Holly Croft, Drem

THINGS TO DO AROUND HERE

Your perfect base to exploring East Lothian





THE WALK TO ATHELSTANEFORD

The area between Drem and Athelstaneford is composed of beautiful rolling farmland, and while there isn't a single designated public footpath, it is a very popular walk using a combination of quiet country lanes and farm tracks. This is an excellent way to see the local countryside up close.



Highlights to see in Athelstaneford:

The National Flag Heritage Centre: This is the home of the legend of the Saltire, the national flag of Scotland.

The Church and Graveyard: The churchyard contains the grave of the Rev. John Home, author of the 18th-century play Douglas.

Athelstaneford Parish Church: The church itself is a notable local landmark.





NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Located at East Fortune Airfield, this is a must-visit for aviation enthusiasts.

What to see: Step aboard Scotland's Concorde, explore a vast hangar of historic military and civil aircraft, and learn about the history of flight.

Location: East Fortune Airfield, East Lothian, EH39 5LF. It's a very short drive from Hollycroft.

Opening Times: Open daily from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM from April to October. Weekend-only opening in the winter.

PLAN YOUR VISIT: https://www.nms.ac.uk/





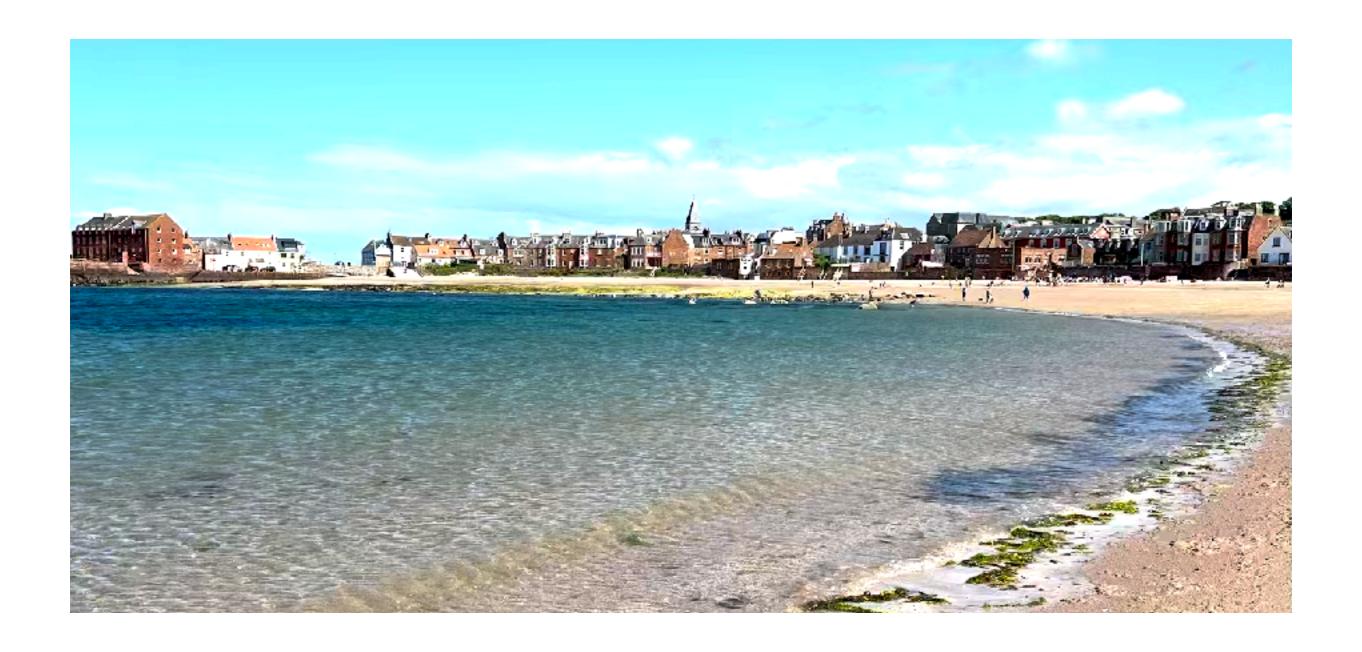
SCOTTISH SEABIRD CENTRE

An award-winning visitor centre in North Berwick with a focus on marine conservation.

What to see: Use the interactive live cameras to zoom in on puffins, gannets, and seals on the Bass Rock and other islands. The centre also offers seasonal wildlife boat trips.

Location: On the harbour in North Berwick, a 15-minute walk from the train station.

Opening Times: Open daily, with seasonal variations in hours. It's best to check their website before you go.



WEST BEACH

North Berwick's main beach is a popular spot for families and walkers.

What to do: Enjoy a long stretch of sand with views of the Bass Rock and other islands. It's ideal for sunbathing,

paddling, and picnics. There is also a putting green open during the summer months.

Location: West Beach is at the western end of North Berwick's coastline, closest to the train station.

NORTH BERWICK LAW

A prominent landmark visible for miles around, North Berwick Law is a volcanic plug that offers a rewarding, if steep, climb.

Distance: Approximately 1 km (0.6 miles) one way.

Time: Around 1 hour to ascend and descend.

Difficulty: Moderate to challenging due to the steep incline.

Highlights: From the summit, you'll be rewarded with a spectacular 360-degree view of the Firth of Forth, the Bass Rock, Tantallon Castle, and even Arthur's Seat in Edinburgh on a clear day.



NORTH BERWICK TO TANTALLON CASTLE

This is a stunning walk that combines a hill climb with a coastal path. The route takes you from North Berwick Law (or its car park) and then follows the John Muir Way into North Berwick and along the coast towards the impressive ruins of Tantallon Castle.





YELLOWCRAIG

A short drive from the cottage, Yellowcraig is a beautiful coastal area with a mix of forest, beach, and grassland. It's perfect for a more leisurely stroll and the views of Fidra Island (thought to be the inspiration for Robert Louis Stevenson's
Treasure Island) are beautiful. You
can also pick up the John Muir Way
here.



DIRLETON CASTLE

A remarkably well-preserved medieval fortress surrounded by beautiful gardens.

What to see: Explore the dungeons, a vast kitchen with huge fireplaces, and the idyllic gardens. The castle has a fascinating and turbulent history.

WALKS AROUND HADDINGTON

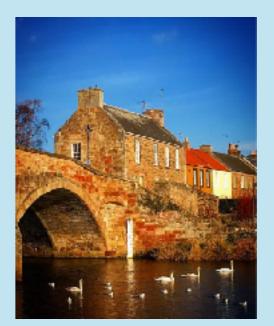
Riverside Walk: A short, level walk along the River Tyne.

River Tyne Path: A longer, 9.5 km (6-mile) walk that connects Haddington and East Linton, passing historic sites like Hailes Castle.

Garleton Path: A path that climbs a hill with great views of the surrounding area.

Nungate Bridge: A historic stone bridge with a tranquil atmosphere and a view of St. Mary's Church.

Lennoxlove House: A historic house on the outskirts of Haddington with stunning architecture, paintings, and furniture.



Amisfield Walled Garden: A beautiful garden open to the public.

St Martin's Kirk: A ruined Romanesque church dating back to the 1100s.

GROCERY SHOPPING AROUND HADDINGTON

Aldi: Located at Unit 1 Haddington Retail Park.



Asda: Also at Haddington Retail Park.

Premier Haddington: A smaller convenience store at 90 High Street.

Carfrae Farm Shop: A great option for local and Scottish produce, located in a converted barn. They also have a refill range of zero-waste household products.

RESTAURANTS AROUND HADDINGTON



The Victoria Inn: A traditional Scottish inn with a bar and restaurant.

The Waterside Bistro: An award-winning bistro on the River Tyne, known for its seasonal menus.

Carlyle House: A cafe and restaurant in a historic building, serving breakfast and lunch.

Diggory's Coffee Shop: A very popular cafe known for its friendly atmosphere and high-quality coffee.

Ozy's Kitchen: A cafe and bistro serving all-day breakfast, lunch, and handmade pizzas.

GROCERY **SHOPPING** AROUND NORTH BERWICK

Aldi: Located on Dunbar Road, this is a great option for a larger shop with a wide range of products at a great value.

Co-op: There are several Co-op stores in North Berwick, with one conveniently located on the High Street. These are perfect for a quick top-up shop.

Nisa Local / Londis: You'll find a couple of these convenience stores on North Berwick's High Street, ideal for essentials, snacks, and drinks.

Fenton Barns Farm Shop & Café: This is a must-visit for foodies. Situated between Haddington and North Berwick, this farm shop offers a fantastic selection of high-quality local produce, including fresh vegetables, artisan cheeses, homemade soups, and freshly baked goods. It's a great place to pick up some treats and support local producers.

RESTAURANTS AROUND NORTH BERWICK

The Rocketeer Restaurant Located at the harbour in what was once the Coastguard Station, this highly-rated restaurant specializes in fresh, local seafood. It was named "Seafood Restaurant of the Year" in 2023 and is known for its stunning views of the harbour and a welcoming atmosphere.

The Lobster Shack A seasonal seafood shack on the harbour, known for serving the freshest catch directly from the boats. There is a covered and heated outdoor seating area.

Osteria: A smart little restaurant that specializes in upscale Italian cuisine, with a focus on fish and seafood.

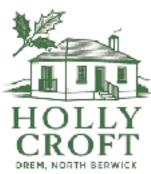


Cucina Amore: A casual, family-owned restaurant serving traditional Italian dishes like pizza and pasta, and offering a full bar.

HOUSE RULES

- Check-in is 3:00pm or after.
- No smoking inside the cottage.
- Please respect quiet hours between 10pm and 8am.
- Pets are welcome—please clean up after them and keep them off furniture.
- Report any damage or issues promptly.
- Check-out is by 10:00am unless otherwise arranged.





EMERGENCY INFO

Nearest hospital: Roodlands Hospital, Haddington

Emergency services: Dial 999

Local contact: Holly Croft +447445524911

