

# Where to go



Castle View Bed and Breakfast Information

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## Explore Morpeth

**Morpeth** is the place to visit if you want to explore the historic county town of Northumberland. Discover unique, individual shops around the town. Surprises await you at the end of each cobbled street. For a luxury high street experience with a mix of live music and monthly events head to Sanderson Arcade where you can “shop 'til you drop”! With a unique combination of rich history, heritage and beauty, this bustling market town is the ideal base to explore what the county of Northumberland has to offer. Make your next visit special with a memorable holiday in Morpeth.



### HIGH QUALITY SHOPPING AT SANDERSON ARCADE

Combine the old and the new with a walk around Morpeth's modern Wednesday market which is just a stone's throw from the 13th century Chantry that houses the town's **Bagpipe Museum and Northumbrian Arts and Craft Gallery**.

You can wander along woodland paths in Morpeth's colourful **Carlisle Park** which boasts river boating, tennis courts and bowls. The park also plays host to the wonderful **Turner Garden** - celebrating the life of William Turner, the father of English botany who was born and educated at Morpeth.



### MORPETH CHANTRY AND BAGPIPE MUSEUM

For the best in local produce, experience Morpeth's **Farmers' Market** that takes place on the first Saturday of every month in the historic market place. There is also **Rutherford's**, an old-fashioned department store selling just about anything, that began trading in 1846.

The **Northumbrian Gathering** is three exciting jam-packed days celebrating the county's traditions, with concerts, street events, dances and exhibitions. Within a short distance of Morpeth lies wonderful country estates and gardens like **Wallington House** and **Belsay Hall, Castle and Gardens**. **Druridge Bay** with its magnificent seven-mile stretch of golden sand and dunes is only 20 minutes away by car. Also nearby is **Woodhorn Museum Archives and Country Park** where you can explore the rich industrial heritage that this part of Northumberland is very proud of.



WALLINGTON HOUSE

# Explore Alnwick



Pronounced to rhyme with 'panic', that's perhaps what you would do if you missed out on a visit to this bustling **medieval market town**.

Twisting, cobbled streets with an eclectic collection of individual shops are teamed with some of the country's top attractions, including **Alnwick Castle**. Dubbed the Windsor of the North, Alnwick Castle was the location for Hogwarts in the Harry Potter films and has been home of the Percy family and Dukes of Northumberland since 1309. Alongside is the Duchess of Northumberland's blooming marvellous creation – **The Alnwick Garden (below)**:



Dine among the treetops of The Alnwick Garden in the fairytale setting of one of the **world's largest tree houses**, or enjoy afternoon tea with a pot of Earl Grey tea, which originates from nearby Howick, in a cosy café.



# Nearby Attractions

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Northumberlandia (known as the Lady of the North)



**Northumberlandia is a unique piece of public art set in a 46 acre community park with free public access and 4 miles of footpaths on and around the landform.** The centrepiece of the park is Northumberlandia, a stunning human landform sculpture of a reclining lady. Made of 1.5 million tonnes of rock, clay and soil, she is 100 feet high and a quarter of a mile long.

Hadrians Wall



Hadrian's Wall, also called the Roman Wall, Picts' Wall, or Vallum Hadriani in Latin, was a defensive fortification in the Roman province of Britannia, begun in AD 122 in the reign of the Emperor Hadrian.

## Cragside House and Gardens



Described in 1880 as 'a palace of the modern magician', Cragside House, Gardens and Woodland is a truly unique visitor attraction in the heart of Northumberland. Situated near Rothbury, it was the family home of Lord Armstrong, Victorian inventor and industrialist. Cragside was the first building in the world to be lit by hydroelectricity and a walk around the National Trust property reveals a wealth of ingenious gadgetry including fire alarm buttons, telephones, a passenger lift and a Turkish bath suite.

As if that wasn't enough, the grounds of the Cragside Estate offer up a host of activities that will keep you and your family busy and fit. There's a play area, a rhododendron maze, a waterfall and the Trim Trail, where the whole family can test their agility. The estate has more than 30 miles of footpaths and lakeside walks. If it is raining, head inside to the Power House which has interactive models which children can use to generate their own electricity. There is also a children's trail in the house. Cragside is home to one of Europe's largest rock gardens sloping down the valley to the Debdon Burn. The Iron Bridge, one of the oldest of its type in the UK, crosses the burn.



## Simonside Hills



The **Simonside Hills** are a hill range in Northumberland, near the town of Rothbury. Most of the hills are around 300 metres (984 ft) to 400 metres (1,312 ft) high and are popular spots for hikers in the area. The highest point is Tosson Hill at 440 metres (1,444 ft).

## Cheviot Hills



The **Cheviot Hills** are a range of uplands straddling the Anglo-Scottish border between Northumberland and the Scottish Borders. The English section is within the Northumberland National Park.