England.

Find time to visit one of the many wonderful theatres such as the Theatre Royal in Newcastle's famed Grey Street, designed by Grainger and Dobson or the newer Gala Theatre in Durham.

Listen to the internationally known Northern Sinfonia Orchestra, jazz or folk music at the magnificent Sage on Newcastle Gateshead's Quayside.

Marvel at Durham Cathedral, the greatest Norman building in England or the smaller Abbey in the market town of Hexham.

Shop until you drop at the Gateshead Metrocentre, one of Europe's largest shopping centres.

Go back in time at Bamburgh Castle on the stunning Northumberland coast or at one of the museums and historic houses that mark the achievements of some of the region's best-known figures - from rail pioneer George Stephenson at Wylam, to engraver Thomas Bewick at Mickley and Victorian engineer Lord Armstrong at Cragside near Rothbury.

Treat the children to some tall tales at Seven Stories, the Centre for Children's Books in Newcastle, or re-live the past at Beamish Museum, the living open air museum in County Durham.

North East England is full of 'Passionate People, Passionate Places' and we hope you have an unforgettable visit.

For more information:

[www.visitnorthumberland.com](http://www.visitnorthumberland.com)  
[www.visitnortheastengland.com](http://www.visitnortheastengland.com)



Durham Cathedral

# Emergency Contacts

**Health Emergency (Ambulance) T: 999**

**NHS Direct (24 hour helpline) T: 0845 4647**

**North Hospitals with Accident and Emergency Department:**

Berwick Infirmary T: 01289 356600

Alnwick Infirmary T: 01665 626700

Wansbeck (Ashington) T: 08448 118111

**South Hospitals with Accident and Emergency Department:**

Hexham General T: 08448 118111

**West Hospitals - No Accident and Emergency Department:**

Cumberland Infirmary (Carlisle) T: 01228 523444

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**Police Emergency T: 999**

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**European Emergency T: 112**

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**Mountain Rescue T: 999**

If you get into difficulties or have an accident on the hills, telephone 999 and ask for the Police and then for Mountain Rescue.

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**Fire Emergency T: 999**

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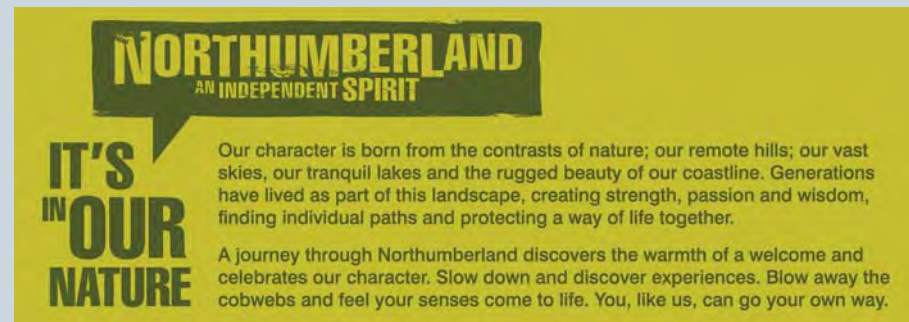
**Veterinary Surgeries**

If you need a vet for your pet or horse during your visit to Northumberland National Park, please contact:

[www.any-uk-vet.co.uk](http://www.any-uk-vet.co.uk)

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**Public Transport**



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