THE ROUTE

Enjoy some of the best viewpoints in East Lothian on this hill climb and coastal walk that links North Berwick Law with Tantallon Castle.

Leaving from the car park at the foot of the climb, your first view will be from the top of the steep slopes of North Berwick Law. This volcanic plug offers 360 degree views over the Forth and much of East Lothian. You can even see your destination – Tantallon Castle to the east.

After the descent, follow the John Muir Way into North Berwick and down to the harbour. Leave the John Muir Way and head east along the beach and then follow the main road towards Canty Bay, which has a great viewpoint from the headland overlooking the beach.

Upon reaching Tantallon Castle, your final climb will be its cliffside towers for spectacular views of Bass Rock and the East Lothian coastline. For tired legs, there’s a bus service back to North Berwick from the bus stop at the end of the castle driveway.

ELEVATION PROFILE
Total ascent 220m / Highest point 187m
PLACES OF INTEREST

1. NORTH BERWICK LAW
   Climb the best lookout point in the area. This volcanic plug rises steeply to 187m, providing panoramic views over the Firth of Forth. You can even spot Tantallon Castle.

2. SCOTTISH SEABIRD CENTRE
   Discover the birds that make their home along East Lothian’s coastline, with boat trips out to visit the Bass Rock and the world’s largest colony of Northern Gannets.

3. COASTAL COMMUNITIES MUSEUM
   John Muir spent his childhood in the seaside town of Dunbar. Learn about the customs and livelihoods of the people who lived alongside Muir in East Lothian’s seaside villages.

4. CANTY BAY
   Just off the main road heading east from North Berwick, there’s a great viewpoint and café on the headland overlooking this sandy beach.

5. TANTALLON CASTLE
   Set on the edge of the cliffs, this formidable castle was a stronghold of the Douglas family. Ascend the towers for spectacular views of Bass Rock.

THE INSIDE TRACK

Once you’ve completed this walk, there’s still plenty to do around North Berwick. Why not take a boat trip out to Bass Rock from the Seabird Centre? You’ll also find a wide selection of eateries and shopping in the centre and down by the harbour.

GETTING THERE

BY RAIL: North Berwick train station provides a swift link with Edinburgh.

BY BUS: This area is served by the 26 and X5 bus routes between Edinburgh and North Berwick.

BY CAR: There is a free car park at the base of North Berwick Law.

Please enjoy Scotland’s outdoors responsibly.
Visit: outdooraccess-scotland.com

Plan your trip and find more routes at: johnmuirway.org/day-trips

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