

# Northumberland: A Journey Through Time from Romans to Victorians

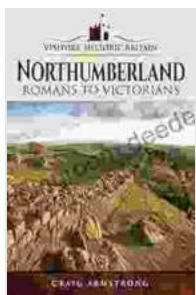


Nestled in the far north of England, Northumberland is a county steeped in history. From its Roman origins to its Victorian heyday, Northumberland has witnessed some of the most pivotal events in British history. Today, the county is home to a wealth of historic sites and landscapes that tell the story of its past.

## **Roman Northumberland**

The Romans first arrived in Northumberland in the 1st century AD. They quickly established a presence in the region, building a series of forts and roads to control the local population. The most famous of these forts is Hadrian's Wall, which was built in the 2nd century AD to defend the Roman Empire from the Picts of Scotland. Today, Hadrian's Wall is a UNESCO

World Heritage Site and one of the most popular tourist attractions in Northumberland.



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In addition to Hadrian's Wall, Northumberland is home to a number of other Roman sites, including the Vindolanda fort and museum. Vindolanda was one of the largest Roman forts in Britain, and it has been extensively excavated in recent years. The museum houses a collection of artifacts that provide a fascinating glimpse into the lives of the Roman soldiers and civilians who lived at Vindolanda.

### Medieval Northumberland

After the Romans left Britain in the 5th century AD, Northumberland was ruled by a succession of Anglo-Saxon and Viking kings. The Anglo-Saxons founded the kingdom of Northumbria in the 6th century AD, and they ruled the region for over 200 years. The Vikings invaded Northumberland in the 8th century AD, and they eventually established a kingdom of their own in the region. The Vikings ruled Northumberland for over 300 years, and they left a lasting legacy on the county's culture and landscape.

The most famous medieval building in Northumberland is Alnwick Castle. Alnwick Castle was founded in the 11th century AD, and it has been the seat of the Percy family for over 700 years. The castle has been besieged and captured many times throughout its history, and it has been used as a film location for a number of movies and television shows. Alnwick Castle is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Northumberland, and it is a must-see for any visitor to the county.

## **Victorian Northumberland**

The Victorian era was a time of great change and prosperity for Northumberland. The Industrial Revolution transformed the county's landscape, and new industries such as coal mining and shipbuilding brought wealth to the region. The Victorians also built a number of grand houses and public buildings in Northumberland, including the Victoria Tunnel in Newcastle upon Tyne. The Victoria Tunnel was built in the 1840s to transport coal from the mines to the River Tyne. Today, the tunnel is open to the public, and it is a popular tourist attraction.

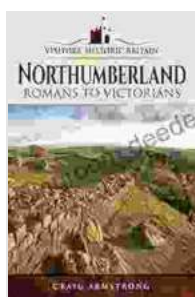
Another popular Victorian attraction in Northumberland is the Bamburgh Castle. Bamburgh Castle was founded in the 11th century AD, and it has been the seat of the Forster family for over 500 years. The castle has been besieged and captured many times throughout its history, and it has been used as a film location for a number of movies and television shows. Bamburgh Castle is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Northumberland, and it is a must-see for any visitor to the county.

## **Northumberland Today**

Today, Northumberland is a thriving county with a rich history and culture. The county is home to a number of historic sites and landscapes, including

Hadrian's Wall, Alnwick Castle, and Bamburgh Castle. Northumberland is also home to a number of museums and art galleries, including the Great North Museum in Newcastle upon Tyne. The Great North Museum is one of the largest museums in the UK, and it has a collection of over 1 million objects. The museum is a popular tourist attraction, and it is a must-see for any visitor to Northumberland.

Northumberland is a county with something to offer everyone. Whether you are interested in history, architecture, or nature, you will find something to love in Northumberland. The county is a great place to visit for a weekend break or a longer holiday. There are a number of things to see and do in Northumberland, and you are sure to have a memorable experience.



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