

11 When you reach the road take the path between the lighthouse wall and sea. To the right you can see the ruins of Fort Les Homeaux Florains. Follow this path until you reach the road.

Quesnard Lighthouse was built in 1912 by a local man William Baron and is now fully automated. It is open for conducted tours at weekends during the summer season. Information and times are available from the Visitor Information Centre.

12 Continue on the path towards a bungalow with shells on the wall and past the sign on your left, which marks the 'Fisherman's path', passing Fort Quesnard on your left and looking out for the mouse in the wall.

13 Past Fort Quesnard take the left fork onto a track with a sign saying 'No Vehicular Access'. Depending on the weather, the coast of France is visible to your left across the fierce tidal stream of the Alderney Race.

14 Straight ahead is Fort Houmet Herbé which was completed in 1854. Just off the main path to your left is a restored WWII German trench system, which contains information boards. The endemic Alderney sea lavender can also be seen flowering along the top of the shoreline nearby.

15 Continue on the path and Fort Essex will come into view in front of you, along with the Hanging Rock and Fort Raz to the left. You will pass a high stone structure, known as the 'Targets', on your right. Carry on along the path until you reach a turning on your left towards Longis beach and Fort Raz.

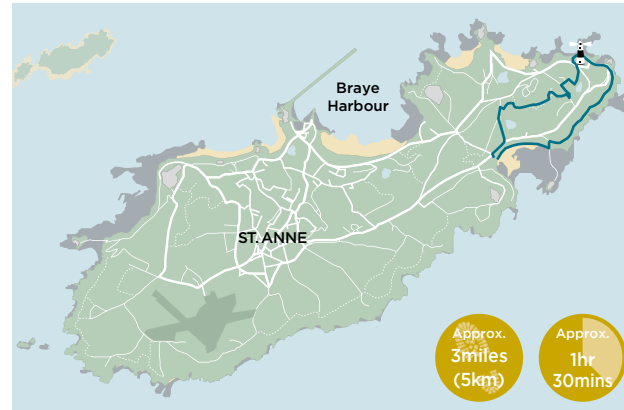
The 'Targets' wall or 'Rifle Butts' was constructed in the 1860s. This area was used for rifle practice from the Victorian times until WWII.

16 Turn left, and being aware of the state of the tide, drop down onto the beach, and walk across the bay with the anti-tank wall on your right. Continue along the sand until you reach the concrete slipway. Walk up it and you are back in the Nunnery car park.



Longis bay

Walk summary



An amazing trail all year round with spring flowering plants, summer resident breeding birds, autumn migrant birds and stunning winter views. Starting and finishing at the Nunnery car park, white marker stones mark this trail. Approximately 3 miles (5km) long with steep coastal path sections, should take around 1 hour 30 mins.

- Wear good boots
- Take binoculars, bird and flower guides
- For access to the 'Odeon' (point 6), ask for a key at the Wildlife Centre on Victoria Street.



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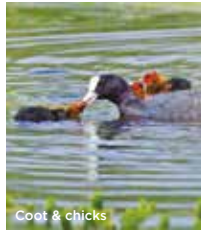
The Longis Nature Reserve Trail



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A circular trail around the Longis Nature Reserve, starting and finishing at the Nunnery car park. It's an amazing trail all year round with spring flowering plants, summer resident breeding birds, autumn migrant birds and stunning winter views.

1 The trail starts from the car park next to The Nunnery.



Coot & chicks

The Nunnery was originally a Roman coastal fort of the 4th Century AD and one of the most historically important buildings in the Channel Islands. Much of the outer wall, and other key parts of the structure are now understood to be the original Roman stone work of what was probably a 'signal station' or coastal fort. Alterations were made during the 15th or 16th century and in the 1790s a barracks and outbuildings were added. During WWII, German fortifications were also integrated into this unique structure, including a personnel bunker and machine gun positions placed directly into the original Roman walls. A trapdoor was added to the western wall into what is now a car park, to allow a dolly running on rails (still visible today) to be rolled out with its cargo of either a spotlight or machine gun. Opening times are displayed on the gates.

Just outside the Nunnery's main gate and resting on top of the WWII anti-tank wall you can see one of the Goldsworthy Stones. This stone contains intermeshed sections of reinforcing bar which would have been used in the construction of bunkers and this has been one of the slowest of the stones to erode.

2 Exit the Nunnery car park and turn right on to Route des Carrières where you can see the German Naval tower, known locally as 'The Odeon', ahead of you in the distance. Throughout this trail, follow the white stones.

3 Walk along Route des Carrières with the German anti-tank wall on your right for approximately 150m and turn left onto a grass track leading across Longis Common.

4 Follow the track across the Common walking away from the anti-tank wall. As you approach a stand of trees to your right you will find the Naturetrek bird hide, which is open to the public.

The hide was erected originally in 2001 and rebuilt in 2017 by the Alderney Conservation Volunteers and has a splendid view over the reed beds and pond. Coot, mallard and moorhen can be seen all year round on this natural fresh-water pond. In winter, snipe, water rail, little grebe and the occasional kingfisher can be spotted.

5 Follow the path northwards and take the first right then bear left heading up onto the Mannez Garenne hillside.

6 Turn right when you reach the top of the hill and follow the main path that runs across the top of Mannez Garenne.

This eastern hillside is dotted with numerous WWII German fortifications which made up one of four 88mm anti-aircraft batteries on the island. At the top edge of Mannez Quarry you can see 'The Odeon' which was originally a naval range-finding tower. Access can be arranged through the Wildlife Centre on Victoria Street.

7 When you reach the hardcore track adjacent to the Odeon turn right and follow it back down towards the road. When the road is in sight turn left into a grassed parking area with a small footpath leading off towards the Mannez Quarry edge. Follow the stone steps down into the quarry.

Mannez Quarry was one of the largest stone quarries on the island, originally started to supply stone for the building of the Victorian

forts and breakwater. The quarry is now an excellent habitat for tiny plants such as orange birds-foot and hairy birds-foot trefoil.

8 As you reach the wooded area at the quarry floor you will find the Mannez bird hide to your right.

Mannez Pond is home to all twelve resident species of dragonfly on the island, including the red veined darter, as well as a number of migrant birds.

9 Follow the quarry path past the main railway station and bear right across the disused miniature railway line.

10 Turn right following the edge of the miniature railway until you reach a turning down to the left. Cross the lower section of the quarry towards Quesnard Lighthouse.

Here you can see the remnants of the eastern slopes of the Mannez hillside which was still being quarried well after WWII.



Birds-foot trefoil

