



## Alnmouth circular walk

- 1) Walk out of Alnmouth Railway Station, up towards the main road and turn left. Walk past the first lot of houses on the right and you'll then find a hidden public footpath. Take this as it crosses a park and a wooded area. Take care, as this can be boggy ground. Follow the footpath until it reaches a tunnel.
- 2) Cross underneath the railway via the tunnel which brings you out on the open fields on the other side. Turn left and follow the clear track which is the public footpath. After going past a small area of trees on the left, the path veers left slightly before Wooden Farm.
- 3) Please note, this section can be very boggy

A circular walk around the Alnmouth area, taking in the fairly flat landscape, before walking along the stunning Northumberland Coast Path.

### Route details

- Distance** – 8 miles / 12.1 km
- Minimum time** – 3 ½ hours
- Grade** – **Medium** – road walking, well-made paths with sections across fields without paths.
- Map** – OS Landranger 81 / Explorer 332
- Dog Friendliness** – Keep on leads in the urban areas, but ok off leads in the countryside unless stated otherwise
- Nearest station** – Alnmouth

in wet weather. Walk past the farm on the left and turn right at the end of the path. Within a couple of steps, turn left and climb over the stile next to the metal gate. Again, follow the clearly marked path on the ground which begins fairly straight, and then turns at 45 degrees to the right.

- 4) The path joins a road just outside the village of High Buston. Turn right here and head into the village. Just after a footpath on the right, take a path on the left, signposted towards Buston Barns. Dogs need to be on leads here. Follow the path and the signs as the footpath crosses over a stream. At the junction of paths, turn left, and follow this signposted path through to Buston Barns.
- 5) After walking between the farm buildings, turn left onto the road and cross over the railway again, this time using the road bridge. Straight after, turn left and follow the road as it turns right. You will then pass Shortridge Hall on the right.
- 6) At the junction with the main A1068, carefully cross over to the far side and

turn right. Walk past the bus shelter on the grass verge until the next road junction to the left. You can then join the segregated cycle/walking path away from the road.

- 7) Follow this cycle/walking path until the next road junction on the left. This is a private road, but it is also a public footpath. Turn left here and then left again to follow the Northumberland Coast Path. Follow the path as it treks alongside the coast line, past Buston Links.
- 8) After a while, the Coast Path and the St Oswald's Way turns left and returns to walk alongside the A1068. Follow the signposts when you reach the road and turn right. Walk alongside the road until the Coast Path and the St Oswald's Way turns right. It will then eventually cross Hip Burn stream.
- 9) When the path emerges at the B1338, turn left and follow the road into the centre of Alnmouth. Cross over the roundabout and follow the signs towards the station. Soon, you pass the park seen in 1) and then it's a right turn down the access road back to Alnmouth station.

