

Northumberland - Coast & Countryside

ROUTE 1



MAP KEY

- 1 ROUTE START
- TOWN/VILLAGE
- P PARKING
- PH PUB
- WC WC
- i TIC
- ALTERNATE ROUTE

ATTRACTIONS ON ROUTE

- A THE ARMSTRONG HOUSEHOLD AND FARMING MUSEUM
- B BAMBURGH CASTLE
- C CHILLINGHAM CASTLE
- D CHILLINGHAM WILD CATTLE ASSOCIATION
- E PRESTON TOWER

FACILITIES

Shops & accommodation in Beadnell, Belford, Chatton, Seahouses, Wooler & Bamburgh

Pubs at Belford, Chatton, North Charlton (just off route), Ellingham, Lucker, Seahouses & Bamburgh

Public car parks at Bamburgh & Seahouses (on street parking at other locations)

HOW TO GET THERE

Belford is signed from the A1, 15 miles south of Berwick-upon-Tweed, 16 miles north of Alnwick. OS Map Grid Reference NU109339

TRANSPORT

To plan your route call Traveline on 0870 608 2 608 or visit www.traveline-northeast.co.uk

There is a limited train service to Chathill (just off route) for details of cycle carriage and timetable see www.northernrail.org or www.nationalrail.co.uk

- 1 Take the B6349 west out of Belford and then take the first left after 1 mile signed 'Chatton 5, Wooler 9'.
- 2 Continue for 3 miles to a T-junction, turn right signed 'Chatton, Wooler'. Follow this road into Chatton, passing over a small bridge.
- 3 Take the 3rd left after the bridge signed 'Chillingham'. Follow this road for 1.9 miles then turn left signed 'Hepburn', climb for 0.5 miles then left again also signed 'Hepburn'.
- 4 Follow this road as it bends left then right through a small group of buildings. The road climbs steeply, over a cattle grid and onto Hepburn Moor.
- 5 Follow this wonderful unfenced road for 7 miles. At the bottom of the final descent, immediately before the A1, turn left onto a lane parallel with the main road then bear right downhill after 20 metres, cross under the A1 via the subway at the end of which turn left.

- 6 At the crossroads turn right signed 'Ellingham', then bear left after 0.5 miles (also signed 'Ellingham').
- 7 At the T-junction turn left and then right almost immediately, passing a phone box and Inn on your left. Continue out of Ellingham village and turn right after 0.5 miles.
- 8 At the T-junction turn left and then right after 100 metres. Continue along this farm access road for 1.1 miles passing through 2 gates.
- 9 At the crossroads turn right signed 'Seahouses' (unless you want to take the slightly shorter route indicated on the map which misses the coast but takes in the village of Lucker).

- 10 The road crosses the East Coast Rail line, keep following signs for Seahouses.
- 11 On the outskirts of Seahouses you will pick up blue 'National Cycle Network' (NCN) route signs with a red number patch '1' (The Coast & Castles Cycle Route). Turn left in the direction of Bamburgh (unless you want to stop off in Seahouses).
- 12 You can now follow the NCN1 signs into Bamburgh. To your right you will see Bamburgh Castle.
- 13 At the T-junction in Bamburgh turn hard left onto the B1341, continue for 1.5 miles then turn right, signed NCN1, then left after 0.5 miles.

- 14 Continue following NCN1 straight ahead.
- 15 Turn right at the T-junction then left straight away, the shorter route option rejoins the main route here.
- 16 Turn left and follow NCN1 signs up to the A1 junction. **CROSS THE A1 WITH CARE.**
- 17 At the T-junction NCN1 continues north (right) but you need to turn left to return to your start point in Belford.