

Icon: Holy Island

Holy Island is also known as Lindisfarne. It is an island that you can only reach when the sea is at low tide. It is called 'holy' because Christianity grew strong in the monastery there. It is a magical place to visit, so we are sending you on a quest.

You must choose the right time to visit. See <http://www.northumberlandlife.org/holy-island/> for tide information. If you make a mistake with the tides, you cannot cross at all.

Your quest is to find as many of these things as possible, in any order, and to record some evidence that you have found each one. You may want to take a notebook and pencil, a camera, a map, boots and some money (for entry to the Castle and Priory).

A sacred book (or a copy of it)

Where is the book made from animal skin by the hand of a saint? Record a bird you find in the book.

A mystery of a saint's body

You may need to ask someone to tell you the story about the skeleton that could not be seen. Note down the name of the saint and where he is buried.

A special bird

If you are extremely lucky you may see Merlin (clue: a bird of prey). How many other types of bird can you see? Record one of those birds in a drawing, photo or words, and find out what it is.

An unusual plant

Walk into the dunes and look down to find a viper's bugloss or an orchid. If you can't find one, make a note of other unusual plants.

A drink made of honey

Only drink this if you are old and wise enough!

Make a note of who used to make this drink.

A fishing boat given new life

Can you find out who had the idea to do this? Draw the shape of one of these buildings.

A secret walled garden

Record a plant you find in the garden. Who designed this garden?

A place where lime was burned

This kind of lime isn't the citrus fruit. Where does it come from? Draw a rough map that shows where you found this place.

After your visit

Did you enjoy your visit? If so, would you like to encourage other people to go there? Why not make a personal guide book or map, or even a video or podcast, including some of the things you saw and learned, and send it to someone inviting them to visit.