



Greenwood area

11 The ACW is the largest community woodland in the Channel Islands, and hundreds of volunteers have planted over 11,000 trees here. Follow the marked trail around the site until you reach Information Point 1, at Greenwood Turning area. From here you can leave the ACW by following the path down the hill to emerge on Newtown Road.

12 Retrace your steps back along Newtown Road, passing the foot of Water Lane on your left and the island's school, St Anne's, on your right, before emerging on Braye Road.

13 Cross straight over to pick up the unmade track in front of you. After a short distance, you will come to a junction with an uphill track. Take a sharp left turn opposite the Peace Garden.

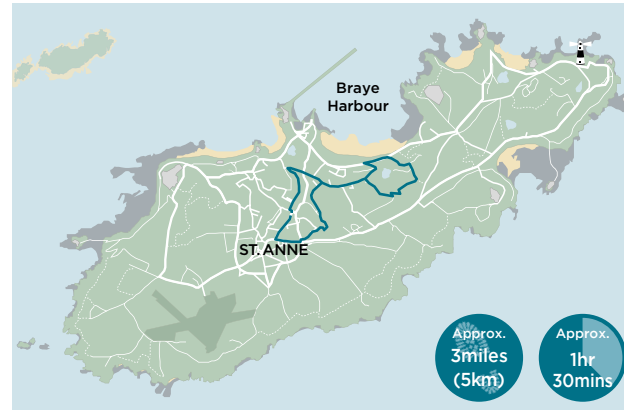
14 Follow this new track up the hill, passing the children's play area and skate park on your left, and you will see The Butes cricket field; one of the most spectacular settings for the game.

15 Walk straight on, past the Methodist Church on your right, turn left at the foot of the short hill, and then turn right to walk up Victoria Street to return to the Visitor Information Centre.



The Butes cricket field

Walk summary



Explore the Alderney Community Woodland (ACW) along the centre of the island. Approximately 3 miles (5 km) long, with some steep path sections which can sometimes be slightly muddy after rain. It should take around 1 hour 30 mins, or more if you take time to follow the info points of the ACW trail.

- *Wear good boots*
- *Take binoculars*
- *Please take care when near the railway or accessing info points along the ACW trail*
- *Steep and wet sections*



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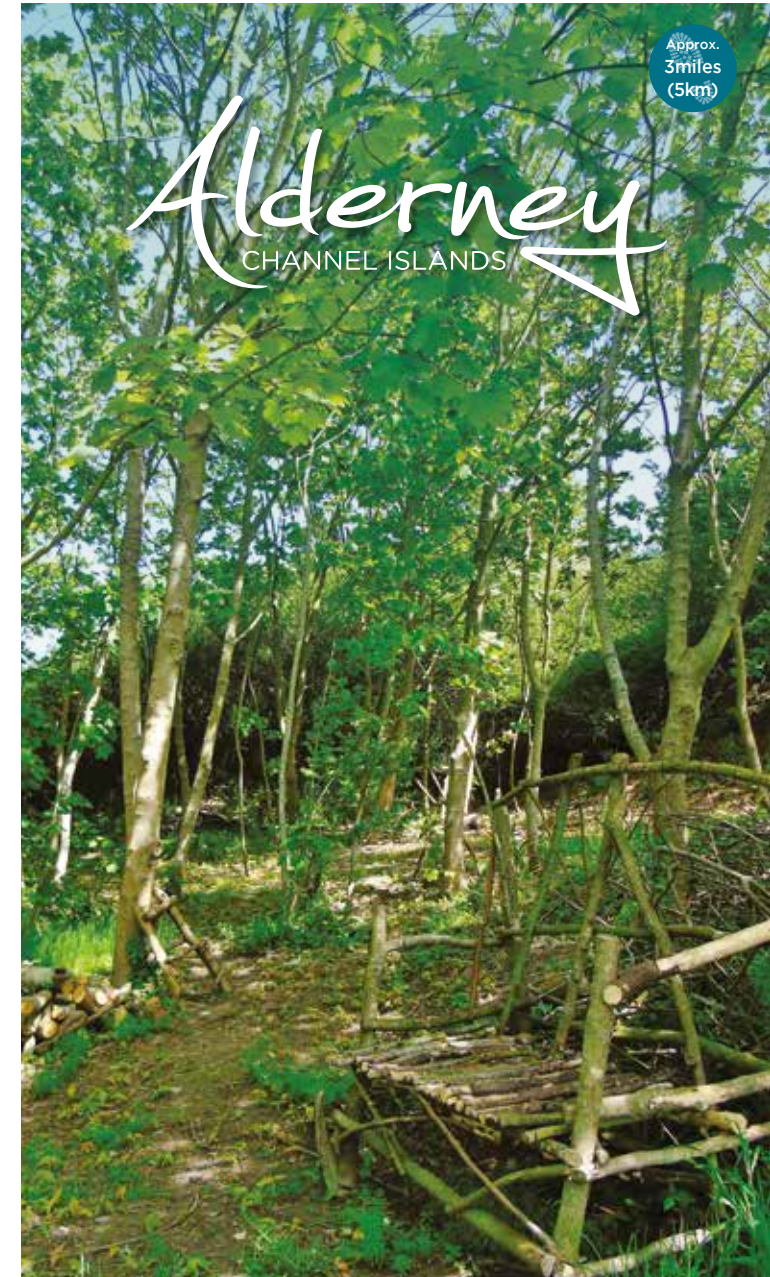
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Please note access to historic buildings and defensive structures is dangerous and in most cases not permitted. The States of Alderney can accept no liability for any injury caused.

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?

Alderney Community Woodland Trail



Community Woodland Trail

An interesting trail around the heart of Alderney, exploring the less visited parts of the island, taking in wooded valleys and the central highpoint of Les Rochers.

- 1 The trail starts in front of the Visitor Information Centre. Walk up Victoria Street and turn left at the top on to St. Anne's original 'High Street'.
- 2 Continue until you come to the crossroads at the end of the cobbles and turn left.
- 3 Take the concealed grass track less than 20m down the road on your right, which leads between two houses. You are now on the upper reaches of the Water Lane, a narrow winding path - so please take care. This can often be wet in the winter months.
- 4 About 250m down on your left, you will see the remnants of an Abreuvoir Public. These public cattle troughs are found all around the island, as there were few streams accessible to livestock.
- 5 Halfway down the valley, the path widens as it connects with what used to be the main road into St. Anne.

The woods here are some of the most extensive left on Alderney and are predominantly sycamore and ash. They hide entrances to the two largest WWII German tunnel systems on the island. Now very unsafe (do not enter), these systems run hundreds of metres into the eastern and western hillside and were used for storage and redoubts in case of heavy bombardment. Towards the bottom of the track you will also see several grey poplars. At well over 20m, they are some of the tallest trees on the island.

- 6 At the bottom of the track turn right on to Newtown Road and continue past Blanchard Building Merchants on your left.



Water Lane

- 7 Just after this, you will see the entrance to Battery Quarry on your right.

The quarry is Alderney's main reservoir holding about 40 million gallons of water. It was dug from the hillside of Les Rochers between the 1840s and 1939. The material was removed from the quarry using an overhead hoist system.

- 8 When you reach the railway, cross over and turn right. Use the main road, adjacent to Braye Common, rather than walking on the railway lines.

Please be aware that the railway is in use at weekends during the summer and other days during the year.

- 9 Follow the tarmac road for 200 metres until you see a dirt road on your right. Follow this until you cross the railway line again.

- 10 Keep on the track for another 80m, and you will pass a new drystone wall. Shortly after, on your right, is the entrance to the Alderney Community Woodland (ACW). A covered sign board reveals the route of the Community Woodland Trail. This is one of 12 boards around the ACW, in which there are over 15km of footpaths around this 19 hectare new woodland (footpaths marked on the map below in brown).



Greenwood turning area

