

WALK IN YOUR SHOES

ROUTE INFORMATION



Pilgrims' Way: Beal to Lindisfarne

Saturday 11th May 2024

10.00am - 1.00pm approx, including the bus trip and ending with lunch together.
3 mile one-way walk.

This was our most popular walk in 2021. Waking the route to Holy Island that has been taken by people all through the ages is a fascinating opportunity. Mary Gunn, an experienced guide, will lead us across.

The ground underfoot is very slippery and you will need to walk either barefoot or in wellington boots. You will get wet.

Start and end of walk

The walk will start from, and end at, the main car park on Lindisfarne. We will catch Border Buses route 477 to the start of the walk at Beal. Details of the May bus schedules have not been announced, but the bus is likely to leave around 10am. We will contact you nearer the time to confirm the arrangements. Please be prepared to pay the bus fare.

Refreshments

Please bring **all** your own refreshments, including plenty of water in case the weather is warm. For those of you who wish to, we will plan to stop for a picnic lunch together at the end of the walk.

Accessibility

This walk is not suitable for wheelchair users or child buggies.

There is no age limit for this walk, however parents will need to be prepared to support their children should parts of the walk become very slippery. There is a short part where the water flows quite quickly, even at low tide.

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Transport & Travel



We are not providing transport to and from the walk, however if you need assistance to join us, please ask as we may be able to help.

Car Parking

Google Maps: Chare Ends Car Park, TD15 2SE

What3Words location: workflow.copycat.bumping

Public Transport

There is limited public transport to Lindisfarne and Beal. Border Buses route 477 runs at least two buses a day between Berwick Upon Tweed Railway Station and Beal and Lindisfarne to coordinate with the tides.

<https://www.bordersbuses.co.uk/services/PERY/477>

Arriva Buses provide a link between Newcastle and Berwick through the X15 and X18 which stop at Beal Filling Station on the A1. Neither bus will leave Newcastle in time for you to reach Beal before we leave. If you are travelling from other places on this bus route, check out whether you can reach Beal for the start of the walk. It will be possible to catch the bus back. The walk from the bus stop to Beal is on public highway linking the A1 to Lindisfarne. However you might be able to catch the Border Bus 477 between Beal and Beal Filing Station.

If you wish to travel by public transport, you might be best catching the train to Berwick Upon Tweed and then connecting to Border Buses 477.

Please check the public transport options nearer the time and establish whether there are any engineering works that may affect your journey.

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Safety and Other Information



Safety

The timing for the walk is planned around low tide. We have plenty of time to cross before the tide turns, however it is important that you arrive at the time advised. If you miss the public bus, we will not be able to delay the start of the walk for you to join us.

We have undertaken a risk assessment of the walk and will have volunteers helping to guide us. We will also have trained emergency first-aiders on the walk.

Don't forget that the weather can change quickly and that the Lindisfarne Causeway is very exposed. We recommend you bring a rucksack with waterproofs, possible sunscreen, a hat, water and food, plus any other clothing or equipment you would find useful. Whilst for the Pilgrim's Walk you will need to walk barefoot or in wellington boots, there is a short walk on coastal paths to and from the Pilgrim's walk and you will need suitable footwear for this.

For those of you who walked with us in 2021, we will not be providing transport or free refreshments this time.

If you have queries about the suitability of the walk, please contact Andrea Perrett by emailing andrea@novemberclub.co.uk.

After the Walk

There is lots of see on Lindisfarne including National Trust's Lindisfarne Castle and Gertrude Jekyll garden; Lindisfarne Priory and Lindisfarne Heritage Centre.

The last safe crossing time to return to the mainland is 15.45. Plan to leave the island no later than this time, or risk, at best, losing your car.

