

# Dunstanburgh Castle circular walk Northumberland



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## Need to know

- **OS reference:** OS Explorer map 340
- **Distance:** 4 miles/6.4km (2 hours walking plus time to explore the castle)
- **Difficulty:** 2/5
- **Terrain:** country and coastal paths that are mostly flat
- **Access:** not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs
- **Dog walkers:** This walk is suitable for dogs
- **Refreshments:** café and pub in Craster, a pub in Dunstan
- **Grid reference:** starts and ends at Craster Tourist Information Centre (NU255198)
- **Sat nav:** starts and ends at Craster Tourist Information Centre, NE66 3TW

This walk is courtesy of Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership, and its trail leaflets are available to buy in Craster Tourist Information Centre for this and other local trails.

## Directions

- 1 From the Tourist Information Centre in Craster, cross the road and follow the public footpath signed to Dunstan Square. The path leads under a canopy of overhanging trees.
- 2 After about 100m, go through a gate; the path which leads below the whinstone ridge is indistinct in places but the direction is clear.
- 3 At the kissing gate turn left onto a track and go through a five-bar gate. Once through the gate head up the field towards Dunstan Square Farm, keeping to the left side of the field.
- 4 At the farm go through the gate and turn right to follow the track straight ahead through another gate onto a concrete road. After about 1 mile/1.5km the road reaches Dunstan Steads.
- 5 Once through the Dunstan Steads turn right onto a narrow road which heads towards the sea and Dunstanburgh golf course.
- 6 At the end of the road go through the gate and immediately turn right onto the golf course, following the waymarker arrows. Please keep to the fence line and beware of flying golf balls.
- 7 After 1 km, the path rejoins the coast by crossing to the left hand side of the green. Follow the path south through a kissing gate. The route skirts the inland side of Dunstanburgh Castle.
- 8 Once you've finished exploring the castle, the path heads south and follows the coast to the village.
- 9 At Craster harbour, turn right and head back to the Tourist Information Centre.