



Walk 7 COMMUNITY WOODLAND TRAIL

3 miles (5 km)

1 hour 40 minutes



Explore the heart of the island and the Alderney Community Woodland. With some steeper paths, that can sometimes be slightly muddy after rain, this walk should take around one hour and 40 minutes.

1 The trail starts in front of the Visitor Information Centre. Walk up Victoria Street and turn left at the top onto St Anne's original 'High Street'.

2 Continue until you come to the crossroads at the end of the cobbles and turn left.

3 Immediately on the right, less than 10m down the road, take the concealed grass track which leads between two houses. You are now on the upper reaches of Water Lane, a

narrow winding path - so please take care. This can often be wet in the winter months.

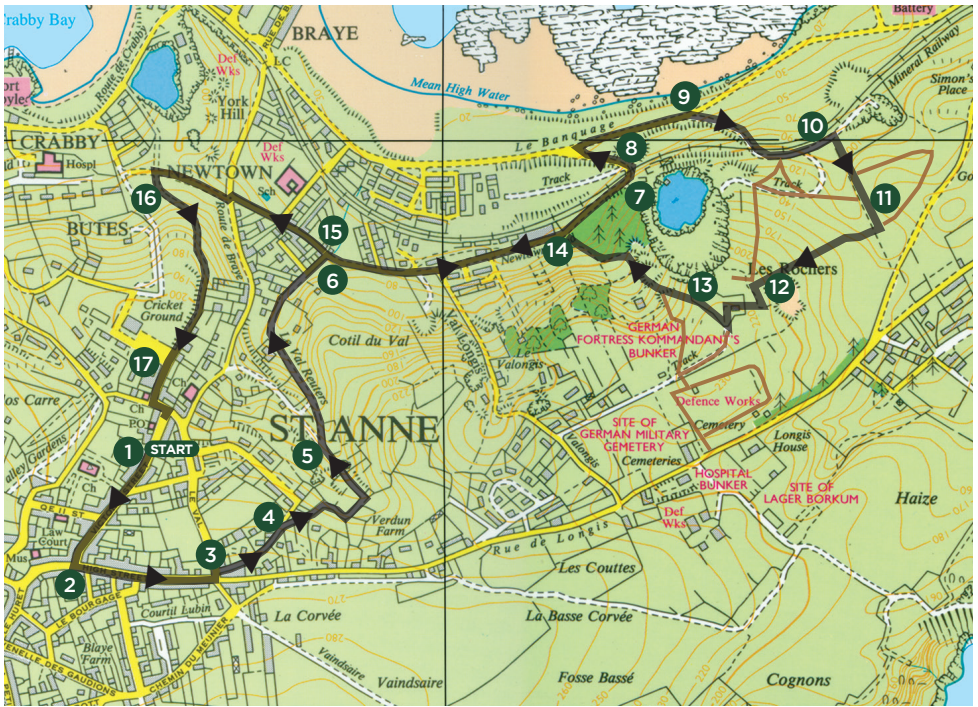
4 About 250m down on your left, you will see the remnants of an Abreuvoir Public. These public cattle troughs are found all around the island, as there were few streams accessible to livestock.

5 Halfway down the valley, the path widens as it connects with what used to be the main road into St Anne (Water Lane).



WATER LANE

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



with no access, 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 20 metres, 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.

7 Just after this, you will see the entrance to the Water Board's Battery Quarry ahead of you

BATTERY QUARRY

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 Cross over the railway and when you reach the main road 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 and cross the railway line again.

10 Keep on the track for another 80m, and you will pass a drystone wall. Shortly after, on your right, is the entrance to the Alderney Community Woodland (ACW).

ALDERNEY COMMUNITY WOODLAND

ACW is the largest community woodland in the Channel Islands. Hundreds of volunteers have planted over 11,000 trees here. There are 12 covered boards which mark the route of a 'Community Woodland Trail' which you can choose to follow around this 19 hectare woodland (footpaths marked on the map opposite in brown).

11 Take the path uphill until you reach the golf course and turn right.

12 Follow this path, up though the trees passing a fenced transmitter mast, until you reach a large stone engraved with 'Milly's Wood'.

13 Turn right and follow the path down until you reach the main road.

14 At the main road turn left and retrace your steps back along Newtown Road, passing the foot of Water Lane on your left and the island's school on your right, before emerging on Braye Road.

15 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.

16 Follow this 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.

17 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.

