

North Tyne & Redesdale

A Warm Welcome...

Call into any of our National Park Centres and our friendly staff will provide advice and information on places to visit, things to do, where to stay and special events.

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National Park Centre, Ingram



Red Squirrel



Explore the countryside



Hareshaw Linn

Bellingham is a historic market town on the Pennine Way National Trail. Close by is Hareshaw Linn with its dramatic waterfall which is a great place for family walks. Villages such as Greenhaugh and Falsstone provide pubs and tearooms where you can relax in the company of local people.

Scattered through the wild landscape, which was once the stamping ground of the notorious Border clans – the Reivers are historic bastles (fortified homesteads) 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. Catch a glimpse of otters which can be seen along the rivers and streams.

Explore the wonderful charm of the countryside in the North Tyne and Rede Valleys. Meander along the winding rivers, quiet woodlands and be invigorated by the majestic hills. Feel the vibrant community spirit celebrating the wonderful quality of life in these twinned valleys.

You won't always need your car to explore Northumberland National Park. Why not take a scenic bus ride and take the stress out of driving.

By Bus
'Explorer' bus tickets allow a day's unlimited travel on many of Northumberland's bus services with discounts on many visitor attractions. For advice on bus services in Northumberland call Traveline
Tel: +44 (0)8706 082608 www.iplanner.org.uk

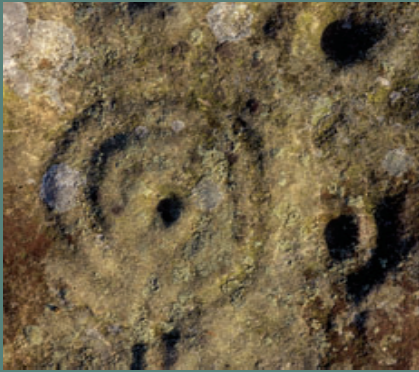


AD122

During the summer the award-winning **Hadrian's Wall Bus Service** (AD122) runs between Newcastle-upon-Tyne and the Cumbrian Coast.

The bus enables you to walk sections of the Hadrian's Wall Path National Trail acting as a convenient way to get to the start and finish of your walk. You can even take your bikes on the bus.
Tel: +44 (0) 1434 322002
Best to book before 3pm on the day before you travel.

Coquetdale



Cup and Ring markings, Londershaws



Alnham Show



Simonside Hills & the River Coquet

Car Free & Care Free!

By Road
The National Park is signposted from Newcastle, Carlisle and Edinburgh via the A69, A1 (M), A68 and A697.

By Rail
The Tyne Valley Line provides good access to Hadrian's Wall and the southern end of the National Park. Tyne Valley Train Trails pack enables you to walk the length of this beautiful valley in a series of day walks that link with railway stations between Wylam and Haltwhistle.
Tel: +44 (0)8457 484950
www.nationalrail.co.uk

By Air
Newcastle International Airport is approximately 50 minutes drive from Northumberland National Park. For flight information contact Newcastle International Airport
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Or call into any National Park Centre or Tourist Information Centre for advice and a range of timetables.

The Cheviots

Enjoy the majesty of the Simonside Hills or the intimacy of the Coquet Valley where you will find a rich cultural heritage of music, castles and historic churches to enjoy.

The beautiful Coquet Valley is stunning all year round with breathtaking views and inspiring landscapes. At Barrowburn, some of the very best hay meadows can easily be seen from the road or nearby paths. If you go for a stroll in Holystone you will find the tranquil Lady's Well dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Close by the 17th Century Woodhouses Bastle (fortified homestead) nestles into the hillside. Coquetdale has a vibrant culture deeply rooted in agricultural shows and traditional music.

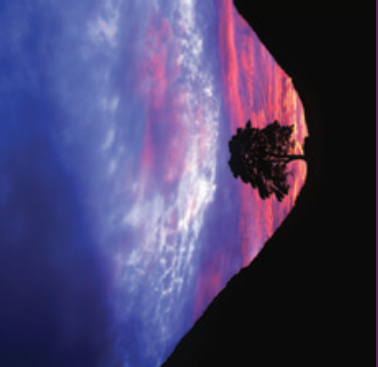
The picturesque traditional market town of Rothbury, with its interesting and distinctive shops, is a great place to take a break. Nearby the Simonside Hills and Londershaws can be explored on foot. Wonder about the origin of the famous prehistoric 'cup and ring' markings on the stones, whilst taking in the inspiring views.



Crag Lough near Steel Rigg



Hadrian's Cycleway



Sycamore Gap

Hadrian's Wall

Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site is Britain's longest monument stretching for 73 miles across the north of England. Now, with the new Hadrian's Wall National Trail, you can walk it end-to-end for the first time in 1600 years!

The wall itself can be seen at various locations, but the most spectacular stretch is 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.

There's more than Hadrian's Wall to explore. Greenlee Lough National Nature Reserve is great for birdwatchers. Wailtown has ample space for kids to let off steam with a quiz trail, orienteering course, wildlife ponds and refreshments.

Hadrian's Cycleway runs the length of Hadrian's Wall between Newcastle-Upon-Tyne and Maryport on the Cumbrian Coast. This exciting route passes through lively cities, picturesque market towns and villages as well as historic Roman forts and castles along the way.

For more information visit:
www.hadrians-wall.org or
www.cycle-routes.org/hadrianscycleway

Northumberland National Park

Visitor Map

be inspired...

Situated in the north of Northumberland National Park less than an hour from Newcastle, the Cheviot Hills mark the border with Scotland; a wild, romantic landscape of rounded hills and valleys.

A picnic and a paddle in the Breamish or Hartthorpe Valley is a traditional day out. You can share the shallow, clean rivers with dippers and otters and even park your car and sit close by on the riverbank. Experience the finds from the archaeological digs of the valley's hillforts which are on display at the National Park Centre, Ingram. Here you can also get an ice cream and find out about other local attractions.

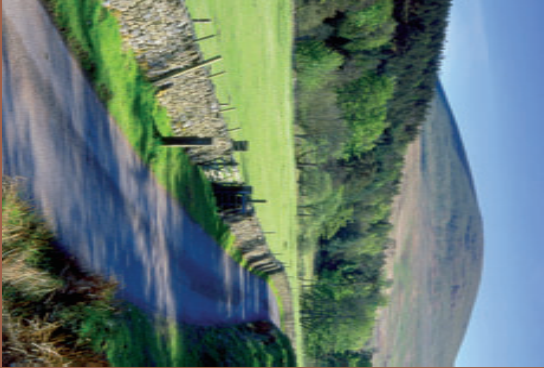
The Cheviot Hills are made up of hard igneous rocks, either granite or andesites. The latter are the remains of lava from extinct volcanoes. The hills are crisscrossed with bridleways which allow mountain bikers and walkers to follow the routes of ancient cattle drovers. The dramatic waterfall of Linhope Spout is a worthwhile visit for a family day out. But for a real challenge, climb Cheviot – the highest point in Northumberland, where the Pennine Way snakes along the border ridge. At the northern edge of the Cheviots, within the site of Yeavering Bell, you can still trace the pre-Roman remains of ancient circular huts.



River Breamish, Ingram



Hedgehope Hill, Hartthorpe Valley





Explore the breathtaking scenery, wildlife and history of Northumberland National Park. Immerse yourself in the peace and quiet, escape the stresses and strains of modern life and enjoy all the great outdoors has to offer.



Alwinton



Reivers Cycleway

Walking

Some of the best walking country in England can be found in Northumberland National Park: from long distance trails such as the Hadrian's Wall National Trail and the Pennine Way, to shorter, circular routes and village strolls. If you want to get away from it all, then the wide open spaces around Otterburn in Redesdale or the wooded valleys of the North Tyne are for you. The Cheviot Hills offer views of three counties and the Breanish Valley provides trails amongst archaeological remains. In Rothbury and Coquetdale the choice of walking is varied, ranging from the high, open, dome-like hills of the Upper Coquet to the pastoral terraces of the river valley near Rothbury.

Cycling

Discover one of England's best kept cycling secrets - routes range from meandering river valleys and quiet country roads to wild open moorland blasts. Popular routes include the Pennine Cycleway, the Reivers Cycleway and the new Hadrian's Cycleway. Shorter rides include the Rothbury and Coquetdale Cycle Trails and routes around the North Tyne and Rede valleys.

Horse Riding

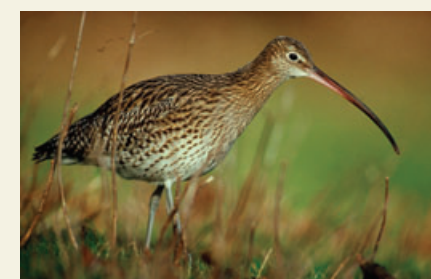
Northumberland National Park offers quiet bridleways and country roads ideal for horse riding. Experienced riders can find challenging routes in the Cheviot Hills, particularly in the Breanish Valley and around Alwinton in the Upper Coquet Valley. Good riding centres around the National Park provide an ideal introduction to short rides, day treks and escorted carriage rides for all abilities.



Thirlwall Castle

Fishing

The river's North Tyne, Tweed and Coquet provide first class salmon and sea trout fishing. Many clubs sell day permits to visitors which are available from local pubs and Post Offices.



Curlew

Archaeology & History

Its historic environment, is without doubt, one of Northumberland National Park's special qualities. It provides evocative reminders of our turbulent past, which survive largely undamaged. From Hadrian's Wall in the south to the Breanish Valley's ancient hill forts and the wonderful prehistoric landscapes of the Cheviot Hills in the north, the area provides a uniquely personal experience for every visitor. Over 2000 years of military history is still in the making on Otterburn Ranges. To explore it, contact the National Park Centre, Rothbury.

Wildlife

The conifer forests of the North Tyne are a well known last haven for the native red squirrel. Many other rare species also flourish here. The heather moors host our emblematic curlew, alongside black grouse, ring ouzel and golden plover; whilst on the endangered peat mires, the carnivorous sundew can be found. A multitude of minibeasts and beautiful flowers thrive in hay meadows which have evolved from traditional farming during centuries of care.

Countryside Access

For information on your 'Right to Roam' log onto:

www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk



Wild Orchid