

## Islington U3A Longer Walks Group

<b>Walk Title</b>	Extended Walking Weekend, 2021	<b>Walk No.</b>	350
<b>Area</b>	Nether Grange, Alnmouth, Northumberland	<b>Type</b>	Various
<b>Date</b>	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 until Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2021		
<b>Distance</b>	We will select walks when we are there. Could include two main walks of about 13miles (21 km) on Saturday & Sunday, and shorter half day walks for Friday & Monday. Also other shorter walks – may - be available (if another Leader will volunteer) but not guaranteed. The area is generally flat.		
<b>Meeting up &amp; travel</b>	<p>Outward journey will be Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>For those travelling with the Group, meet at Kings Cross by 9.15. We will catch the 9.30 train to Edinburgh. Arrives Alnmouth 13.09.  <span style="background-color: yellow;">(these timings will be dependent on if we can leave luggage somewhere)</span></p> <p>Rail ticket prices (with a Senior Railcard): difficult to judge yet as tickets for this far in advance are not available yet. Currently for booking Advanced First Class it's £47 each way. But that can climb to nearer £100 each way depending on when you book. Also with Covid currently train operators are limiting train availability. Hopefully things will have relaxed before next June.  <span style="background-color: yellow;">This section to be updated nearer the time.</span></p> <p>You can either walk the last 1½-mile from Alnmouth railway station to the House or book a taxi. Indicate your requirement on the sign up form. We'll coordinate group booking of taxis for sharing.</p> <p>As a guide price, it cost £6 per 4-seat taxi in 2019. 8-seat taxis are also available at a higher rate. <span style="background-color: yellow;">I'll investigate these specifics nearer the time.</span></p> <p>Knight's Taxis*  Tel: +44 (0) 7760 751667  Email: <a href="mailto:info@knightstaxi.com">info@knightstaxi.com</a></p> <p>On arrival at the House we cannot immediately check in. We will leave our luggage ???? and go for a short walk. We will return to the house to check in at 16.00 (the earliest we are allowed to check in).  If you are travelling under your own steam, you can arrange your timing to arrive at any stage – <span style="background-color: yellow;">for 13.00 if you want to join the walk or after 16.00 for check-in.</span> Please be there by 19.00 for our evening briefing. They normally do a safety/ welcome talk – don't know exact time for that, probably at check-in time.</p> <p>We'll depart on Monday 7th Sept: The group needs to check out by 10am but you will be able to leave the luggage ????? so we can do a morning short walk. After the walk we'll return to the House to collect luggage and get taxis to the station.</p> <p>We will get the <span style="background-color: yellow;">13.00 train from Alnmouth south to Kings Cross.</span>  <span style="background-color: yellow;">Back at Kings Cross at 16.39.</span></p>		

	Again, if you are making your own travel arrangements, please ensure you've check out by 10.00. Let me know if you are leaving earlier.
<b>Route</b>	Will depend on the walks selected. A briefing of the walk will be given the evening beforehand. As there are 22 of us going we may select to split and do more than one walk type per day but this will depend on if there is another Walk Leader that is present and willing to offer a shorter walk. The base Walk offered for Saturday and Sunday will be up to 14 miles.
<b>Lunch</b>	A picnic lunch is provided by hf Holidays on Saturday & Sunday only.
<b>Dropping out</b>	Not relevant
<b>Suitability</b>	<p>We will have to be aware of Government Guidance regarding Covid-19 applicable at the time. This may mean we do have to stretch out to maintain social distancing while walking.</p> <p>Suitable walking for any reasonably fit regular walker (please ensure you can walk up to 14 miles beforehand). There are no particular difficulties envisaged. Walks will not be rechecked beforehand.</p> <p>Terrain: quite flat. Max ascent per walk will be 150m.</p> <p>Comfortable waterproof walking shoes/ boots. Check weather forecast for temperature and likelihood of rain.</p>
<b>Facilities / Accommodation</b>	<p>The accommodation is: Nether Grange, Alnmouth, Alnwick, Northumberland NE66 2RZ Tel: 01665 830431</p> <p>You will have selected your room type already or been allocated a room class depending on availability.</p> <p>All 'Good' rooms are ensuite. Upgrade to Better for just an extra £15-25 per person per night (there are no 'Best' rooms at Nether Grange).</p> <p>A Guest Registration form I required to be completed per member.</p>
<b>Walk source</b>	Will be selected from hf's 'Discovery Room' selection.
<b>Map &amp; other references</b>	<p>OS Explorer: 332</p> <p>Links: hf Holidays, Northumberland - <a href="#">HERE</a></p> <p>Sign Up form:</p>
<b>Leader &amp; contact details</b>	<p><u>Walk Leader</u>: Derek Harwood</p> <p><u>Phone</u>: 077 5931 4096</p> <p><u>e-mail</u>: derek.harwood@live.co.uk</p>