

My perfect weekend

in Northumberland

Country, coast and plenty of good food!

To begin my perfect weekend in Northumberland, I'd set off from our distillery in **Hepple** to buy some perfect bangers from the **Rothbury Family Butchers** and some accompanying buns from any of the wonderful bakeries in **Rothbury**. After grabbing a little BBQ from **T.W.Alderson & Sons**, I'd prepare a packed lunch and head out to **Lordenshaws Car Park** to embark on a walk amongst the **Simonside Hills** where I'd enjoy my home-cooked provisions.

The walk would lead me to the **Bird In Bush Pub in Elsdon** where I would enjoy a fabulous craft beer (made at the pub itself) and listen to one of the regular music acts that entertain locals and visitors alike in the evenings.

On Sunday I'd enjoy lunch at the **Jolly Fisherman in Craster** - a place renowned for its fine seafood that's landed just yards from the pub. I'd work off lunch with a scenic walk from **Craster** along National Trust coastline to the ruins of **Dunstanburgh Castle** - a magnificent 14thC fortification built on a remote headland looking out to sea. Past Dunstanburgh is **Embleton Beach** - one of the most beautiful and empty beaches on that stretch of the coast. Finally I'd round off the day at the **Ship Inn at Newton-By-The-Sea** for supper - one of the most convivial, cosy and delicious suppers in Northumberland!

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