

**15** Where the path forks, bear right onto Pont Martin.

*Pont Martin, which now just looks like an embankment, was originally the largest of three dams supplying a watermill downstream; this is now being restored by the Alderney Society. The Bonne Terre valley also contains the largest number of greater tussock sedge found in the Channel Islands. These plants, up to 2 metres tall, are Britain's largest native grass.*

**16** Continue uphill until you reach St. Vignalis' Garden on your right, accessed through a wooden gate.

*St. Vignalis' Garden was originally just a cattle trough but was converted into a peaceful public garden in remembrance of St. Vignalis' and is now owned by St. Anne's Church.*

**17** Follow the wooded path up to a stile.

**18** Leave the wooded area and follow the path across the field towards the houses.

**19** Exit the field through the gate and walk down Fosse aux Chevaliers to the crossroads.

**20** Go straight across, heading towards the German tower.

*Known locally as the 'Water Tower' the observation tower and adjacent bunker housed the German Luftwaffe HQ and listening post during WWII.*

*To the left of this is the entrance to the old Alderney Pottery, which was founded by Peter Arnold in the 1960's and ran up until 2010. Peter's father was one of the small number of survivors of the wrecking of the SS Stella off Casquets Lighthouse in 1899.*

**21** Turn right and follow the road into Connaught Square, then follow the railings in front of the Island Hall to a wooden gate to the left of the Old Vicarage.

*The Island Hall was built in the 1760's by the Le Mesurier family as both their private residence and Government House. It was subsequently used for various purposes including a recreation centre for the German military during WWII and a community hall afterwards. It is now the island's government headquarters.*

**22** Go through the wooden gate into the old church yard. Here you can see the remains of the 18th Century church, locally known as the Clock Tower. The path will lead you back onto High Street.

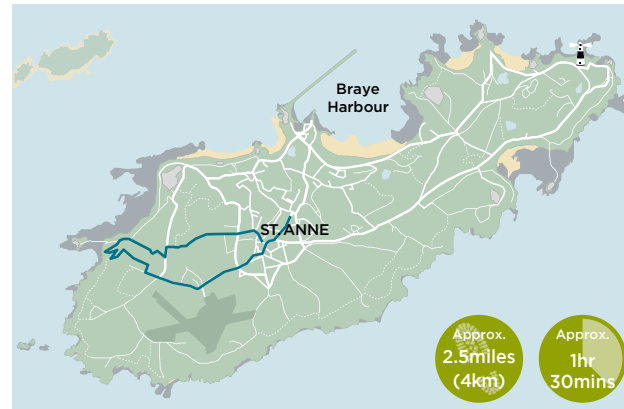
**23** Turn left on High Street and then left again back on to Victoria Street.



Clock Tower

## WALK 3

### Walk summary



Best during spring and autumn, this circular walk takes in some of the island's most historic sites, with spectacular views and migrant birds. Approximately 2.5 miles (4 km) long, with steep path sections, this walk should take around 1 hour 30 mins.

- Wear good boots
- Take binoculars, bird and flower guides
- Please take care when walking near the cliff edges
- Includes steep and wet sections



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Please note access to historic buildings and defensive structures is dangerous and in most cases not permitted. The States of Alderney can accept no liability for any injury caused.

There are lots of other Alderney walks and cycle routes to try. Why not pick up the leaflets from the visitor centre and discover more of Alderney on foot?

## WALK 3

### The Zig-Zag & Fort Clonque





# The Zig-Zag and Fort Clonque

A circular walk from St. Anne, with spectacular views of Burhou & Fort Clonque. Considered at its best during spring and autumn, this walk takes in some of the island's most historic sites, with spectacular views and migrant birds.

- 1 This walk starts at the Visitor Information Centre. Turn up Victoria Street, passing St. Anne's church on your right, to the T-junction at the top. Turn right on to High Street.
- 2 Follow High Street past the Coronation Inn on your left and the Museum on your right, along Le Huret and into Marais Square.
- 3 Turn right just before the Marais Hall Pub and walk up the hill, part of La Trigale's one way system.
- 4 Carry on up the hill walking past a cross roads with the turning to Allée ès Fées on your right.
- 5 Continue along the road towards the airport.
- 6 Go past the airport entrance and Judge Barbenson's cattle trough following the road as it curves around the blind bend, which rises then falls.
- 7 You will reach a junction and in front of you is a sign marked the Zig-Zag, follow this track towards the sea.
- 8 Walk down the track and after about 50 metres, turn right. This takes you past an old brick well, which supplied Fort Tourgis.
- 9 Follow this winding track, heading down towards the sea. *The area of heathland around you, known as the Giffoine, is one of the best sites on the island to see the elusive Dartford warbler. The island of Burhou will come into view; home to puffins, storm petrels and many other species of seabird. Fort Tourgis can be seen on your right with a white cone-shaped marine navigation day mark in front of it.*



Fort Clonque

- 10 The track will start to zig-zag down the hill.

*The path's sides often sport an array of fungi including impressive horse and parasol mushrooms. Please do not pick.*

*There is a walker's shelter half way down on the left containing information on the area, which provides excellent views across Hannaine Bay to the south and Clonque Bay to the north.*

- 11 At the bottom of the Zig-Zag turn right and carry on along the path, keeping Fort Clonque behind you and the sea to your left.

*Fort Clonque is now owned by the Landmark Trust and can be rented. The bay itself is the heart of Alderney's Internationally Important Wetland (Ramsar) site.*

*Clonque Bay contains the largest area of intertidal rock on Alderney. Its rock-pools hold a vast array of fauna including starfish, brown velvet and spider crabs and, at the lowest tides, ormers. Wading birds include large numbers of little egrets, curlews, whimbrels and oystercatchers.*

- 12 Walk along the track until you reach a white stone path marker below a rock formation. Turn right onto the steep Blue Bridge path which leads up the valley and away from the sea. **Please be warned that this path can get very wet**, but is a great place to spot the occasional visiting bird including short eared owls in the autumn.



Grey heron & little egret

- 13 Follow the narrow path up the valley until you reach a tarmac road where you need to turn left.

- 14 Walk down the road for only 20 metres until you see a stone on your right marked 'St. Vignalis'. Turn onto the path which goes down into the Bonne Terre valley.



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