



Jody Vaughan is drawn to the northernmost town in England for an enjoyable six-mile stroll

Berwick Seaview Caravan Club Site is a perennial favourite with members, not least because it overlooks the scenic harbour and ancient walls of Berwick-upon-Tweed. On pulling back your caravan or motorhome curtains each morning, you've the glorious sight of the boats passing Sandstell Point as the sun rises behind the town.

Our walk takes us towards the old Berwick Bridge before veering left to wander up and down along the banks of the River Tweed. You'll then stride out along the promenade, passing the English Heritage-owned Berwick Castle. The paths along the river banks can be slightly overgrown in places, so wear long trousers.

DIRECTIONS

1 Exit the campsite and turn left along the main road. Just before the railway bridge, turn right down another road. Then

proceed through the car park before passing the 'Falloden Terrace' road sign.

2 Continue straight ahead down the pedestrian footpath (leaving the road behind). At the path's crossroads, turn left and head through woodland. Descend the steps to the road, turn left and, almost immediately, turn right down a smaller road marked 'No Through Road' (signposted 'Well Road').

3 Soon, pass some red houses on your left and then continue past the white staggered gates, keeping to the left through Well Square. Then turn left around the corner and immediately right down Church Road (passing the church on your right). Keep left just past the churchyard, still along Church Road, and carry on as it changes to Brewery Lane.

4 At the T-junction with Main Street, cross the road and walk to the junction with the main road. Turn right along Prince Edward Road (passing Hong Kong

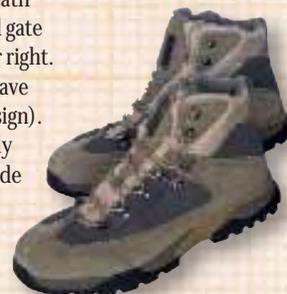
Chop Suey House and a school – both on your right).

5 Keep right at the roundabout but very soon cross the road at the pedestrian crossing just before the road bridge. Then continue towards the bridge but don't walk across it – instead veer left down a small flight of 11 steps (without descending to the bottom). Here, veer left at a black litter bin to walk along a tarmac footpath. As you descend to the road (beside some black railings), cross over and continue along the road ahead (signposted 'Riverdene').

6 Immediately having passed beneath the railway arch, look for a metal gate beside a public footpath sign on your right. This gate might be locked, but you have permission to climb over it (see the sign). Once over the gate, turn immediately left to proceed along the left-hand side of the field. Cross through the left corner, by some staggered gates, and descend sharply for a short



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INFORMATION



Club site: Berwick Seaview Caravan Club Site, Billendean Road, Spittal, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland TD15 1QU. See p188 of the *Sites Directory & Handbook 2013/14* for full details. To book, call 01342 327490 or see caravanclub.co.uk/searchandbook. Open: 22 March to 4 November.

Distance: 6.2 miles

Terrain/level of difficulty: all types of path, easy with one long, hard climb

Number of stiles: 2

Essential equipment: Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 346 – Berwick-upon-Tweed

Refreshments: in the town and by the roundabout at Whiteadder Point

Toilets: car park at halfway point

distance, down a potentially slippery and muddy bank, before turning right at the centre of the dip (between two posts) down a small unsigned footpath that leads towards the estuary.

7 Keep left where the path forks and continue along the stony footpath, keeping the estuary to your right. Go through a kissing gate and continue ahead. This path might be quite overgrown. Go

past the picnic table, through another metal gate and continue ahead. Eventually go through the gate (or over the stile).

8 Go through the next gate (or its stile). Turn right at the small road and continue ahead for a short distance. Just after the rusty metal barriers, at the corner of a field on your right, turn right to pass between the field (left) and the hedgerow (right), along an unmarked grassy path. Continue along the right side of the next field before passing down some steps at the corner to keep along the bank of the estuary side – crossing over a small wooden bridge on the way.

9 Soon you climb up into a picnic area – walk through this towards, and then past, the public toilets. Then go through the car park and pass beneath a height barrier before turning right towards a roundabout. There's a restaurant and farm shop here if you want lunch.

10 Turn right at the roundabout and walk across the bridge. Turn right again at the end of the footpath, following the 'Berwick 2 via the Plantation' sign, then immediately go down some steps. Follow the path around to the right (it's slightly overgrown). Climb up some steps and then veer to the left to cross a stile. Continue along the footpath, now keeping the estuary to your right. Tread carefully here, especially after wet weather.

11 Cross a ladder stile and then keep to the left side of a wide, clear field. Eventually, walk through the gap in a

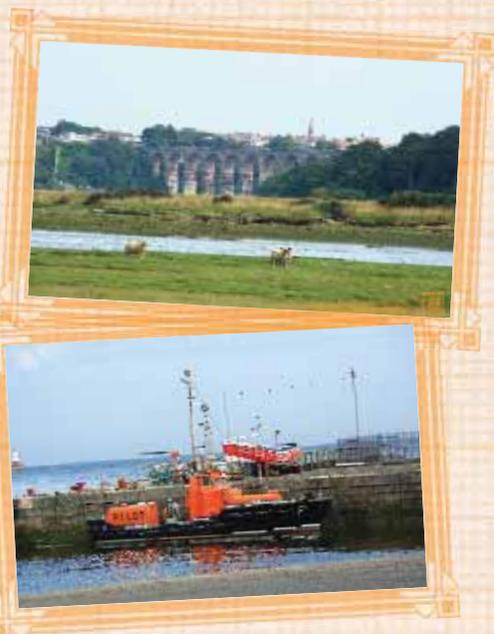
broken stone wall and head towards the dilapidated stone barn. Go through the twin metal gates, past the front of the barn, and continue through the metal gate, keeping the estuary in sight on your right – although you lose sight of the water as you pass along a stone track through woodland.

12 Just after the track bends gently to the right and you are about to pass under some telegraph wires, you'll see a break in the hedgerow on your right where there's a well-trodden footpath leading back into woodland. Take this path, following a yellow arrow that's soon visible as you continue ahead. At a footpath sign on your left (signposted 'Berwick 1½'), carry on.

13 Eventually, where there's a small fork in the track, keep right and continue descending towards the estuary, soon passing a wooden bench and a small house. Keep to the tarmac promenade until you reach the end of the path (just before the railway bridge). Veer left through some of the old castle walls, then pass beneath the bridge.

14 Proceed under a second bridge and, at the public footpath sign at the end of path, turn right. Follow 'The Chandlery and Town Walls' signs on the cobbled road before turning right to cross a third bridge (signposted 'Spittal'). Now follow the road around to the left (Main Street). At the junction, beside the Harrow Pub, keep left following the 'Spittal Promenade and Pottery' signs.

15 Just before the RNLI station, you'll see a bridge on the hill on your right that doesn't span the road. Turn right here to cross the road and go up a tarmac path, passing under this bridge. Continue to the top of the hill, then turn left at the main road. Continue until you see the campsite on your right.



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