



NORTHUMBERLAND'S GREATEST ESCAPES

THE SMITHY

Crookham Eastfield Cornhill-on-Tweed TD12 4SQ

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to THE SMITHY.

THE SMITHY is one of nine holiday homes in the Wild Plum Escapes portfolio, all located in the heart of North Northumberland, and exceptionally well placed for exploring the wider area. With *Northumberland National Park* just a short distance away, 400 square miles of stunning landscape awaits the avid walker or cyclist. For families, the *Breamish Valley* is a popular area with pretty river picnic spots and lovely walks to the waterfall at *Linhope Spout*. Alternatively, visit *Ford & Etal Estates*, with over 20 attractions to explore, including a 15" gauge steam railway, fishing, canoeing, cycle hire and riding centre.

We very much hope you enjoy your stay at THE SMITHY.

Please do let us know if there is anything we can do to make your time here more enjoyable.

All the best,

Andrew & Corinne Joicey

Wild Plum Escapes

www.wild-plum.co.uk

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Emergency Contacts

Emergency Contact

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Police

Berwick Police Station Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 1DZ 101 / 999

A & E Hospital

Borders General Hospital Melrose TD6 9BS (40 miles) 01896 826000

Please note that there are minor injuries departments at Berwick Infirmary and Alnwick Infirmary and Wansbeck Hospital has a 24-hour emergency care centre. Call 0191 203 1200 for advice on which venue to attend.

Doctors

Cheviot Medical Group Wooler NE71 6BL 01668 281575
Coldstream Medical Practice Coldstream TD12 4LQ 01890 882711



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Other Useful Telephone Numbers

Dentist

Tweedmouth Dental Clinic Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 2EQ 01289 356966

Pharmacies

Glendale Pharmacy Wooler NE71 6BY 01668 281343

Boots Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 1BN 01289 306036

Coldstream Pharmacy Coldstream TD12 4DL 01890 882412

Vets

Alnthumbria Veterinary Group Wooler NE71 6DY 01668 281323

Galedin Vets Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 1TB 01289 330066

Galedin Vets Coldstream TD12 4AG 01890 882322

Taxis

Border Villager 01668 216360

Ron's Taxi 01668 281281

Glendale Taxi 01668 282292

Train Station

Berwick-upon-Tweed Train Station TD15 1NF (15 miles)

Airports

Newcastle International Airport NE13 8BZ (56 miles)

Edinburgh Airport EH12 9DN (61 miles)



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Safety Information

Fuse Box

The fuse box can be found in the cupboard in the hall by the door.

Stopcock

The stopcock is outside the main door (car park side) just to the right of the front step, beyond the paved area.

First Aid Kit

You will find a first-aid kit in the kitchen drawer.

Fire Extinguisher

There is a fire blanket and fire extinguisher in the hallway by the door. The house is fitted with smoke alarms.



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Cottage Information

Cleaning Equipment

You will find cleaning equipment and cleaning products under the kitchen sink, and also in a cupboard in the hall.

Electrical Appliances

Instruction manuals for all the electrical appliances can be found in the red folder in the sitting room.

Damage & Breakages

We understand that accidents do happen. For any minor breakages to kitchen items such as glasses or cups, we ask that you please leave a note for our housekeeper and a contribution towards replacement. In the event of other damage to items of furniture, furnishings or bed linen, it is important that you contact us or our agents, Crabtree & Crabtree, as soon as possible. The cost of repair or replacement will be taken from your good housekeeping deposit.

Dogs

We understand how lovely it is to be able to bring your dogs with you on holiday. We just ask that you keep them out of the bedrooms and do not allow them on any of the soft furnishings. Please ensure you keep your dogs under control, and clear up after them at all times.

Furniture

We respectfully request that you please use the provided coasters and table mats to avoid water and heat damage to the furniture, and deal promptly with any spillages.

Outhouse

The freezer is located in the outhouse. This space can also be used for storage of bikes, etc. There is a key for the outhouse on the master set of keys.

Heating & Hot Water

The hot water is set to come on in the morning and evening, and the same applies to the heating during the cooler months. The heating controls can be found in the kitchen. If the heating is required outside the standard set times, please use the programmer to set the hot water or heating to either the 'all day' or '24-hours' setting'. Please remember to set it back to 'auto' before retiring for the night.

Each individual radiator is thermostatically controlled. The towel rail in the shower room is electric, and can be turned on and off as required.

**Immersion Heater**

The switch for the immersion heater can be found in the kitchen.

Stopcock

In the back of the hallway cupboard with the Solar and Plumbing system.

Solar & Plumbing System

Please note that the double cupboard in the hall by the door houses the systems which operate the solar panels and plumbing. Please do not alter any of the settings. This cupboard is usually warm. If extra heat is required to dry outdoor clothing hanging in the hallway, then the doors may be left open.

Wood Burning Stove

Additional logs can be found in the log crate at the 'field' side of the cottage. A supply of kindling is provided which should be sufficient for the week.

Smoking

Please note that this is a strictly no smoking property.

Wi-Fi & Mobile Reception

The router is located on the sideboard in the sitting room.

BT-HFA6ST

Password: RiAvtav9AaJuvD



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Your Departure

Departure Time

Please depart the house by 10am. This ensures that the housekeeper has time to prepare the property for incoming guests. If you wish to depart later please contact us, as special arrangements may be possible.

Smart TV

If you have signed into any personal accounts (e.g. Netflix, Amazon Prime) on the Smart TV, please ensure that you log-out before you depart.

Keys

House keys should be placed in the key safe on your departure. Thank you.

Ideally we would rather you leave, or be in the habit of leaving, the door keys in the key safe whenever you go out for the day. This is to ensure that keys are not misplaced or lost. You would be surprised how often this happens!

Departure Cleaning

Please leave the house tidy on your departure and put all disposable waste and recycling in the bins provided. Glass, however, cannot be placed in either of the bins. We ask that you please take glass to the Council communal recycling bins – see guidelines on following page, *Rubbish & Recycling*.

Guests will be charged for any additional cleaning required over what is considered acceptable for a property this size.

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Rubbish & Recycling

Please put rubbish in the black wheelie bin and recycling in the blue wheelie bin located at the side of the cottage. Details of what can be recycled are shown below. There is a red box in the double cupboard in the hall for storing items for recycling. Please wash out containers and empty the box into the blue wheelie bin regularly. The correct bin will be put out for you for collection early Monday morning.

Glass bottles cannot be recycled and must be removed from the property at the end of your stay. These should be placed in the Council's communal recycling bins, the nearest of which can be found outside the Cornhill Village Shop or in the public car park at the southern end of Wooler High Street. There is also a glass recycling facility at most of the main supermarkets.

Please put the following materials in your **blue recycling bin**:

Paper

Newspapers
Cardboard boxes
Magazines
Leaflets
Unwanted mail
Books
Envelopes
Catalogues

Cardboard

Clean cardboard packaging e.g. cereal boxes
egg boxes
kitchen roll tubes

Cans

Food cans e.g. beans cans
soup cans
Drinks cans e.g. fizzy drinks cans
beer cans
Empty aerosols

Plastic Bottles

Drinks bottles
Plastic milk bottles
Shampoo bottles
Washing up bottles

What to Recycle



IMPORTANT: Do not put glass or textiles into your blue bin.

Please **DO NOT** put the following materials in your blue recycling bin:

Paper

Envelopes with windows
Padded envelopes
Crisp packets
Polystyrene packaging

Cardboard

Tetrapaks such as fruit juice cartons, milk cartons etc. They contain metal or plastic liners and due to their construction are not suitable for reprocessing.

Cans

Old paint tins
Oil cans

Plastic Bottles

Plastic bags
Yoghurt pots
Margarine tubs
Icecream tubs
Plastic film
Plant pots
Plastic toys

Do NOT Recycle





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Additional Services

Catering

For complete relaxation, special occasions and large get-togethers, you may wish to consider a catered service. We can suggest:

Thyme2eat – www.thyme2eat.uk

Fig Food – www.figfood.co.uk

Fiona Burn – www.fionaburn.co.uk

Wine Delivery

Majestic Wines (www.majestic.co.uk) should deliver to this property. However, Crabtree & Crabtree also have an arrangement with Corney & Barrow, who will deliver free of charge. Call them on 01573 226711 if you would like further details.

Food Delivery

Sainsbury's (Kelso)

Tesco, ASDA and Morrisons (Berwick-upon-Tweed)

Additional Housekeeping

Guests requiring additional cleaning or linen changes during their stay should contact the housekeeper.

Church Services

St Michael & All Angels Church Ford Village Ford TD5 2PX

Chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary Etal Village Cornhill-on-Tweed TD12 4TL

For more information on the churches in Ford & Etal visit:

www.ford-and-etal.co.uk/history-heritage/churches/

St Ninian's Catholic Church Burnhouse Road Wooler NE71 6EE

Saint Cuthbert's Parish Church Norham Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 2LE

www.norhamlife.co.uk



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Local shops & amenities

Cornhill-on-Tweed

The Cornhill Village shop is excellent. A very friendly family-run business, newsagent and post office. It offers locally sourced groceries, take-away hot snacks, breakfasts and pack lunches, and also sells wines, beers, local Doddington cheeses and ice creams and much, much more. Open Monday to Saturday 6.30am - 4.30pm and Sunday 8am-12pm (01890 883313).

Norham

RG Foreman Butchers in Norham is very good, with a selection of meat, cheese, wine and spirits, fishing tackle, waders and fishing permits. They will also deliver goods to Cornhill Village Shop for you to collect (01289 382260). Why not visit Norham Castle while you are there?

Coldstream

Coldstream has a small Co-op supermarket, butcher, pharmacy and petrol station.

Kelso

Kelso has a fine selection of local shops, banks, cafés and pubs, all situated round a pretty cobbled square in the centre of town. You will find everything from gifts, kitchenware, hardware, outdoor clothing, sporting equipment, shoes, bags, a wonderful florist and Hunters the Butcher. Take a peek at Kelso Abbey while you are there.

There is a large Sainsbury's, a Lidl and a Co-op, and we highly recommend Julian's Veg (07596 704783), an independent greengrocer based at Mayfield Garden Centre.

Wooler

Wooler has a good range of local shops, including the Good Life Deli, two butchers, gift shops, an antique shop, cafés, and pubs. There is also a small Co-op supermarket, bank, chemist and garage. Farm to Freeze Butcher & Game dealer also have a convenience store. Also worth a visit is the Doddington Dairy Milk Bar – www.doddingtonmilkbar.co.uk

Berwick-upon-Tweed

Berwick-upon-Tweed is a historic town with a mainline train station. There is a good range of local shops and cafés on Bridge Street and several supermarkets on the edge of town, including Morrisons, Tesco, Asda and M&S. Northern Edge Coffee Shop & Café on Silver Street is worth a visit on the way down to the pier and lighthouse. For fans of fresh fish and seafood, we can recommend The Berwick Shellfish Company.



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Farmer's Markets

Alnwick Market Place – last Friday of the month 9am-2pm
Berwick The Maltings Art Centre – last Sunday of the month 10am-1.30pm
Kelso Town Square – 4th Saturday of the month 9.30am-1.30pm
Jedburgh Market Place – 1st Friday of the month 9.30am-1.30pm
Peebles Eastgate Car Park – 2nd Saturday of the month 9.30am-1.30pm

Electrical Car Charging Points

Etal Village Hall – TD12 4TL

Coldstream

88 High Street – TD12 4AQ

73 High Street – TD12 4AE

Wooler

Black Bull Car Park – NE71 6BY

Berwick-upon-Tweed

Swan's Leisure Centre – TD15 2AS

40 Chapel Street Car Park – TD15 1BX

Berwick Infirmary – TD15 1LT

Tesco – TD15 2XG

Kelso

Town Hall – TD5 7HF

The Butts Car Park – TD5 7BH

Rose Lane – TD5 7AD

Inch Road – TD5 7JP

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Places to eat

Below is a list of recommended eating places in the area, listed by most local first. Some will do takeaways, so contact them to enquire.

The Black Bull

Etal TD12 4TN
01890 820200
www.theblackbulletal.co.uk

The Lavender Tea Rooms

Etal TD12 4TN
01890 820761
www.thelavendertearooms.org.uk

BOES Café at Heatherslaw Mill

Ford TD12 4TJ
07519 640933
jodie@carreraonline.uk
www.boes.co.uk

Located within Heatherslaw Corn Mill offering a full range of coffee, tempting lunches and handmade cakes, patisserie and gelato.

The Cheviot Tap

Slainsfield TD12 4TP
07778 478943
www.cheviotbrewery.co.uk
Brilliant rustic outdoor bar, serving locally brewed beer (Cheviot Brewery) and fresh pizzas from the wood-fired pizza oven.

The Border Hotel

Yetholm TD5 8PQ
01573 420237
www.borderhotel.co.uk
Just up the road from Reedsford and perfect stop along the St Cuthbert's Way.

The Blue Bell Inn

Crookham TD12 4SH
01890 820789
A walk across a field from Crookham Eastfield.

The Collingwood Arms

Cornhill-on-Tweed TD12 4UH
01890 88242
www.collingwoodarms.com

The Red Lion Inn

Milfield NE71 6JD
01668 216224
iain@redlionmilfield.co.uk
www.redlionmilfield.co.uk

The Black Bull Inn

Lowick TD15 2UA
01289 388375
www.blackbulllowick.co.uk

The Allanton Inn

Allanton TD11 3JZ
01890 818260
www.allantoninn.co.uk

The Cross Inn

Paxton TD15 1TE
01289 384877
www.thecrossinn.co.uk

The Percy Arms

Chatton NE66 5PS
01668 215244
www.percyarmschatton.co.uk

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Atelier

Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 1ES
01289 298180
www.atelier.cafe

Cobbles Inn

Kelso TD5 7JH
01573 223548
www.thecobblesinn.co.uk

The Terrace Café at Floors Castle

Kelso TD5 7SF
01573 225714
www.floorscastle.com
*Lovely in the summer - we recommend
reserving a table in the walled garden!*

The Café at The Mainstreet Trading Company

St Boswells TD6 0AT
01835 824087
www.mainstreetbooks.co.uk
*Award-winning bookshop & café, with
a delightful deli and inspiring
home shop. Really worth a visit!*

The Barn at Beal

Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 2PB
01289 540044
www.barnatbeal.com
Perfect before or after a visit to Holy Island.

The Potted Lobster

Bamburgh NE69 7BS
01668 214088
www.thepottedlobster.co.uk
*Excellent seafood bistro, ideal after a day
at Bamburgh beach. Pre-booking essential.*

The Treehouse Restaurant

Alnwick Gardens NE66 1YU
01665 511350
www.alnwickgarden.com
*Gets busy during holidays, so advisable
to book.*

Carnaby's

Chathill NE67 5HW
Everyday 9.30am-4pm
www.carnabyscafe.co.uk
Gift shop, café and delicious deli lunches.

The Pack Horse Inn

Ellingham Chathill NE67 5HA
www.packhorseinn-ellingham.co.uk
*Traditional English Country Pub, known
for its locally sourced produce and ales!*

*Seaside pubs where dogs are welcome, with
fabulous walks to Dunstanburgh Castle.*

The Ship Inn

Low Newton-by-the-Sea NE66 3EL
01665 576262
www.shipinnnewton.co.uk

Jolly Fisherman

Craster NE66 3TR
01665 576461
www.thejollyfishermancraster.co.uk
*Fabulous seafood, including world famous
Craster Kippers!*

The Joiners Arms

Newton-by-the-Sea NE66 3EA
01665 576112
www.joiners-arms.com



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Things to Do & See in the Local Area

Ford & Etal Estates

Ford & Etal Estates has so much to see and do, it will keep you busy for at least a couple of days! We recommend starting at Heatherslaw, where you will find Heatherslaw Light Railway, a working Corn Mill & Shop, Boes Café and newly arrived Raven Clay Pottery. Further information on short walks around the Estate can be gathered at the Visitor Centre.

Both villages of Ford and Etal have much to offer, places to eat and historic sites to see. At the other end of the railway track or a short walk from Heatherslaw, Etal Village boasts The Black Bull Pub, The Lavender Tearooms and Etal Castle ruin, built in the mid-14th Century. Visits to Etal Castle can be booked through English Heritage.

In Ford, we recommend seeing the Lady Waterford Hall (free of charge) and the Horseshoe Forge (it's an Aladdin's cave). Ford Village Shop sells teas, coffees and ice creams and other sundries, but notably, you can hire excellent bicycles here.

Flodden Field

Visit Flodden Field, site of the infamous battle between the English and Scots. The 500th anniversary of the battle has been commemorated with an eco-museum – www.flodden1513.com. Park at Branxton below the memorial, and follow the outdoor trail.

More information can be found at www.ford-and-etal.co.uk/attractions

Berwick-upon-Tweed

The Berwick Ramparts (4km)

Built in 1558, an easy and well-worthwhile walk around the walls of this historic garrison town.

The Maltings Theatre & Cinema

A cinema and live arts venue well worth visiting. Check their box office for the programme. The Maltings Café, with great views over the Berwick rooftops and the Tweed, is highly recommended for lunchtime and evening dining – www.maltingsberwick.co.uk



Boat Trips

Berwick Boat Trips – www.berwickboattrips.co.uk

Run seven days a week, tides and weather permitting. Check their website for timetable or private hire. Ask David and Pamela Thompson (07713 170845) about mackerel fishing, dolphins, seals, sea trips to St Abbs Head, Holy Island and one-hour or two-hour bay trips and river excursions.

North Berwick Boat Trips – www.seabird.org/boats

Book boat trips through the Scottish Seabird Centre to the Isle of May, where you will see the unusual, architecturally interesting lighthouse, operational since 1635, and large colonies of breeding seabirds, including puffins. Trips also include visits to the Bass Rock and Craigleith. You'll find lots of information on their website.

St Abbs Rib Rides – www.ribridesstabbs.co.uk

Offers fast blasts or a leisurely cruise up and down the rugged coastline.

Eyemouth Harbour Rib Trips – www.eyemouthribtrips.co.uk

Skipper Tim, a lovely man, full of interesting information, offers various trips up the coastline.

Victoria Harbour Dunbar, Blue Wild Boats – www.bluewild.co.uk

Skipper Alan Stewart (also a lovely man) mainly does private charter. Can offer professional tour guides for historical or ornithology trips and is well worth it!

Farne Island Boat Trips Seahouses – www.farne-islands.com

Probably the best seabird colony in Britain and also famous for its seal population. We recommend booking through Billy Shiels, Glad Tidings.

Paxton House Boat Trips – www.mouthofthetweed.co.uk/boattrips

Take a boat trip on a RIB up the Tweed from Berwick to Paxton House.

Local Area Information

www.visitnorthumberland.com
www.visitscottishborders.com
www.scotlandstartshere.com



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Beaches, Coastline & Hills

To the south of Berwick-upon-Tweed:

Cheswick (25mins)

Often very quiet. Miles of sand. Great for dog walks, picnics and swimming.

The Holy Island of Lindisfarne (30mins)

The Holy Island of Lindisfarne is an island accessible by a tidal causeway. It is home to the Lindisfarne Castle and Priory, and many other excitements, including The Lime Kilns and Lindisfarne Mead. The final stage of the historic St Cuthbert's Way crossing the sand by the well known Pilgrims' Crossing. Check safe crossing times before setting out.

Ross Beach (30mins)

A very long stretch of sand, great for walkers and runners. Well known for its bird life and seal population. We recommend trying the local oysters, available all year round from Lindisfarne Oysters Ltd, West House, Ross Farm – www.lindisfarneoysters.co.uk.

Bamburgh (40mins)

A world-famous beach with the impressive Bamburgh Castle towering over you. The main beach is very easily accessible from the village, but for the slightly more adventurous, we recommend heading to the far end of The Wynding by the Golf Club. Follow the steep narrow path down to a small bay. Please be aware that at peak times, Bamburgh can be incredibly busy.

Dunstan Steads (45mins)

Walk across the golf course onto Embleton Bay, one of the best surfing beaches in the area, in the shadow of the ruins of Dunstanburgh Castle.

Beadnell Bay (50mins)

Another glorious stretch of beach with a safe bay, busy sailing club and many other water sports. The cute little harbour, with lime kilns above, sits at the northern edge.

Alnmouth (1hr)

Located five miles east of Alnwick, Alnmouth is a beautiful village on the banks of The River Aln. Known for its estuary and stunning beaches, and popular for sailing.

Northumberland Coastal Path (62 miles from Berwick-upon-Tweed to Druridge Bay)

Features many of these beauty spots and includes a diversion from the coast to St Cuthbert's Cave.



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To the north of Berwick-upon-Tweed:

Eyemouth (30mins)

Best known for its bright, busy harbour and fishing industry, which dates back to the 13th Century. Alongside this, the town has a long history of smuggling. Gunsgreen House, once central to this activity, has been newly renovated and is worth a visit. The waterfront is part of a huge regeneration project which will transform the town.

Coldingham Bay (35mins)

A pretty little village with a small, sheltered sandy bay, perfect for young children and home to the St Vedas Surf school.

St Abbs Head (35mins)

This is the star of the trio. A thriving fishing village just over the Creel Path from Coldingham Bay. Its quaint and picturesque harbour, not only famous for its lobster and crab (Ebbcarrs Café), found fame following the filming of *Avengers: Endgame*. The rich marine coastal waters makes this a popular destination for divers and walkers. The Nature Reserve and seabird colony at St Abbs Head boasts outstanding views over a truly rugged coastline.

Cove Harbour (35mins)

A hidden gem and the first stop on the Berwickshire coastal route after Cockburnspath (my home town) is a must! Small car park, so best to avoid peak times.

Berwickshire Coastal Path (48km)

Cockburnspath to Berwick-upon-Tweed. Passes through all the above and many other glorious places, including the ruin of Fast Castle, along the way. For keen geologists, visit Siccar Point, the world famous geological outcrop known as 'Hutton's Unconformity'.

Continuing north along the coastline:

Tynninghame and Seacliffe Beaches - East Lothian (1hr 20mins)

Both beaches are well worth a day trip. Beautiful bays looking out to the Bass Rock. Tynninghame is more remote and wild, with quite some walk along a pretty woodland path to the beach.* There is limited parking for about 20 cars (£2 for the day). I'd advise arriving early. On the other hand, Seacliffe, overlooked by the mighty ruin of Tantallon Castle, has easy access right down to the beach. Good parking (3 x £1 coins) and toilet facilities.

* Directions are not well signposted. Please speak to Corinne if you want guidance before your visit.



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Into the hills:

Halterburn Loop Walk – Kirk Yetholm (14km)

At the western fringes of the Cheviot Hills, barely a mile from The Border Hotel at Kirk Yetholm.

Yeavinger Bell – Kirknewton (5.5km)

A twin-topped Iron Age hill fort at the northern end of the Cheviots. Look out for the infamous feral goats.

The College Valley – Kirknewton

A truly wonderful unspoilt wilderness with a wealth of ancient hillfort site. There are 28 miles of paths and bridleways, and a network of cool waters including The College Burn and famous Hethpool Linn.

Those wishing to take a car beyond the free car park at Hethpool will need to pre-book a day permit (£10) www.college-valley.co.uk

The Cheviot – the highest of the Cheviot Hills (815m high)

The least complicated route is from Langleeford, Wooler (*approx a 2-3hr climb*), but there are many other routes to choose, including via Hen Hole in neighbouring College Valley. Nearing the top, climb the stile over the wall and follow the large paving stone footpath to the monument.

Humbleton Hillfort – Wooler (4km)

Follow the gentle, winding grassy path up behind the site to the top. Fantastic views for miles and beyond.

Ingram Valley

Pretty picnic spots along the Breamish River and lovely walks to the spectacular waterfall at Linhope Spout.

For guided walks, please get in touch with Patrick Norris – www.footstepsnorthumberland.co.uk
07847 506399 / info@footstepsnorthumberland.co.uk



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Castles, Country Houses & Gardens

*There are many great castles, houses and gardens in the area.
Some I have already mentioned. Here are a few others to consider.*

Alnwick Castle and Gardens – www.alnwickgarden.com

Alnwick Castle is a fantastic day out for the whole family, and there really is something for everyone, whether you're interested in the magnificent castle and gardens, hands-on activities, eating out, outdoor events, or the castle's fascinating history dating back to Norman times. Alnwick Castle is the family home of the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland, and has appeared as a set in many film productions, including *Harry Potter* and *Downton Abbey*. We'd highly recommend a visit to the Treehouse for lunch.

Warkworth Castle – www.english-heritage.org.uk

With stunning views over both the Coquet River and the coast, Warkworth Castle is operated by English Heritage and is well worth a visit. It has a tremendously important border history and magnificent architecture, and also offers family activities and occasional outdoor events.

Howick Hall Gardens & Arboretum – www.howickhallgardens.org

Well known for its spectacular grounds and gardens and boasts a world renowned Arboretum. Covering some 65 acres, almost all of the garden has been grown from seed collected in the wild since the 1980s. An absolute must! The visitor centre provides a wealth of information about the house and grounds.

Chillingham Castle – www.chillinghamwildcattle.com – www.chillingham-castle.com

The Wild Cattle have run wild in the park for hundreds of years. Visit the nearby 13th century Chillingham Castle, famous for its ghosts!

Floors Castle – www.roxburghe.net

Floors Castle, in Kelso, is home to the 11th Duke of Roxburghe. Walk or cycle around the trails situated within the garden and grounds. Make sure to pop into the shop and cafés along the way.

Thirlestane Castle – www.thirlestanecastle.co.uk

For over 400 years, Thirlestane Castle has been home to the Maitland family. Book a guided tour around the castle to see the grand state rooms, followed by a delicious afternoon tea. Check their events calendar, which is full of a variety of activities, ranging from outdoor theatre productions to classic car festivals.



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Castles, Country Houses & Gardens

Abbotsford – www.scottsabbotsford.com

Abbotsford is the historic home of the famous novelist and poet, Sir Walter Scott. The house is full of fascinating history and Scott's quirky collections, with a beautiful library and writer's room, and views out onto the Tweed. There's also a visitor centre giving an insight into his life and legacy. The gardens, laid out by Scott himself, are picturesque and peaceful for walking. The Ochiltrees Restaurant offers a lovely lunch and you can also buy drinks and snacks from the horsebox in the carpark. It's best to book tickets online.

Bowhill – www.bowhillhouse.co.uk

Full of great adventure and outdoor fun, Bowhill is a perfect destination for families. They have a large adventure playground and also offer lots of other activities, from fishing to horse riding. The magnificent house hosts the impressive Buccleuch Art Collection, a Courtyard Gallery, café and gift shop.

Manderston – www.manderston.co.uk

Possessing the only silver staircase in the world, Manderston, an Edwardian country house, is worth a visit. It stands in 56 acres of immaculate gardens and is a well-known venue for various events.

Mellerstain House & Gardens – www.mellerstain.com

A local treasure, with spectacular views of the Cheviot Hills, Mellerstain provides a very enjoyable visit. You can easily while away the hours, immersing yourselves in the 100 acres of beautiful parkland, and explore the children's play area located along the woodland walks.

Chillingham Castle – www.chillinghamwildcattle.com – www.chillingham-castle.com

The Wild Cattle have run wild in the park for hundreds of years. Visit the nearby 13th century Chillingham Castle, famous for its ghosts!

WILD PLUM

NORTHUMBERLAND'S GREATEST ESCAPES

Golf

The Hirsell Golf Course

Kelso Road Coldstream TD12 4NJ
01890 882678
secretary@hirsellgc.co.uk
www.hirsellgc.co.uk

Wooler Golf Club

Dod Law Doddington Wooler NE71 6AN
01668 282135
enquiries@woolergolf.co.uk
www.woolergolf.co.uk

Goswick Golf Club

Station Cottages Goswick
Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 2RW
01289 387256
rory@goswickgolfclub.com
www.goswickgolfclub.com

Bamburgh Castle Golf Club

The Wynding Bamburgh
NE69 7DE
01668 214378 (Clubhouse)
01668 214321 (Secretary/Manager)
secretary@bamburghcastlegolfclub.co.uk
www.bamburghcastlegolfclub.co.uk

SCHLOSS Roxburghe Golf Course

Championship Course and Hotel
Heiton Kelso TD5 8JZ
01573 450333
info@roxburghe-golf.com
www.roxburghe-golf.com/en/contact

Cycling

There are some fabulous local cycling routes.
For more information, visit:
www.wooler.org.uk/cycling/373-wooler-cycle-hub

Adventure Sports

Adventure Northumberland

Alnwick 01665 602925
www.adventurenorthumberland.co.uk
*Organised rock climbing, kayaking,
coasteering, abseiling or surfing.*

Tennis

Lennel Tennis Club

Swinton Road Coldstream TD12 4AX
Richard Ward 07906 928454
rwtennis@btinternet.com

Berwick Tennis Club

Pier Fields Devon Terrace
Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 1JE
Richard Ward 07906 928454
rwtennis@btinternet.com

Wellbeing

The Beauty Room

Branxton TD12 4SL
07900 841636
www.thebeautyroombranxton.co.uk
*Book yourself one or more of Lisa Turnbull's
lovely treatments.*

Riding

Kimmerston Riding Centre

Wooler Northumberland NE71 6JH
01668 216283 / jane@kimmerston.com
www.kimmerston.com
*Riding in the Cheviot Hills or along
the Northumberland beaches.*

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Surfing

There are many beaches along the East Coast from Coldingham to Warkworth, which, are notable for surfing, including Bamburgh, Cocklawburn, Seahouses and Beadnell.

For surf lessons contact:

Sally Cook

07810 562972

sally@surfnorthumberland.co.uk

www.surfnorthumberland.co.uk

KA Adventure Sports

07766 303876

info@kitesurfinglessons.co.uk

www.kitesurfinglessons.co.uk/surfing/

Leisure Centres & Swimming Pools

The Swan Centre

Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 2AS

01670 620200

www.activenorthumberland.org.uk

Kelso Swimming Pool

Inch Road Kelso TD5 7JP

01573 224944

www.liveborders.org.uk

Fishing

For salmon fishing on the River Tweed and its tributaries, see FishTweed. Salmon season begins on 1st February and runs right through to 30th November, with fishing available from Monday through to Saturday (no Sunday fishing).

FishTweed

01573 470612

www.fishtweed.co.uk

The Till Fishing

From Redscar Milfield to Tindal House

Contact Brian Thompson

01668 216 223

The legal season for brown trout starts on 15th March and finishes on 6th October, but in practice most clubs restrict the season from 1st April to 30th September.

Whilst it is legal to fish on Sundays (unlike salmon and sea trout), most clubs do not allow Sunday fishing. Crabtree & Crabtree (01573 226711) can also advise on local fishing, guides, instructors, and tackle hire.

There is also still water trout fishing at:

Chatton

www.chattontroutfishery.com

Watch Water Fishery

Lammermuir Hills

www.watchfishery.co.uk

Coldingham Loch

near St Abbs Head

www.coldinghamloch.co.uk



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The Countryside Code

We kindly ask that all guests follow The Countryside Code:

Respect everyone

- be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside
- leave gates and property as you find them
- do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking
- be nice, say hello, share space
- follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available

Protect the environment

- take litter home - leave no trace of your visit
- do not light fires and only have BBQs where signs say you can
- always keep dogs under control and in sight
- dog poo - bag it and bin it - any public waste bin will do
- care for nature - do not cause damage or disturbance

Enjoy the outdoors

- check your route
- plan your adventure - know what to expect and what you can do
- enjoy your visit

Further reading may be found at

www.gov.uk/countryside-code

Scottish Outdoor Access Code

Scotland has its own outdoor rules.

Visit www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot for details.