

THINGS TO DO WHEN STAYING AT POT A DOODLE DO

Pot a Doodle Do is an amazing place to stay when you want to explore Berwick upon Tweed and the rest of North Northumberland. We are a great destination for groups of friends or families to get together for a holiday in the great outdoors. We have put together this blog of 10 things to do when staying with us and we hope that you have enough time during your holiday to fit them all in.

1. Get creative at Pot a Doodle Do – we know that some days you just want to leave the car at your wigwam and stay put. You can have a day of relaxation at our site, read your book or just chill! For those of you who want to there are lots of activities to choose from. We have a pottery painting studio where you can paint plates cups bowls or figurines, also decopatch, foam clay and mosaicing. We also have a childrens play area on site for the kids to enjoy themselves and for older kids we have pedal karts too. Our trout fishing lake means that you could catch some fish for tea and then put it on the BBQ –delicious!
2. Visit the Holy Island of Lindisfarne- approximately ten miles from our site this is a must to visit whilst staying with us. You need to check the tide times to ensure that you are able to get over there on the day of your choice. You will enjoy following the Pilgrims Path to visit this beautiful island. The Island is steeped in history and you can learn about how the Vikings nearly destroyed it. You will also get an opportunity to visit the Lindisfarne Castle and also to taste the delicious Pilgrims Coffee and Lindisfarne Mead.
3. Berwick Town and Elizabethan Walls - beautiful picturesque walks along the historic Elizabethan walls which surround the town will be truly appreciated for their views along the River Tweed and estuary and the famous three bridges crossing the river. There are plenty great restaurants in the town centre for coffees and cakes or lunches and evening suppers. Throughout the summer there are various festivals in Berwick upon Tweed and the surrounding villages and there is always something for everyone. All these fetivals are open to everyone and all are great fun for all the family. In September every year at the Maltings Theatre in Berwick they host the largest film festival in North East England and Scottish Borders and if you love your food there is the Berwick Food and Drink Festival at the end of the summer.
4. Alnwick Castle- the home of Harry Potter and Downton Abbey! This impressive castle is open to the public but is still occupied by the Percy family. There are tours available through the castle and there is a museum with exhibitions that portray the history of the castle. You can also tour the famous Alnwick Gardens (complete with the Poison Garden) and its fair to say that this will be a full day out for all the family.
5. Boat trips on the River Tweed and Estuary. Sailing out of the mouth of the River Tweed you will be amazed at the stunning views as you head out into the North Sea. Look back at the historic town and admire the historic views and then look forward to hopefully see some wildlife in the form of sea birds and hopefully seals and dolphins. There are also other trips available heading out under the three bridges and away up the River Tweed to Chain Bridge.
6. Heatherslaw Light Railway- Travel on the 15 inch gauge railway pulled by locomotives Buntly Lady Augusta or Blinky and head to Etal Castle on a return journey of four miles. The Railway runs along the banks of the River Till giving you stunning views of the Northumberland countryside. Try to spot some wildlife along the way! Break the journey at Etal and visit the Castle or have refreshments at the tea rooms before catching the train back. Etal village is famous for its thatched roofs on all the houses in the village and the village pub.

7. Hay Farm Heavy Horse Centre – this can be combined with the trip to the Heatherslaw Railway as its just a mile or so along the road from there. It is run on a not for profit basis and all activities are carried out to raise funds which are ploughed back into the centre. Visitors will see Clydesdale Heavy Horses but also other animals such as British Lop Eared Pigs, Sebastopol Geese and Oxford and Lincolnshire Longwool Sheep.
8. Bamburgh Castle- a beautiful castle on the North East Coast. This was the Royal Seat of the Kings of Northumbria. Thousands of visitors from across the globe visit this castle with its incredible history and dramatic views of the breathtaking Bamburgh Beach. There is a treasure trove collection of unique pieces which tell the story of Bamburghs many reincarnations over the centuries. This is one of the finest castles in Britain and well worth a visit.
9. Foxlake Adventures is a great day out for all the family. It is Scotland's first cable wakeboarding park along with the UK's only ropes course constructed over water. This centre is about 30 minutes from our glamping site and is nestled in a beautiful woodland on the edge of the John Muir Way. There is great excitement as you zip from tree to tree above the Forest Trail or you can try your hand at the Foxfall Rope Course. Explore the woodlands with Off Road Segways or just chill and relax with a coffee at the Boardside Café on the lake side.
10. Chillingham Castle and Wild Cattle- This is an outstanding day out for all the family. Your first scary experience is a visit to the truly wild cattle. These unique beasts fight for the chance to mate. The guided tours take you close, but not too close, to these extraordinary animals. Then visit England's most haunted castle for lunch or coffee. Brace yourself for a tour of a real castle with fearsome torture chamber, eerie dungeon and magnificent state rooms. If you are really brave you can enjoy a nerve jingling night time ghost tour.