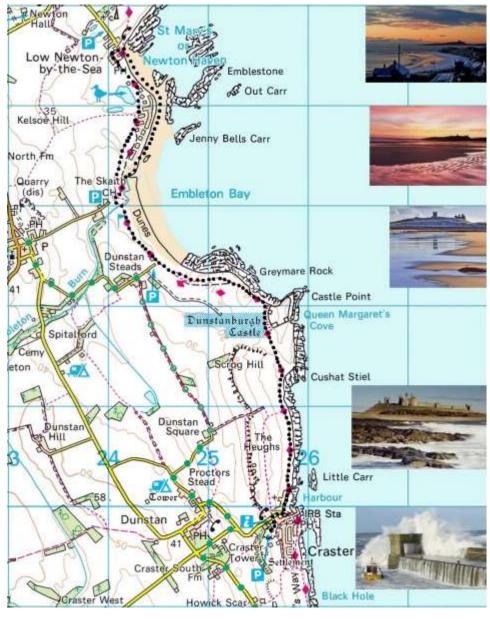
Craster and Low Newton

There is a huge variety of wildlife on this suggested 8½ mile (with 112ft of ascent) **BLACK** coastal walk such as seals offshore, rafts of eider ducks, seabird nesting cliffs, a good variety of waders, rock-pool life, fresh water pools at Newton with breeding warblers and ducks, diverse insect life and many types of wild flowers. This is a real walk of two halves with coastal grasslands on the walk to Dunstanburgh Castle giving way to a magnificent sweep of beach at Embleton Bay leading to Newton. The best things about this walk are the iconic ruins of the castle, the Ship Inn at Low Newton and the seabird cliffs at Dunstanburgh Castle, that are best viewed from the beach. There really is something new every time you walk this exciting route.





Start in Craster (NE66 3TW) and walk towards Dunstanburgh Castle, passing Craster harbour. The path takes you through farmland with the rocky shoreline to your right. Pass the castle (National Trust members can visit the castle for free). At the base of the castle, turn left and edge around the base of the castle (on the inland side of the castle on the outbound part of the route). The "Greymare Rock" was formed by volcanic pressure that folded the limestone. Pass a golf course on your left and descend onto the beach. The concrete bunkers on the sand were built during the Second World War. Stroll to the far end of Embleton Bay and cross Embleton Burn. Climb up from the beach to Low Newton's and The Ship Inn. From Low Newton go inland via a track that starts behind the village square, cottages and boat-park. After 450yd (400m) walking next to sand dunes and through a little woodland, you reach two wildlife hides that face out over the waters at Newton Pool nature reserve. Continue on this path towards Dunstan Steads. After returning to Dunstanburgh Castle, climb up to your right on a higher-level track back to Craster.