



REGIONAL GUIDE

DISCOVER NORTHUMBERLAND | 5 Top Beaches



*Bamburgh castle on the stunning Northumberland coast*

## Discovering Northumberland:

### Our Top Five Northumbrian Beaches

Welcome to Northumberland, England's best-kept secret!

Nestled in the northeast, this gem offers more than just stunning landscapes and historical sites

Here are our top five Northumbrian beaches, but there are many stunning beaches here—which one is your favourite???

# 5th—Warkworth Beach



## At No.5—Warkworth Beach

Warkworth Beach, nestled along the stunning Northumberland coastline, is a must-visit destination for anyone exploring the region's finest beaches. This expansive stretch of golden sand, backed by rolling dunes, offers breathtaking views of the North Sea and is perfect for leisurely strolls, beachcombing, or simply soaking up the tranquil atmosphere. Just a short walk from the picturesque village of Warkworth, with its iconic medieval castle and charming shops, the beach feels wonderfully unspoiled and peaceful, making it ideal for families, dog walkers, and nature lovers alike. Whether you're enjoying a brisk walk in the fresh sea air or catching a glimpse of local wildlife, Warkworth Beach is a serene escape that showcases the natural beauty of Northumberland

### Why we love it:

Soft white sand backed by sand dunes, close to Warkworth but still somehow feels quite remote and unspoiled. Often unbusy you might even get this beach to yourself or just the occasional dog walker

### How to get there:

Head North out of Warkworth village towards Alnmouth, go over the bridge and take the first right. At the end of this lane there is a carpark. It is then a short stroll through the dunes to this lovely beach

### Nearby facilities:

Warkworth village is around 15 minutes on foot, or 3-4 minutes by car. The village has various shops, restaurants and cafes, as well as a couple of pubs

# 4th—Football Hole Beach

## In at No.4—Football Hole Beach

Football Hole Beach is a hidden gem along the Northumberland coastline, offering visitors a more secluded and tranquil beach experience. Tucked away between Beadnell and Low Newton-by-the-Sea, this small yet picturesque cove is framed by rolling dunes, creating a sense of privacy and natural beauty. Its unspoiled golden sands and crystal-clear waters make it an ideal spot for a peaceful retreat, perfect for picnics, quiet reflection, or simply enjoying the dramatic coastal scenery. Accessible via a short coastal walk, Football Hole Beach is a favourite among those seeking a quieter alternative to the more popular beaches, providing a perfect setting for relaxation amidst Northumberland's breathtaking landscapes



### Why we love it:

Lesser frequented beach, even by Northumberland standards, this beach is a perfect half circle of white sand backed by picturesque dunes. Feels very remote from the rest of the world

### How to get there:

You can park at Low Newton and walk to this beach along the coast path or bear left at The Joiners Arms in High Newton and follow this lane to another carpark which is a slightly shorter walk in

### Nearby facilities:

The Ship Inn is a lovely pub at Low Newton, and the Joiners Arms is a great gastro-pub. There are also limited facilities at nearby Embleton village

# 3rd—Embleton Beach



## At No.3—Embleton Beach

Embleton Beach is a stunning expanse of golden sand that perfectly captures the wild beauty of Northumberland's coastline. Stretching beneath the dramatic ruins of Dunstanburgh Castle, this beach offers breathtaking views that combine history with nature. Ideal for families, dog walkers, and outdoor enthusiasts, the wide, sandy shores are perfect for picnics, sandcastle building, or simply enjoying the fresh sea breeze. The calm, shallow waters invite paddling and swimming, while the surrounding dunes provide a peaceful retreat for wildlife spotting. Whether you're enjoying a leisurely coastal walk or soaking up the area's serene beauty, Embleton Beach is a must-visit destination for anyone exploring Northumberland

### Why we love it:

Yet another stunning white sandy beach, perfect for relaxing on. This one, however, has the added advantage of being overlooked by the picture-perfect ruined Dunstanburgh Castle which stands proudly on the headland

### How to get there:

There is limited parking at Dunstan Steads (turn down WT Stead Rd at Embleton onto Sunny Brae then take the first left and follow this lane right to the end) or you can park at the end of the lane by the golf course at Embleton

### Nearby facilities:

Nearby Embleton village has limited facilities and a few pubs

# 2nd—Longhoughton Beach

## In at No.2—Longhoughton (Sugar Sands) Beach

Longhoughton Beach, also known as Sugar Sands, is a tranquil and picturesque spot on the Northumberland coast that offers a true escape into nature. Renowned for its soft, golden sands and clear, turquoise waters, this hidden gem is perfect for those seeking peace and solitude away from busier beaches. Framed by rugged cliffs and lush green headlands, the beach is a haven for walkers, picnickers, and wildlife enthusiasts. Accessible via a scenic coastal path, it rewards visitors with stunning views and a sense of seclusion. Whether you're exploring rock pools, enjoying a quiet stroll, or simply unwinding to the sound of gentle waves, Longhoughton Beach provides a serene retreat amidst Northumberland's breathtaking landscapes.



### Why we love it:

Another of the lesser known beaches in the area (although getting more and more popular all the time!) this is a lovely secluded beach for a picnic or even a quick dip if you are feeling brave! Easy access to this beach via the dunes car park

### How to get there:

Turn down Crowlea Road (Signed for Low Steads Farm) out of Longhoughton village. Drive as far as you can along this lane, parking is on top of the sand dunes

### Nearby facilities:

Longhoughton has limited facilities. There are loads of options in not too far away Alnwick. There is a great pub at nearby Boulmer called The Fishing Boat Inn

# 1st—Bamburgh Beach



## At No.1—Bamburgh Beach

Bamburgh Beach is a breathtaking destination that perfectly combines natural beauty with historical grandeur. Stretching along the Northumberland coast, this vast expanse of golden sand is overlooked by the iconic Bamburgh Castle, creating a dramatic and unforgettable backdrop. The beach offers plenty of space for families, dog walkers, and outdoor enthusiasts to enjoy activities like picnicking, kite flying, or simply relaxing by the sea. Its sweeping views of the Farne Islands and Holy Island add to its charm, making it a favourite spot for photographers and nature lovers. With its mix of history, stunning scenery, and a peaceful atmosphere, Bamburgh Beach is a must-visit for anyone exploring the region.

### Why we love it:

Simply stunning beach, it's got the lot! Soft white sand beach, gorgeous dunes, overlooked by the exquisite Bamburgh Castle. Lovely village always worth a wander around. Can get a little busy near the village, but it's a lovely long stretch of sand right down to Seahouses if you want to escape

### How to get there:

There are two large car parks by the castle in Bamburgh and a series of smaller ones closer to the beach at the north end of the beach. These can be found by turning down The Wynding opposite the Lord Crewe pub

### Nearby facilities:

Good choice of eating and drinking options in the village and a limited number of touristy type shops