

FREE MINI-GUIDE

NORTHUMBERLAND, THE NORTH EAST & NORTH PENNINES

TOP 10 MUST SEE PLACES 2025...



HELLO!

WE ARE NO FUSS TRAVEL GUIDES

In this booklet, you'll get a taster of our guidebooks as we present the **Top 10 Must-see Locations across Northumberland, the North East, and the North Pennines**. But, before we get into it, let's tell you a little bit about who we are...



“Think of us as your best mate sharing insider travel tips and unforgettable experiences over a pint.”

At No Fuss Travel Guides, we've redefined what a great travel guidebook should look, feel, and read like. Our Amazon best-sellers have been featured in The Guardian and The Sunday Times, inspiring thousands of epic adventures across the UK, Europe, and the world. Our acclaimed guidebooks cover everything from breathtaking landscapes and must-see destinations to stress-saving tips, eatery recommendations, places to stay, detailed itineraries, and everything in between!

BUT WHAT MAKES OUR GUIDES DIFFERENT?

We take a personal approach. Our independent, self-published guidebooks are written in a down-to-earth tone, based on in-depth research and personal, first-hand experiences. Our team of experienced travellers (both human and four-legged) have explored destinations across the UK and beyond, bringing you recommendations that are both authentic and unbiased.

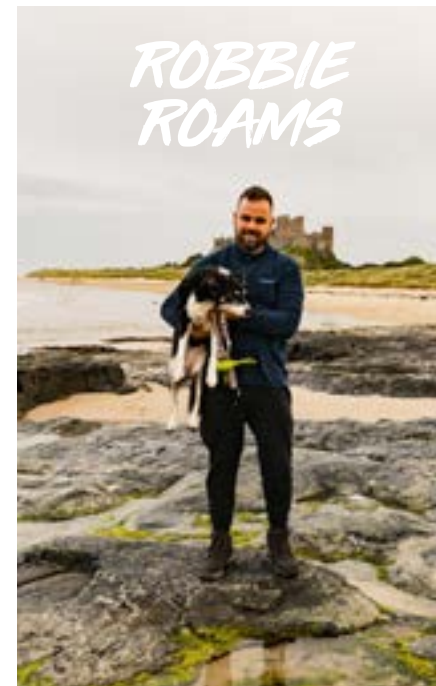
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BEFORE WE START...

If you're interested in finding out more about a road trip around Northumberland and the North East, you can watch our travel guru, Robbie Roams, talking everyday at the Inspiration Theatre.

ROBBIE WHO?

Robbie is a best-selling travel writer with a burning love for travel, photography and videography. He has a passion for sharing his own travel experiences through his videos, blogs and books (hence, in 2022 No Fuss Travel Guides was born!).



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NORTHUMBERLAND,

THE NORTH EAST & NORTH PENNINES

Northumberland has long been considered a lesser explored part of England, often overlooked by visitors who favour the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales. Perhaps its proximity to the Scottish border is another reason it has flown under the radar for so long.

However, in recent times, Northumberland has started to catch the attention of road trip enthusiasts like us. Throughout our guide, we show you exactly why you need to put this place at the top of the list for your next road trip. (We also show you how to plan your very own unforgettable North East adventure).

Boasting breathtaking outdoor landscapes, stunning beaches, charming villages, dramatic waterfalls, serene islands, and storybook castles, this is one of the UK's emerging road trip destinations, and we can confirm, it's bloody magical! Wait until you see it for yourself!

Now before we go any further, we just want to clarify that our guide covers Northumberland, Durham, The North Pennines and Tyne & Wear. We felt it was important to include points of interest from other parts of the North East that neighbour Northumberland. You'll see we refer to Northumberland more than the other areas as it covers the largest amount of the guide. Comprehend?

Ok, so why is the North East so good for road tripping? Well, it possesses everything needed for a memorable road trip. It offers remarkable driving routes across awe-inspiring national parks, breathtaking coastal parks and areas of outstanding natural beauty. It has a huge variety of must-see places and must do experiences to suit every taste. The North East's history is vast and compelling. It has the friendliest of locals offering the warmest of welcomes - howay man!



The campsites and hotels are simply superb. The food and drink across the region is delicious (exquisite sea food, the birthplace of Gregg's and the iconic Chicken Parmo). Overall, the North East truly is an exceptional and very welcoming destination for a road trip.

ONE OF THE UK'S EMERGING ROAD TRIP DESTINATIONS
NOW LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE TOP 10 LOCATIONS YOU
MUST VISIT ACROSS THE NORTH EAST...



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TYNEMOUTH

Tynemouth, steeped in history and renowned for its beautiful beaches, aquarium, castle, and lighthouse, has been a popular destination for many years. It was the first place in the world to establish a volunteer life brigade service, and today, you can visit a small but fascinating museum dedicated to the service's efforts. If you're in town over the weekend, be sure to check out the historic markets, where you'll find a wide variety of stalls and delicious street food! For parking, Tynemouth train station offers spaces for just £1.50 per day and has bays large enough for motorhomes and campervans.

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DURHAM

Durham is a historic county that's home to UNESCO World Heritage Sites, beautiful countryside and vibrant culture. A great starting point here is the city of Durham itself, with historic landmarks, top foodie spots and unique shops and markets to explore. Durham Cathedral is one of the finest examples of Norman architecture in Europe and was a filming location for the Harry Potter Series!



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HINDHOPE LINN

A true hidden gem set amongst the magic of Kielder Forest. This spectacular waterfall sits within a tranquil spot surrounded by vivid greenery, think Shrek's swamp meets a jungle in Bali. Park up at Blakehopeburnhaugh (<http://bulletins.org-roofer>) at the end of the Kielder Forest Drive, follow the forest road past Blakehopeburnhaugh Farm and hook a right. You'll see a small sign post directing you into the tranquil woodland. Keep your eyes peeled for red squirrels and listen out for the falls on your right hand side.





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HEN HOLE & THREE SISTERS FALLS

A wild and rugged gorge filled with magical cascades and waterfalls. The easiest way to access the gorge is by parking at Mounthooly Bunkhouse. To park here you'll need to purchase a College Valley vehicle permit in advance online. Only 12 permits are issued each day, meaning those without a permit will need to park up at Hethpool and hike approx. 8km along the valley. A hike to the three sisters waterfall from the bunkhouse will take about 45 minutes each way and is extremely boggy so appropriate footwear is needed. You can combine this walk with an ascent up The Cheviot. Despite getting thoroughly soaked, we enjoyed the isolation and wild landscapes of the Cheviot Hills on our visit to Hen Hole & The Three Sisters! Top tip, pin the Hen Hole location on Google Maps before you start the hike.



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KIELDER WATER & FOREST

Kielder Water & Forest hold a few big titles, including England's largest forest and the biggest man-made lake in all of northern Europe! It is an adventure playground for all ages, with space to cycle, walk, wildlife spot and even enjoy award-winning outdoor art. It's also a must-visit for any avid stargazers, with the area being considered one of the best dark sky zones in all of England. There are a few different car parks scattered around the forest and lake but a ticket bought in any visitor centre (£5 for the day) is transferable so you can park in any location throughout the day!

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ALNWICK CASTLE

Harry Potter fans, grab your broomsticks, it's time to join Madam Hooch in a flying lesson at Alnwick Castle! The 11th-century, Grade I listed castle has been the home of the Dukes of Northumberland for over 700 years. Due to its grand design, it's a popular location for film and TV, with scenes throughout the first two Harry Potter films shot here, including the iconic flying lesson, the route to Hagrid's hut and where Harry learns how to play quidditch. Closed during the winter, the castle reopens toward the end of March. There is a dedicated car park (<http://mattress.haunt.sometimes>) about a mile's walk from the castle. This really is a terrific visitor attraction!



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HADRIAN'S WALL

Marching 73-miles from coast to coast, Hadrian's Wall was built to guard the wild north-west frontier of the Roman Empire during the reign of Emperor Hadrian and once marked the boundary between Roman Britannia and Caledonia. There's plenty to see along the wall, with over 20 dedicated sites – from museums to the remains of forts, towers and towns to spectacular country views across its rugged landscape. Walkers can take on the entire 84-mile Hadrian's Wall Path or break it up into more manageable sections!

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NORTH PENNINES WATERFALLS

We've grouped the jaw-dropping Summerhill Force, Low Force Waterfall, and High Force Waterfall together because they are all closely located and definitely all worth a visit. Be sure to explore Gibson's Cave, which is situated behind Summerhill Force. Fans of the Netflix series *The Witcher* will recognize Low Force, known for its series of powerful cascades on the River Tees. High Force is one of England's most impressive waterfalls, plunging 69ft and dating back over 300 million years!



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HOLY ISLAND

A pint-sized island with beautiful walks, cosy cafes and historic attractions, Holy Island (also known as Lindisfarne) is cut off from the rest of Northumberland. Due to the changing tides, the road to the island can only be driven on twice a day so make sure to check the crossing times before beginning your journey! Parking is easily found, with the car park (*///illogical.taken.pride*) being one of the first things you'll see! Home to St Cuthbert, a saint who held spiritual healing powers, and Lindisfarne Castle (of the UK's most iconic landmarks), the island has plenty of history behind it. Today visitors can stop by Lindisfarne Priory, the epicentre of Christianity in Anglo Saxon times, to learn about the island's religious importance. For some refuelling, we recommend trying out Pilgrim's Coffee House and Roastery where you'll find fresh roasted coffee and tasty treats!



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BAMBURGH CASTLE & BEACH

Discover over 3,000 years of fascinating history, adventure, coastal views and the freshest sea air with a visit to Bamburgh Castle. TV fans might recognise the castle from its appearance in *The Last Kingdom*, with props and costumes on show inside the castle! Open daily throughout the year, entry costs £17 for adults and £8.50 for kids (family discount tickets are available). Tickets can be purchased on arrival, but it's recommended to book in advance to avoid disappointment. On-site parking is available for £4, or for those who want to try their luck, head to the free, height-restricted car park nearby ([///attitudes.talker.sweated](#)). The castle may close in high winds (which was the case on my last visit) so check the weather and castle website before your visit.

Perfect for long, windswept beach strolls or chilly but invigorating dips in the sea, Bamburgh Beach offers a lovely day out. With the imposing Bamburgh Castle as its backdrop, the beach is home to some solid waves, so surfing could be on the cards – with board hire and lessons available. The beach is also super dog-friendly, with no restrictions in place at any time. If you head north along the beach, you'll come across Stag Rock where you'll find some rock pools to explore and the Bamburgh Lighthouse. The largest nearby car park is Links Road ([///rectangular.outgoing.circus](#)) where campers and motorhomes can park overnight for £12. Alternatively, if you are visiting during a less busy period, those with non-height-restricted vehicles may find free parking just up the road from the castle ([///attitudes.talker.sweated](#)). Beach wheelchairs are available for hire, however it is advised that two able bodied aids are present to help through the soft sand.



WANT TO SEE MORE?

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR GUIDE BOOK!

The Ultimate 'No Fuss' guidebook. Featuring incredible locations, practical tips and stress saving hacks to ensure your road trip across Northumberland, The North East & North Pennines is simply unforgettable!

Furthermore, this in-depth guidebook has everything you could possibly need to plan your road trip. From itineraries to budgeting and accommodation including campsites, off-grid park ups and hotels. Basically, we've done all the hard work so you won't have to!

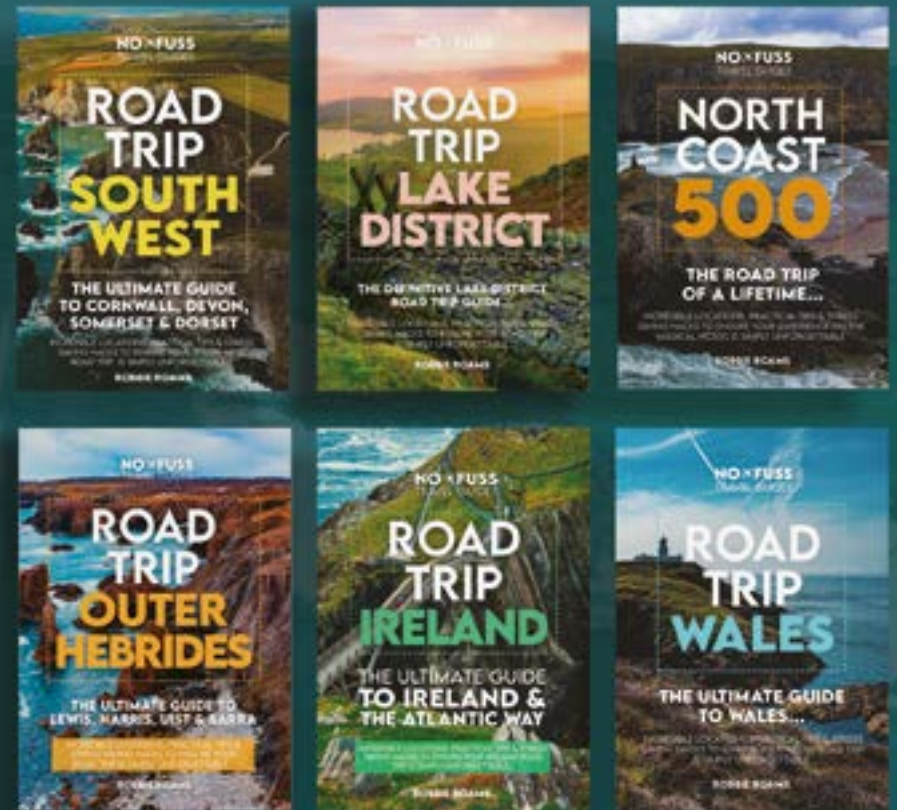


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A HUGE THANK YOU FROM THE NO FUSS TRAVEL TEAM

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