

Tynemouth

A day out for all the family

I absolutely adore Tynemouth, it's a beautiful place with surprisingly lots to see & do.

There are two lovely clean beaches both of them patrolled by lifeguards so the kids are safe to paddle & you're ok for a swim if that's your fancy. There's also usually an abundance of surfers in the sea & there's a surf shop if you want to buy a board! There's imaginatively titled 'Longsands' which is the biggest beach & has views of St. Marys Lighthouse. There's also a smaller cove beach, 'King Edwards Bay' located down the steps near to the castle.



Speaking of the castle... Tynemouth Castle, Priory, & WW2 Gun Battery is steeped in history & a lovely place to wander through and we've had many a picnic in there (because I don't care for sand in my sandwiches!) The castle is owned by 'English Heritage' so it's a free trip out for us & they have many different 'events' on throughout the year, not least, my favourite, 'The Knights Tournament'.

Tynemouth is also home to Blue Reef Aquarium, which is very similar to a Sealife Centre only slightly cheaper admission charge. The aquarium is (obviously) coral reef based & tropical fish types but they have seals & otters and recently they've acquired some little monkeys.



There's also an impressive looking 'Jurassic park' themed crazy golf at £3per person in the park over the road from the aquarium where there's also a boating lake.

If you fancy a relaxing chill-out there are plenty of benches under the Collingwood Monument where you can watch the boats going up & down the Tyne and you might even spot the odd seal if you're lucky.



I can recommend Marshalls fish'n'chip shop for a 'sit down' or take away & there's also always a lovely foody smell comes from the 'Gibraltar Rock' pub, right in front of the castle.

Car parking can seem like a bit of an issue depending on which 'end' of Tynemouth you arrive at but bear with it & there's lots on the main road & I usually just park behind the Aquarium. The whole family can spend a great day here & on a sunny day it's just like being abroad!



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