

BURRADON FARM HOUSES & COTTAGES

THINGS TO DO WITH KIDS

Just in case you are in need of ideas to while away a couple of hours with kids, here are a few things in the local area which you may find of interest while staying at Burradon Farm:

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK IF ATTRACTIONS ARE OPEN OR IF YOU NEED TO BOOK PRIOR TO ARRIVAL!

Paddleboarding/Kayaking – CBK’s Adventure Company, Cullercoats Beach. Tel: 0191 251 9412. Website: cbkadventure.co.uk

Longsands Surf School, Tynemouth Beach – Tel: 07503 028897. Website: www.longsandsurf.com

Go Ape – Matfen, Newcastle, NE20 0RH. Website: www.goape.co.uk/locations/matfen

Go Karting (indoors) – Team Sport Newcastle, Scotswood Road, NE15 6US. Tel:01252 732300. Website: www.team-sport.co.uk/go-karting-newcastle

Quadbiking, segway, paintball, archery, clay pigeon shooting, off road driving - The Pursuits Centre, Slaley Hall, Hexham NE47 0BX. Tel: 01434 676 980. Website: www.alloutadventures.co.uk/

Tynemouth Park – including **Lost World Adventure Golf** (9/18 hole mini-golf), **Pirate Quest** (fun maze) and **Jungle Wipeout** (outdoor soft play area including Kamikazi slide) - Tynemouth Park, Grand Parade, Tynemouth, NE30 4JH. Website: www.tynemouthpark.com

Whitley Bay Mini Golf and Footgolf – The Links, Whitley Bay, NE26 1TQ (overlooking the North Sea)

Amusement Arcades – Marine Avenue, Whitley Bay seafront

Blue Reef Aquarium - Grand Parade, Tynemouth, NE30 4JF. Tel: 0191 258 1031

St Mary’s Lighthouse - St Mary’s Island Causeway, Whitley Bay, NE26 4RS. Tel: 0191 200 8650

Whitley Bay Ice Rink - Hillheads Road, Whitley Bay, NE25 8HP. Tel: 0191 291 1000

Ocean Beach Pleasure Park - Sea Road, South Shields, NE33 2LD. Tel: 0191 456 1617 (amusement park with thrill and family rides, dry surf slope, indoor laser game and arcades)

Newcastle Climbing Centre - St Marks Church House, 285 Shields Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 2UQ. Tel: 0191 265 6060

Climb Newcastle – Shipley Place, Byker, Newcastle, NE6 2DQ. Tel: 276 2174

Pots ‘n’ Pancakes (ceramic painting) - 12A Russell Street, North Shields, NE29 0BL. Tel: 0191 272 8333

Hot Potz (ceramic painting) - 156 Park View, Whitley Bay, NE26 3QW. Tel: 0191 280 8181

Seven Stories - 30 Lime Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 2PQ. Tel: 0845 271 0777 (National centre for children's books)

Life Science Centre - Times Square, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 4EP. Tel: 0191 243 8210

Great North Hancock Museum - Barras Bridge, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 4PT. Tel: 0191 208 6765

Discovery Museum - Blandford Square, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4JA. Tel: 0191 232 6789

Beamish Museum – Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG | Book online: www.beamish.org.uk

Northumberland College Zoo – Kirkley Hall, Northumberland, NE20 0AQ | Book online: www.northumberland.ac.uk/for-visitors/northumberland-college-zoo/

BOWLING

Gutterbowl Alley - Rotary Way, Royal Quays, North Shields, NE29 6DA. Tel: 0191 329 3429. (Within walking distance to Royal Quays Shopping Outlet and Wet n Wild)

Lane7 - 80-90 Saint James' Boulevard, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4BN. Tel: 0191 261 6161

NAMCO Funscape - Unit 244, Metrocentre, Gateshead, NE11 9YG. Tel: 0191 406 1066 (also has softplay/amusement arcade)

SWIMMING

The Lakeside Centre – Southgate, Killingworth, NE12 6SA. Tel: 0191 643 4177

Concordia Leisure Centre - Forum Way, Cramlington, NE23 6YB. Tel: 01670 542 222

Waves Leisure Centre - The Links, Whitley Bay, NE26 1TQ. Tel: 0191 643 2600 (very popular pool located on the seafront with pirate ship, slides and wave machine)

Wet 'n' Wild - Royal Quays, North Shields, NE29 6DA. Tel: 0191 296 1444

CINEMA

Vue Cramlington - Manor Walks, Forum Way, Cramlington, NE23 6UT. Tel: 0871 224 0240

Odeon - Silverlink - Silverlink Retail Park, The Silverlink, Wallsend, NE28 9NG. Tel: 0871 224 4007

Odeon - Metro Centre, intu Metrocentre, Gateshead, NE11 9XZ. Tel: 0333 006 7777

Empire - The Gate, Newgate Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 5TG. Tel: 0871 471 4714

Tyneside Cinema – 10 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 6QG. Tel: 0845 217 9909 (independent 3-screen cinema with 2 cafes and bar)

LOCAL PARKS/PLAY AREAS

Burradon – Just off Burradon Road, next to Burradon Primary School (small play park within 15 minutes walking distance)

Killingworth Lakeside Park - West Bailey, Killingworth, NE12 6TN (5 minute drive)

Azure Garden Centre - Station Road, Cramlington, NE23 8BJ. Tel: 01670 733762 (good outdoor play area next to café)

Northumberlandia – Fisher Lane, Cramlington, NE23 8AU. Tel: 0191 284 6884 (huge land sculpture in the shape of a reclining lady – good for an hour's walk with kids/dogs, café/toilets on site, Snowy Owl Pub/Restaurant very close)

Rising Sun Country Park - Whitley Road, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE12 9SS

Weetslade Country Park - Wide Open, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE23 7LZ. Can walk from Burradon Farm via waggonways – great to cycle and stretch those legs!

SOFTPLAY

Round the Twist - North Tyne Industrial Estate, Whitley Road, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE12 9SZ. Tel: 0191 215 0055

New Adventurelands – Benton Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE7 7DT. Tel: 0191 259 9966

TJ's Jungle – 1a Hubbway Business Centre, Bassington Industrial Estate, Cramlington, NE23 8AD. Tel: 01670 738 002

Captain Ted's - The Gosforth Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 1JZ. Tel: 0191 213 5813

The Treehouse - 1a Claremont Crescent, Whitley Lodge Shopping Centre, Whitley Bay, NE26 3HL. Tel: 0191 251 4422

The Splat Centre - 305 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay, NE26 2HU. Tel: 0191 447 9194

Kiki's Kabin - 34 Albion Road, North Shields, NE30 2RQ. Tel: 0191 296 4944 (larger softplay on three floors in a converted church)

SEARCH FOR HIDDEN ART!



See if you can find the 15ft Giant Spoon 'hidden' in the fields nearby ... it's about a 30 minute walk from Burradon Farm to the exact spot ... The Giant Spoon is actually called 'Eat for England' and was commissioned in 2006 as part of a National Lottery funded art trail.

LOCAL BEACHES

Seaton Sluice beach – only 10 minutes drive from Burradon Farm. Car parking and public toilet facilities. Usually an ice cream van! There is a children's play park nearby and a 2 mile bicycle/walkway runs behind the dunes all the way up to Blyth beach – perfect for pushchairs, scooters, etc.

Blyth - South Beach – only 15/20 minutes drive from Burradon Farm. Car parking and public toilets available. Award winning Ciccarelli's ice cream parlour and popular Coastline fish and chip restaurant. Children's play park/area. A little further northwards you will find Blyth's Ridley Park with a good outdoor play park, seasonal water play park, bowling green and café.

Whitley Bay South Beach – 20 minutes drive from Burradon Farm. St Mary's lighthouse is at the North end of the beach (separate car parking area, toilets, ice cream van) – great for rockpooling and you can climb to the top of the lighthouse if you have the energy! A bit further along The Links you pass the pitch and putt mini golf and footgolf course (separate car parking available). Two cafés nearby – the Links Art Gallery Café faces the Dukes Walk car park and behind it the Rendezvous Café faces onto the sea with a promenade running along above the beach area. Rockpools can also be found on this beach when the tide is out. If the Dukes Walk car park is full, a public car park can be found a little further along the road. Past the Spanish City dome visitors will find a play park on the right hand side with a small seasonal **water play park** which younger kids will love!

Cullercoats Bay – 20 minutes drive from Burradon Farm - an award winning beach located in a small bay. Above the bay there is a popular children's playground and a good parade of eateries including fish and chips, a selection of cafés, ice cream, and pub fayre. Great sheltered bay for paddleboarding and kayaking.

Tynemouth Longsands Beach – 20/25 minutes from Burradon Farm. An award winning beach with a huge stretch of golden sands popular with surfers. Crusoes Café can be found on the beach and offers a wide range of food including huge freshly baked muffins and scones – well worth a visit! NB. dog walkers only allowed at the North end of Longsands beach from May – September. At the south end of the beach visitors can also enjoy The View – another lovely café on the beach, which also has takeaway fish and chips and icecream. Above the beach visitors will find the Blue Reef Aquarium and Tynemouth Park with its lake, children's play park, café, dinosaur golf course, pirate maze and inflatable play area.

Tynemouth King Edwards Bay – 20/25 minutes from Burradon Farm. A small bay located at the end of Tynemouth's Front Street and nestling below The Priory Castle (English Heritage). Visit Front Street's attractions including cafés, pubs, restaurants, chocolatier and other specialist shops. Follow the road past the Priory to the headland and you will come to the mouth of the Tyne where you can see Collingwoods Monument and follow the walkway along the river to **North Shields Fish Quay**, an up and coming area with many eateries including fish and chip restaurants and cafés alongside its working harbour and fresh fishmongers.

Enjoy!