

## A circuit of Holy Island including Lindisfarne Castle (6-mile **BLACK** route with 188ft of ascent)

Holy Island, off the Northumberland coast, has many historic connections and sees many tourists. However once away from the village and Lindisfarne Castle you will enjoy some wild coastal scenery in relative solitude. Holy Island is cut off from the mainland for about seven hours at high tide so do allow enough time to cross back to the mainland to avoid being stranded on the island.

Road-side parking is available on the left just after crossing the causeway on the minor track which leads to 'The Snook' (post code TD15 2SS). After parking up, follow St Oswald's Way into the village and continue to the parish church, which is adjacent to the ruined Priory. If you wish to visit the latter then admission charges apply. Continue through the churchyard and exit via the gate to the west of the church. Once through the gate, turn left and follow the path across a rocky outcrop and down through the boatyard. Continue along a clear track that leads you along the harbour to reach a tarmac road. Follow this tarmac road towards Lindisfarne Castle.

Just prior to the castle the lane forks. Keep to the left here and pass the northern side of the castle. The tarmac soon ends and you should continue on the track to reach the eastern coast of the island. Here, head north walking parallel with a wall on your left and the coast to your right. Continue for about a kilometre to pass The Lough on your left. Soon after the path turns left at a field boundary. The clear path heads west with dunes to your right and continues to a junction with a track (grid ref. NU129432). Do not turn left down the track but continue ahead on the path. Which soon loops left and takes you to the causeway road. Turn right at St Cuthbert's way and follow the shoreline back to the start point.

