

# Newton-by-the-Sea Walks & Trails

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# Enclosed is a selection of walking routes of varying distances and difficulties to explore Northumberland Coast's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

An Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is exactly what it says it is: an outstanding landscape whose distinctive character and natural beauty are so precious that it is in the nation's interest to safeguard them.

The Northumberland Coast was designated as an AONB in 1958, covering an area of 138 sq km along 64km of the coastline between Berwick-upon-Tweed and the Coquet Estuary.

Top Tips when visiting the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty:

- *RESPECT wildlife, the environment and local communities. Park in designated car parks*
- *SUPPORT local businesses. Extend your visit; shop, stay and explore more*
- *ENJOY the scenery. Use public transport, bike or walk; visit off-peak to avoid the crowds*
- *PROTECT the area. Keep dogs under control and take you litter home with you*
- *RELAX and explore the lesser known parts at a leisurely pace*

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# Walk 1 - Joiners Arms to Newton Pool

A beautiful walk passing Newton Pool Nature Reserve

Enjoy a gentle walk alongside the Northumberland coast with plenty of wildlife spotting opportunities along the way. Remember to bring your binoculars as there are great views and lots of birds to spot from the beach and wildlife hides.



Dog friendly



Easy



40 mins



1.7 mile

1. Starting at The Joiners Arms, follow the fork right and continue to follow the road around to the right and head south towards Low Newton Village.
2. Head down the hill from the public car park above Low Newton to the village square - the road is quite steep. You can't miss the spectacular view of the ruins of 14th-century Dunstanburgh Castle straight ahead.
3. As you arrive at the square in the village take the right hand turn, following the road behind the square. The first 1/2 km to Newton Pool hides has a track suitable for wheelchair access.
4. Turn left behind the Ship Inn and follow the road south past the back of the cottages, parallel with the sea shore. Continue past the Boat Park, checking the field to your right for visiting wetland and coastal birds.
5. Continue on the track past Risemoor Cottage, a former fisherman's pub, through a small woodland path until you see the two wildlife hides on your right hand side facing into the waters at Newton Pool.
6. Continue southward from the bird hide, and after about 30m the path forks. Take the left track past some beach bungalows in the dunes. Head for the centre of the green space where a way marker shows the path through bracken leading to wooden steps to the beach.
7. Take in the spectacular views of Dunstanburgh Castle across Embleton Bay before turning left on the beach and heading back towards the village. As you arrive back in the village square of Low Newton by the Sea take time to relax on the beach, picnic on the village green or explore the shoreline and rock pools.  
Head back through Low Newton and up to The Joiners Arms to finish this route.

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# Walk 2 - The Joiners Arms to Dunstanburgh Castle

A beautiful walk down the coast to the ruins of Dunstanburgh Castle

This walk sets foot from The Joiner's Arms, through Low Newton-by-the-Sea, heading down the coast towards the mighty ruins of Dunstanburgh Castle.

Spring is a wonderful time to visit when dune flowers bloom and seabirds are in breeding season.



Dog friendly



Heavy



2.5 hour



6.6 miles

1. Starting at The Joiners Arms, follow the fork right and continue to follow the road around to the right and head south towards Low Newton Village.
2. Look north from the village to see a former Coastguard Station on top of the hill, it's now a National Trust holiday cottage. Continue inland via a track that starts behind the village square, cottages and boat park to start on the trail.
3. After 450yd (400m) walking next to sand dunes and through a little woodland, you reach two wildlife hides that face out over the waters at Newton Pool nature reserve. The smell of meadowsweet in summer is delightfully strong.
4. Continue on this path towards Dunstan Steads, where Dunstanburgh's precipitous cliffs loom large again as you pass the golf course. At the the end of golf course you will reach the castle (beware of golfers on the short castle hole.)
5. After edging around the base of the castle, note the peculiar cliff formation to your right. The Greymare Rock was formed by volcanic pressure that folded the limestone. From April to August it's a breeding spot for kittiwake and fulmar. Pass the castle (National Trust members can visit the castle for free).
6. On your return journey pass the golf course on your left and descend onto the beach. The concrete bunkers on the sand were built during the Second World War. Stroll to the far end of Embleton Bay and cross Embleton Burn as it trickles into the sea. If you haven't already, you may want to take your shoes and socks off.
7. Look out for oystercatcher and other shore birds around the Emblestones as you approach the harbour at Newton Haven. Sometimes seals can be spotted basking at the far end of the rocks. Climb up from the beach and back into Low Newtons village square and onward to the Joiners Arms.

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# Walk 3 - The Joiners Arms to Newton Point

A beautiful walk taking in the sights around Newton Point

This walk sets foot from The Joiner's Arms. Explore Low Newton and the nearby coast and find out about some curious buildings and sights along the way.



Dog friendly



Light



1 hour



2.2 miles

1. Starting at The Joiners Arms, follow the fork right and continue to follow the road around to the right and head south towards Low Newton Village.
2. Follow the road towards Newton Point (good for butterflies in the summer!) to a cattle grid and pick up the coastal path.
3. Turn southwards along the beach and pick up a path leading up onto a rocky headland where views open up further north towards Beadnell Bay. Pass Black Kirk Rock and out to the end of Newton Point.
4. A fantastic view opens up towards Dunstanburgh Castle further down the coast. The "M.O.D. buildings" - a former LORAN station from the Cold War era. The fenced site, with two low ranges of buildings - technical and accommodation blocks, originally had tall radio masts and was part of a chain of sites which transmitted a navigational signal out across Eastern Europe to guide the V-Bomber force.
5. Just below the path at the top of the beach the foundations of an isolated building can be seen just above high water mark. The site is known locally as Blind Miller. At low tide you can see the sheltering reefs offshore which provide the Haven for fishing boats using the beach landing.
6. A view of Old Coast Guard watch house - built in the 1820s as part of a chain of similar stations around the coast. A permanent watch was kept on shipping. The flagstaff that was originally used for signaling to vessels patrolling offshore has gone but the modern radio mast still provides part of the Coast Guard communications network.
7. The Square - fishermen's cottages around an enclosed work space. A farm complex was later developed to the south (now converted to accommodation). The former Coast Guard boat house stands at the top of the beach. The boat was used to patrol the shoreline in search of sunken cargo left by smugglers. Return up the road to the Joiners Arms to finish.

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# Walk 4 - The Joiners Arms to Beadnell

A Beautiful walk taking in the coastal sights to Beadnell

This walk sets foot from The Joiner's Arms. Explore the coastline as we take you up to Beadnell Harbour and Bay.



Dog friendly



Moderate



2 hours



5.4 miles

1. Starting at The Joiners Arms, follow the road to High Newton-by-the-Sea. From the car park, pass through a kissing gate on the north side & follow the footpath that leads right, through the dunes to the beach.
2. Walk north along the beach until you reach a hut in the dunes. Turn inland at this point and head toward the footbridge. The footbridge crosses a burn flowing into the sea.
3. After crossing the footbridge, turn right and head back onto the beach, passing large steep dunes on the way to Beadnell Harbour.
4. When you reach the north end of Beadnell Bay you can see the entrance to the harbour. Take time to walk around the harbour.
5. Take the footpath between the Lime Kilns and the houses back onto the coast.
6. Follow the path along the grassy headland back onto the road and follow the signs to Beadnell car park.
7. Walk through the car park to the Caravan Park entrance. From here follow the track to the left towards another Caravan park until you emerge onto rough ground. After a short distance you will reach the footbridge you crossed earlier.
8. Cross the footbridge and continue along the patch behind the dunes past Newton Link - a nature reserve. Follow the footpath from here back to the car park at High Newton and onwards to The Joiners Arms.

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