



“Our Wigwam village is the only one of its kind in England. Staying in a purpose built wigwam is a fun, different and comfortable alternative to a traditional camping holiday”

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The Northumberland Wigwam Village

The Wigwam Village is made up of wooden Wigwams, Tipis and Yurts. Situated on a working farm just one mile from Berwick-upon-Tweed, the Wigwam Village is ideal for groups and parties of up to 60 guests. There are many facilities available on site as well as being accessible to some of the region's top attractions. There is access to many wonderful walks from the Wigwam Village in some lovely countryside and beaches.



The Wigwams are all built from wood and are a modern twist to camping under canvas.

- each sleep 4/5 people
- they are insulated
- each has electricity, giving light and heat
- foam mattresses to sleep on
- a small table
- 12 available



Tipis are an original design from the plains of North America. Available to stay in seasonally, the Tipi offers an overwhelming sense of peace and tranquillity when sleeping under the stars, a real sense of authenticity and magic.

- each sleep up to 4 people
- basic sleeping accommodation



Yurts come from the nomadic people and are a circular design with wooden trellis interior walls. The yurts are large enough to be used as a common room for groups.

- sleeps up to 5 people in the 14 ft yurt
- sleeps up to 8 people in the 18 ft yurt
- basic sleeping accommodation

Onsite facilities

- Shower / Toilet Block
- Fully equipped kitchen/TV Lounge
- Licensed Cafe Bistro
- Licensed Country Store (with home reared Aberdeen Angus Beef offered for sale)
- Country and coastal walks
- Interactive Art Centre
- Quad Bike Trekking
- Fishing
- Children's Play Area
- Finnish BBQ Hut
- Fully supervised arts centre

What to Bring

- Sleeping bags & pillows
- Towels
- Toiletries
- Tea towels & washing up essentials
- £1 coins for metered heating

Group Bookings

The Wigwam Village can take groups of 60 and is suitable for use by groups such as:

- Schools
- Social Clubs
- Sports Clubs
- Church Groups
- Family Groups
- Hen Parties



Group Prices

Please note that a group booking is for 15 or more paying individuals from a recognised organisation.
Group Rates are subject to availability at the time of booking.
Group Rates are available Sunday to Thursday evenings.

2009 (based on five sharing) :

High Season	Adult	£15 per night
April - October	Children	£8 per night
	Pets	£2 per night
Low Season	Adult	£12 per night
November - March	Children	£8 per night
	Pets	£2 per night

Minimum charge per wigwam is 2 adults sharing. We have 5 wigwams which we allocate to pet owners.

Additional Extras

Additional available extras include Hire of the Arts Centre on an exclusive use basis, Hire of the Barbecue Hut, and Packed lunches

Hire of Arts Centre on exclusive use basis	POA
Hire of BBQ Hut	£25
Packed Lunches	POA

On-site Activities

The centre offers a wide range of activities including:

Country and coastal walks – a variety of educational routes starting from the centre. Detailed maps are available on request

Quad bike trekking – groups of 4 are guided by a fully trained instructor; the 4 mile route offers spectacular views of the coast and Tweed Valley as well as giving the chance to see a working farm

Fishing – the centre has a fully stocked trout lake and is suitable for all levels of ability; equipment can be hired from the on-site shop

Interactive art centre – available on a pre booked, exclusive use basis for a range of activities including, pottery, mosaics, glass and ceramic painting

Pot-a Doodle-Do Day – including art activity, a beach quiz on Cocklawburn beach, a presentation and farm walk taken by the farmer, John Whiteford and lunch in the centre

Barbeque – including burgers made from the farm's own Aberdeen Angus cattle

It is advisable to book these activities in advance.





Activities Outside the Centre

Listed below is a selection of the many other activities available in the local area, the centre is pleased to assist with arrangements:

Bird Watching & Wildlife Tours – the diverse landscape is home to a huge variety of birds and wildlife including whales, dolphins, otters, seals, Black Grouse and Goshawks. Guided tours can be organised through Northumberland Experience Wildlife Tours.
www.northernexperiencewildlifetours.co.uk



Cycling – Northumberland has many miles of safe, well signed cycle routes. We can advise on local pathways or routes such as the Coasts and Castles Route and Reivers Cycle Route. Guests are welcome to bring their own bikes or they can be hired locally from Tweed Cycles in Berwick Tel 01289 331476

Diving – diving off the Farne Island allows views of grey seal colonies and some of the best wreck diving in the area. Contact Farne Island Divers on 01372 860 895. www.farneislanddivers.co.uk



Horse riding – the nearby Kimmerston Centre offers a number of treks in the Cheviots as well as beach rides on Holy Island for all levels of experience. Tel 01668 216283 www.kimmerston.com

Water sports – the coasts and rivers of Northumberland are ideal for a number of water sports including canoeing, sailing and windsurfing. Contact the Coquet Shorebase Trust for further details on 01665 710367. www.coquetshorebase.org.uk



Orienteering, rock climbing and survival skill courses can be organised for groups of 6 or more for those aged 8 years and over. Contact Steve Berry on 0191 455 4409 www.crackingdaysout.com

Dedicated Education Centres

The Barn at Beal and Bird of Prey Centre – (within walking or cycling distance) visitor centre located near the Holy Island causeway; education room, restaurant, nature walks and Bird of Prey Centre. This location offers a number of activities for school parties. Tel. 01289 381477 www.barnatbeal.com

The Discovery Centre – located in the Holy Island school, the centre has a classroom with whiteboard and interactive smart board; capacity for 30 pupils. Tel. Linda Blenkinsop on 01289 388268

Places of Interest

The centre is an ideal base for exploring the local coastline, countryside and the market towns of Alnwick & Berwick. The following places are suitable for group visits. Pre-booking is advisable.

Berwick Area:

Berwick-upon-Tweed – historic market town with fortified walls. The town has a number of festivals throughout the year including a film festival, a food festival and a seaside festival. The town has an art gallery, a Borough Museum and Regimental Museum of the King's Own Scottish Borderers. Telephone the Tourist Board on 01289 330733 for more details

The Maltings Art Centre in Berwick has an extensive programme of film, music, theatre and dance. www.maltingsberwick.co.uk

The Swan Leisure Centre, also in Berwick, has excellent swimming and sports facilities and can be reserved in advance for groups

Chainbridge Honey Farm – the visitor centre runs demonstrations on how honey is made and the history of beekeeping www.chainbridgehoney.co.uk



Bamburgh Area:

Bamburgh Castle & Museum – one of the most imposing castles on the British shoreline, the castle and engineering museum are open to the public from Easter until November.
www.bamburghcastle.com

Grace Darling Museum – Bamburgh. Has an education programme. Advance booking for groups is essential – 01668 214910

Farne Islands – the UK's largest Seabird Sanctuary with a large seal colony. Boat trips leave from Seahouses www.farne-islands.com

Holy Island Area:

Holy Island or Lindisfarne is one of the birthplaces of Christianity in Britain – the island has a visitor centre, castle, museum and priory. The island is reached by a causeway and tidal times must be checked before crossing: www.lindisfarne.org.uk. There are a number of venues on the island catering for school groups however these must be booked in advance:

Lindisfarne Heritage Centre – display of island history, flora & fauna, interactive display of the Lindisfarne Gospels, film of 793 Viking Landing. Tel 01289 389015

Lindisfarne Castle –special activity packs for school groups Tel. 01289 389 244

Lindisfarne Priory – discovery visit workshops and interactive tours. Tel 01904 601 917
www.english-heritage.org.uk/learning

Northumberland Nature Reserve – all the organisations involved with the coast and wildlife have a central website www.ourcoastoursea.org.uk (live May 09).

St Cuthbert's Cave – said to be the resting point when monks from Holy Island carried St Cuthbert's body to its final resting place in Durham. The cave forms part of a walking trail and is a useful point to stop for a picnic. www.showcaves.com

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Alnwick Area:

Alnwick Castle and Gardens – the medieval castle and museum are open from Easter and has a summer events programme. The castle is used as Hogwarts in the Harry Potter films. The gardens include the ornamental fountains, the infamous poison garden and the world's largest Treehouse. There is a comprehensive programme of events and workshops.
www.alnwickcastle.com/www.alnwickgarden.com

Edinburgh Area:

Edinburgh – this cosmopolitan city with museums, galleries, a castle and zoo is only 45 minutes by train from Berwick www.edinburgh.org



Additional Information

Transport Links - Berwick upon Tweed is on the mainline East Coast railway, with excellent train links north and south. National Express coaches also stop in the centre of Berwick and the town is very well served with taxis and private hire coaches

Car and Coach Parking – There is ample car parking at the centre

Disabled Access - The Wigwam Village has fully disabled access and we welcome special needs groups.





Safety & Security

We have high standards of hygiene and all facilities are regularly cleaned and inspected.

We conduct a risk assessment at the start of each new season and also review this at any change in circumstances such as a change in personnel or infrastructure. It is our standard practice to introduce suitable control measures to address medium and high risk ratings. Only low levels of risk are tolerated.

Risk assessment – we have a complete risk assessment which is available upon request.

Our Code of Practice summarises our main practices and procedures and a copy is available for all group leaders at the time of booking. This outlines the rules and responsibilities for all the parties concerned and is designed to create a safe and problem free holiday for your group.

Insurance – Through the NFU we have full public liability.

Making a Booking.

So that your booking can be tailored to your own specific requirement, we request that you telephone the Wigwam Village direct.

For further information on the Wigwam Village please visit our website or ring to request a brochure. We can also advise you on availability for your chosen dates. Booking must be confirmed in writing and secured with a 50% deposit. Please note that we do not issue any refunds on bookings made for the Wigwam Village but we will offer alternative dates if more than 48 hours notice of cancellation is given.

Group leaders are welcome to visit the Wigwam Village for a familiarisation visit prior to making a booking.

Special Requirements.

We welcome groups with special needs whether they are dietary, cultural, religious, disability or behaviour based and will discuss your requirements prior to booking.

Any agreed arrangements must be confirmed in writing at the time of booking.

Check In and Departure Times.

Your accommodation will be available from 3pm on the day of your arrival. All village facilities must be vacated by 10am on the day of departure.

