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Walk the Northumberland Coast Path this summer

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Guided Walks 2013

The Northumberland Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership is once more offering the chance to walk the Northumberland Coast Path this summer with the path originator, Iain Robson.

Each Wednesday between the 17th July and 21st August, Iain will lead a walk along a section of the path in the company of a coastal expert, maybe a botanist, geologist, ranger or birdwatcher. You can choose to do one section or them all, it’s up to you.

The start time for each section coincides with the arrival of a bus and we will return to our starting point by bus. With fantastic ticket deals available, why not leave the car at home and use the bus to join us?

Details of each of the stages can be found below, the walks are all free, but you will need your bus fare. We have given brief public transport information, but you can plan your journey at [www.travelinenortheast.info](http://www.travelinenortheast.info)

Booking is essential, you can book by phone on 01670 622660 or by email to coastaonb@northumberland.gov.uk. Further details for each walk can be found at [www.ourcoastoursea.org.uk](http://www.ourcoastoursea.org.uk)

**Stage 1 17th July Cresswell to Warkworth 10.5 miles (5 hours)**

Start: 09:20 Cresswell Ices to coincide with the arrival of the Arriva No.1 from Ashington (change here from Newcastle)

Return on the 14:52 472/1 to Ellington and Ashington or direct to Newcastle on the 15:26 X18 services.

**Stage 2 24th July Warkworth to Craster 13 miles (6.5 hours)**

Start 09:35 Warkworth Market Cross to coincide with the arrival of the X18 from Alnwick and Newcastle.

Return on the 16:27 Travelsure 418 to Alnwick. Change here for Arriva services to Warkworth and Newcastle

**Stage 3 31st July Craster to Seahouses 9.5 miles (5 hours)**
Start 10:35 Craster TIC to coincide with the arrival of the X18 from Alnwick/Newcastle

Return on the 16:05 Travelsure 418 to Alnwick via Craster. Change at Alnwick for Arriva services to Newcastle.

**Stage 4 7th August Seahouses to Belford 10.5 miles (5 1/2 hours)**

Start 10:00 Seahouses TIC to coincide with the arrival of the Travelsure 418 from Alnwick.

Return to Seahouses on 15:45 418 to Seahouses or 15.32 505 to Alnwick/Newcastle

**Stage 5 14th August Belford to Fenwick 7 miles (4 hours)**

Start 1030 Belford Market Cross to coincide with the arrival of the X15 from Alnwick/Newcastle or the Travelsure 418 from the Coast.

Return to Alnwick/Newcastle via Belford on 15.34 X15 service

**Stage 6 21st August Fenwick to Berwick-upon-Tweed 12 miles (6 hours)**

Start 1035 Fenwick A1 Bus Stop to coincide with the arrival of the X15 from Alnwick/Newcastle

Return on 1709 X15 service to Alnwick/Newcastle via Fenwick.

For further information or to book your place call 01670 622660 or email coastaonb@northumberland.gov.uk or visit the website www.northumberlandcoastaonb.org

**Notes to the editor**

**The Northumberland Coast AONB**

The Northumberland Coast has been designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) since 1958 in recognition of the quality of the landscape. AONBs are a national landscape designation and together with National Parks they make up our finest landscapes. The Northumberland Coast AONB covers 135 sq.kms, between Berwick and the Coquet estuary. The area is best known for its sweeping sandy beaches and open views, rolling dunes and rocky cliffs, isolated islands, dramatic castles, ancient relics and rich wildlife.

**The Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership**

The Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership is a broad partnership of representatives from local authorities, statutory organisations, interest groups and the local community. The Partnership guides management of the AONB, offers advice to land managers and the local community and takes action to improve the well being of the AONB for all those who value it, now and in the future.

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