

NORTH EAST

Craster to Low Newton coastal walk

Enjoy magnificent views and miles of sandy bay on this circular coastal walk. Embark from the fishing village of Craster, pass by the mighty ruins of Dunstanburgh Castle and the long sweep of Embleton Sands, before reaching Low Newton by the Sea.

i Seasonal highlights

A wonderful walk all year round, with dune flowers blooming in spring, paddling (or swimming for the brave) in summer, migrating birds in the autumn, and beautiful light and empty paths in winter.



Information

Address: Craster, Northumberland, NE66 3TT

OS map: Landranger 75; Explorer 332

Activity: Walking

Moderate: Circular walk mostly on flat, surfaced paths. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Keep dogs on short leads near livestock and under close control on the beach.

Full trail: Miles: 7.7 (km: 12.32)

Access: Easy

Duration: 3 hours

Terrain

Circular walk mostly on flat, firmly surfaced paths of grass or natural gravel. Some of the route passes through softer dunes and there's a short climb down onto the sands of Embleton beach.

Total steps: 9

Start point: Craster, grid ref: NU258201

1. Start in Craster and walk towards Dunstanburgh Castle, passing Craster harbour. The path takes you through farmland with the rocky shoreline to your right.
2. Continue along the route past Dunstanburgh Castle, or pop in for a visit. National Trust members visit the castle for free.
3. At the base of the castle, turn left and follow the route around the inland side of the castle, with the cliff on your right.
4. Pass a golf course on your left and descend onto the beach. Stroll to the far end of Embleton Bay and cross Embleton Burn as it trickles into the sea.
5. Continue along the bay towards the harbour at Newton Haven.
6. Climb up from the beach to Low Newton's picturesque three-sided square. Continue inland via a track that starts behind the village square, cottages and boat park.
7. Walk alongside the sand dunes and through a little woodland for 450yd (400m), until you reach two wildlife hides that look out over the waters at Newton Pool nature reserve.
8. Continue on this path towards Dunstan Steads. Dunstanburgh's precipitous cliffs loom large again as you pass the golf course.
9. After the castle, climb up to your right on a higher level track back to Craster.

End point: Craster, grid ref: NU258201
