

THE FOXTON ROUND

approx. 6 km (2 hours)

Begin at the car park opposite St. Mary's Church, near the Post Office.



Walk away from the Post Office with the Church on your left, passing the sign "Riverside" and take the way-marked lane towards the river and footbridge.



Do not cross the footbridge but go diagonally across the grass towards the small wooden bridge.



Use this bridge to cross the Longhoughton Burn.



Follow the track beside the River Aln.



Use the larch bench to rest and enjoy the view.



After a short climb, follow the footpath down to the river and along the river to the stile. Take extra care when approaching the river and on the short stretch alongside the river, especially when the ground is wet.



Follow the river bank.....



.....to reach the closed gate.

(there is an alternative route to Alnmouth from this point see end of walk description for details)



Please help the farmer.



After passing through the gate, the route turns left up the hill....



....giving good views over the river and its flood plain.

Aim for the field gate and you will find another bench at the top of the slope.



Cross the road and walk down Foxton Drive towards Foxton Golf Club.



Pass the entrance to the visitors' car park on your left and, before reaching the club house, look for the way marker arrow on your right.* The route heads towards Coquet Island across the 18th fairway with the green on your LEFT. Take care as golfers may be approaching the green from your RIGHT.



*(at this point it is possible to pass the club house and take an alternative route along the beach see end of walk description for details)

Follow the path next to the fence with the fence on your left.



The path passes some caravans.



Continue along the path with the fence now on your right. Again TAKE CARE as you are now walking between two golf courses (Foxton and Alnmouth Village).



Pass by the beacon and descend to Alnmouth.



Follow the road bearing left to pass Alnmouth Village Golf Clubhouse.



Castle Hill across the estuary soon comes into view.



Go past the boats.



Just after the playground, look for a narrow gate which takes you to Lovers Walk.



At the end of Lovers Walk, climb the steps, cross the road and turn left across the Duchess' Bridge.



Walk along the cycleway which runs parallel to the main road.



Do not take the road to the sewage plant. Walk past the cricket nets and turn right so that the thorn hedge is between you and the cricket field. Follow this cut grass path



Follow the path through two kissing gates eventually going downhill to a third kissing gate leading you to the bottom of Steppey Lane. Turn right to cross the footbridge and then take the left hand fork to return to Lesbury Village and the car park.



SHORT CUT TO ALNMOUTH VILLAGE

When you reach the closed gate, with its sign, continue straight along the river bank instead of going up the hill.

Do not turn left until you see a larch bench under the gorse bushes. At certain times of the year there are orchids here.

There is a clearly defined uphill path to the right of this bench. Follow this path through the gorse and over a stile to reach the Foxton to Alnmouth road. Cross the road and walk downhill to Alnmouth village.



BEACH ALTERNATIVE ROUTE
(not at high tide).

As you approach Foxtan Golf Club, pass the visitors' car park and the club house and continue until you see the MEMBERS' car park sign.

Follow the broad concrete path to the left of the sign. This takes you directly towards the beach. Take great care and look out for golfers playing and flying golf balls. Pass through the gate to reach the beach and turn right. There are good views of Coquet Island as you continue to Alnmouth beach.

The last three pictures were taken 2 hours before high tide. (Note the interesting geological formations.)

