

Great days out from Belford by bus

Using Belford as a starting point, there are some great ways to explore Northumberland without a car. The table below lists the services available and selected running times. Overleaf, are some ideas to help plan your day out, as well as details of lots of discounts available with your bus ticket.

Destination Attractions and things to do	Service number	Change needed?	Frequency	Departure time from Belford	Outward arrival time	Return departure time	Arrival time in Belford	Link to timetable
Alnwick Alnwick Castle and Gardens, Barter Books	Arriva X15	No	Two-hourly	09:38 11:38	10:04 12:04	16:05 18:15	16:32 18:42	ArrivaX15
Bamburgh Bamburgh Castle, Grace Darling Museum	Arriva X18 or Travelsure 418	No	Hourly	09:38 10:38	09:50 10:53	16:20 18:48	16:32 19:03	Arriva X18/418
Berwick Barracks, Ramparts, Royal Border Bridge	Arriva X15 or Arriva X18	No	Hourly	09:17 10:32	09:45 11:00	16:15 18:15	16:48 18:48	ArrivaX15 ArrivaX18
Craster Dunstanburgh Castle, harbour, kippers	Arriva X18 or Travelsure 418	No	Hourly	09:38 10:38	10:31 11:32	16:46 17:34	17:42 18:29	Arriva X18/418
Embleton Embleton Bay	Arriva X18 or Travelsure 418	No	Hourly	09:44 10:46	10:29 11:32	16:56 17:44	17:42 18:29	Arriva X18/418
Ford & Etal Heatherslaw Corn Mill, heritage sites	Arriva X18	Yes, Glen Valley 267	Three per day	09:17 then 11:10 267 at Berwick	11:40(Etal) 11:45 (Ford)	17:13 (Ford) 17:18 (Etal) then 18:15 X18 Berwick	18:43	ArrivaX18 Glen267
High Newton-by-the-Sea Dunstanburgh Castle, Coast Path	Travelsure 418	No	Four per day	09:38 11:33	10:16 12:16	15:49 17:49	16:29 18:29	Travelsure 418
Holy Island Lindisfarne Castle, Priory, Heritage Centre	Arriva X18	Yes, Perryman's 477	Weds & Fri*	Varies, depending on tide times. Check online for exact times and see overleaf for more details.				ArrivaX18 Perry477
Howick Howick Gardens	Travelsure 418	No	Four per day	09:38 11:33	10:37 12:37	15:28 17:28	16:29 18:29	Travelsure 418
Seahouses Harbour, Farne Islands, fish and chips	Arriva X18 or Travelsure 418	No	Hourly	08:28 10:38	08:53 11:03	15:06 17:16	15:32 17:42	Arriva X18/418

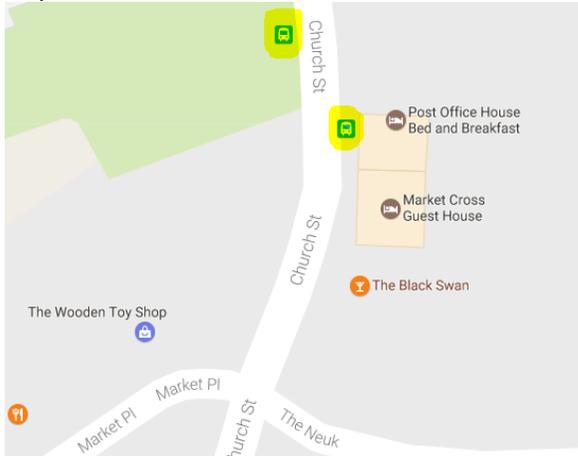
Please note: All journey times are for Monday – Friday. Times on Saturdays may differ and there is a much reduced service on Sunday. Timetables valid until 28/09/19. Details can be checked on Traveline Journey Planner: www.traveline.info and on the Arriva app: www.arribus.co.uk/app



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Where to get on and off the bus in Belford?

All the times listed in this guide are for departure from the Market Cross:



Credit: [Google Maps](#)

Can I get any discounts for using the bus?

Yes you can! The following attractions offer 20% off normal admission to bus users:

- Alnwick Castle and Gardens
- Bailiffgate Museum
- Bamburgh Castle
- Berwick Barracks
- Dunstanburgh Castle
- Etal Castle
- Heatherslaw Cornmill
- Lady Waterford Hall
- Lindisfarne Castle
- Lindisfarne Priory
- Warkworth Castle

Just make sure you keep your bus ticket to claim the discounted price when you arrive at the attraction.

What can I do?

There are many great ways to combine the bus with a walk, some great views and a bite to eat. Here are three of our favourites, which all start and finish in Belford.

1. Make a round trip to Berwick

It's possible to have a really great day out in Berwick using the bus. Catching the X18 service at 09:17 will give you plenty of time to explore this historic town. As well as the town walls and three bridges to see, you can also follow the Lowry Trail and enjoy 20% off entry to Berwick Barracks with your bus ticket. Once you've finished sight-seeing and perhaps tried some local food and drink, catch a bus back at 16:15 or 18:15.

2. Explore Bamburgh

Visiting the village of Bamburgh also makes a fantastic day trip. Departing at either 09:38 or 10:38 will give you lots of time to look around. As well as the Grace Darling Museum, there is a heritage trail to follow, the beach to walk along and of course Bamburgh Castle, where showing your bus ticket allows a 20% reduced entry price.

Depending on the time and your energy levels you can either walk back to Belford along the Northumberland Coast Path (about six miles) or catch the bus back, for example at 16:20 or 18:48.

3. Earn a fish and chip supper in Seahouses

For a long walk, we recommend following the Northumberland Coast Path to Seahouses. This route is about 11 miles in total and passes the Lindisfarne National Nature Reserve at Budle Bay as well as great views out towards the Farne Islands. Bamburgh provides a good place to stop for a drink or rest before the final stretch to Seahouses. Here, you can enjoy some fresh seafood before returning to Belford by bus. There are services at 17:16, 18:06 and 19:16 which should give you enough time for some food and maybe a drink or two as well!

*Buses to Holy Island

Holy Island is tidal so the bus times change daily depending on when low and high tide is and when the causeway is open. For all the most up-to-date information, check the [Perryman's bus timetable](#) before you travel.

