

## THINGS TO DO OUT & ABOUT



There are so many fabulous places to visit and activities to try during your stay at Seafield. Here are just a few of our recommendations.

For more ideas and further information, leaflets can be found at reception.

### Castle's and Gardens

Visit **Alnwick Castle**, home to the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland, with its Sanctuary restaurant. The Harry Potter School of Archery is a must for children, and they can relive the Quidditch scene from the films that were shot at the Castle.

**Alnwick Gardens and Lilidorei.** Built to be unconventional, The Alnwick Garden is a unique, contemporary garden in the heart of Northumberland created by the Duchess of Northumberland. Lose yourself in the mysterious Bamboo Labyrinth, explore the perils of The Poison Garden or gaze upon the Sage Wealth Management Grand Cascade.

Lilidorei - Touted as the world's largest play structure of its kind - this unique playground is literally like nothing you've ever seen before! An elaborate network of linked bridges and gangways connect the 10 towers that compose Lord Elfwyn's grand castle - Elfwyn Drin. An intriguing adventure for all ages.

Explore **Bamburgh Castle** and discover everything this iconic building has to offer. The castle enjoys more than its fair share of legends and myths. The castle is overlooking the glorious beach, where you can walk for miles.

**Howick Hall Gardens & Arboretum** is the ancestral seat of the Earls Grey since 1319. Discover the history of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl, after whom the famous tea is named. Wander through the gardens, explore the arboretum and take a rest at the Earl Grey Tea House.

### Outdoor Activities

**KA Adventure Sport** has been inspiring people of all ages to get in the water and discover the joy of water sports and is proud to now be regarded as one of the top Adventure sport centers in the North-East of England. Based in Beadnell, they offer quality kitesurfing lessons, coasteering sessions, stand up paddle boarding, surfing lessons and much more. Their instructors are fully qualified, enthusiastic, ensuring that you get the most out of every activity..

**North Side Surf** offer Stand Up Paddle Boarding with a difference. Paddle up the river taking in Warkworth Castle and under the medieval bridge.

Scuba dive around the Farne Islands – Andrew Douglas – of **Sovereign Diving** recommends exploring the Farne Islands for some of the 'best diving in England'. During the breeding season – you will be diving with puffins and guillemots. It is also the playground for one of the UK's largest grey seal colonies.

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**GO Electric, The Electric Bike Hire Company, 07941 049741** - Explore areas of Northumberland you didn't know your legs could take you. Want to ride into the sunset or experience Northumberland's dark skies? No problem, the out of hours pick-up option will make sure you get to experience all Northumberland has to offer. Free delivery and collection.

**Swinhoe Farm Riding Centre, Belford, NE70 7LJ** - A small family business. It is run on a 1750-acre farm in the picturesque countryside of North Northumberland, with Spectacular views to both the Cheviots and the coast overlooking Holy Island. They accommodate all ages and welcome beginners, novices and experienced riders.

### Woods, Hills and Parks

**Thrunton Woods, NE66 4SD** - provides wild views from the top of the lofty crags in this corner of Northumberland. There are 2 walking trails where you can take dogs and you can also go mountain biking around the woods.

**Simonside Hills, NE65 7NW** lie within Northumberland National Park. The climb up to the hills to the top is 430m, where you can get a great panoramic view of the Cheviots.

**Druridge Bay Country Park, NE61 5BX** - is a large park with a lake, woodland and visitor centre. It is situated between the coast of Amble and Cresswell. The park also contains 3 miles of beautiful beaches and sand dunes.

**Trail Run on Cheviot Hills** – If you are feeling adventurous, you could run over Cheviot Hill and pick up the Pennine Way to loop back to Wooler Via St Cuthbert's Way. This route starts and finished in the historic town of Wooler, and it will take you past the 10,000 year old Hill Fort Yeavinger Bell.

### Indoors

**Barter Books, Alnwick, NE66 2NP** - Once a Victorian railway station opened in 1887 the last train ran in 1968 and now Europe's largest secondhand bookstore with so much character and nods to its train station past everywhere you look. The waiting rooms converted into a cafe, there is a miniature railway running around the top of the bookshelves and row after row of gorgeous books to discover.

**Ad Gefrin, Wooler, NE71 6NJ** - This Anglo-Saxon Museum and Whiskey Distillery celebrates the unique heritage, ancient hospitality, and contemporary crafts, arts, and produce of Northumberland whilst we re-awakening the Northumbrian tradition for whisky distilling that has slept for over 200 years.

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**The Hub, Seahouses** - Offers a state of the art viewing experience showing the latest films. They also offer freshly made popcorn, locally made ice cream or a variety of different drinks from the bar. For up to film date information please call at reception.

### Something for the Children

**Bamburgh Playground, NE69 7DB** – Located off the green below Bamburgh Castle a perfect playing area for under 8's. Fully enclosed with rubber base and wooden play equipment including pirate ship, tractor, basket swing and see-saw. Make a day off it with a visit to the near by beach or a picnic on the green.

**The Bunker, Seahouses**, an indoor soft play area and crazy golf course just along from the entrance to the park so perfect for an hour of running of all of that extra energy.

**Whitehouse Farm, Morpeth, NE61 6AW**, Northumberland's largest family run Farm attraction spread over 40 acres and a great place for families of all ages. Handle and feed a wide variety of animals from traditional breeds to more unusual and exotic species. There's indoor & outdoor play areas to discover and explore, so it's always farmtastic fun whatever the weather!

**Heatherslaw Light Railway, Ford & Etal Estates, TD12 4TJ** - The most northerly steam railway in England the 15 inch gauge railway runs along the banks of the River Till giving you wonderful views of the Northumberland countryside and Cheviot Hills. Swans, heron, ducks and the occasional otter are some of the wildlife you may spot along the way. On sunny days keep an eye out for hares basking in the fields.

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### National Trust Properties

**Craggside, Rothbury, NE65 7PX** - A pioneering home filled with Victorian gadgets for efficient modern living. Man-made lakes, tumbling waterfalls and swathes of rhododendron. Wander amongst the towering trees in the Pinetum, explore the weaving paths and tumbling cascades in the Rock Garden and witness the changing seasons in the Formal Garden. Families can adventure through the labyrinth, building a grand design in the den building area and swoop and slide at play area too.

**Wallington, Near Morpeth, NE61 4AR** - Discover Wallington, where a historical house meets rolling hills, woodlands and a walled garden. Visit the impressive home of Sir Charles and explore the history of Northumberland in huge pre-Raphaelite paintings

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around the Central Hall. Don't miss the hidden walled garden, nestled in the woods. Wander past colourful borders and enjoy the newly created storytelling garden.

Enjoy being active outdoors on the Dragon cycle trail. Take to one of the many scenic walks including the river walk. Enjoy wild play in the West Wood with four play areas, visit the family-friendly wildlife hide and look out for red squirrels.

**Dunstanburgh Castle, Craster, NE66 3TT** - An iconic castle ruin, the castle dominates one of the most beautiful stretches of Northumberland coastline. Managed by English Heritage, it is reached via a beautiful walk from the nearby village of Craster. The 1.3 mile walk along the rugged Northumberland Coast crosses working farmland. Please remember to follow the countryside code and the ramblers association advice on walking in areas which include livestock.

### [A Car Run Out](#)

**A trip to Holy Island** – Linked to the mainland by a long causeway, twice each day the tide sweeps in from the North Sea and covers the road. Be sure to check the causeway crossing times for a safe journey.

**Ingram Valley, Ingram Bridge Car Park, NE66 4LT** - Ingram village sits in Breamish Valley, where tumbling waterfalls, picturesque river banks and rolling hills make it the perfect place to put down your picnic basket. Hike in search of hidden gems, cycle along winding trails and discover the Bronze Age settlements scattered across the valley.

**Duddo Five Stones** – Northumberland's very own Stonehenge. A 4000-year old Bronze Age stone circle sits atop a hillside near the rural village of Duddo. Standing between 5-and-10-feet tall, the stones date back to around 2000BC. Duddo Farm permits access to the stone circle which is signposted from the village and takes approximately half an hour to reach.