

# THINGS TO SEE & DO

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**1 ROMAN FORT** Open daily 10-4.30  
Visit the best preserved small Roman fort in Britain. It is the first evidence of military construction on our island and was originally built in the 4th century to defend the anchorage in Longis Bay harbour and the nearby Roman settlement. The site epitomises the way fortifications have been adapted and reused over the years. Tudors, British soldiers and even German soldiers have made this fort their base. There are story boards, an information room, a large WWII bunker and lots more to explore.

**2 IRON AGE POTTERY SITE**  
Discovered accidentally, and subsequently excavated by the Alderney Society in the late 1960s, this site consists of a dry stone wall measuring nine meters in diameter that enclosed a circular hearth and fire pit (radio-carbon dated to 490BC).

**3 MANNEZ LIGHTHOUSE**  
Built in 1912 and rising 109ft, Mannez Lighthouse is a prominent landmark, on the north eastern coast. With a resident lighthouse keeper until as recently as 1996, the lighthouse now has LED lights and is controlled from Trinity House, Harwich.

**4 MINIATURE RAILWAY** May-Sept  
Situating near the lighthouse this recently refurbished miniature railway winds its way through a wilderness of willow, gorse and bracken and provides fun for both adults and children alike.

**5 ALDERNEY RAILWAY** May-Sept  
The only working railway in the Channel Islands. The first people to ride on the line were Queen Victoria and Prince Albert in 1854. Nowadays this historic railway line provides lots of interest and entertainment.

# BEACHES

On Alderney a beautiful beach is never far away!



**LONGIS BAY** 🇫🇷🇬🇧  
Longis has a wide, half-mile long sandy beach which is protected from winds by a German anti-tank wall built during the WWII Occupation.

**SAYE BEACH** 🇬🇧  
The beautiful curve of white sand is sheltered by rocky headlands either side and leads gently down to crystal clear blue waters perfect for swimming.

**CORBLETS BAY**  
On the north coast Corblets is a great place to take a dip in the inviting waters and is the best beach for surfing.

**ARCH BAY**  
Arch is a small sheltered beach adjoining Corblets Bay at low tide. It's perfect for a swim or family paddle.

**BRAYE BAY** 🇬🇧  
Only a few minutes from the town and harbour, Braye is one of the island's most popular beaches. Its beautiful white sands are perfect for making sandcastles and the clear calm waters, which are sheltered by the breakwater, are safe to paddle or swim.

**PLATTE SALINE**  
Perfect for nature lovers and fishermen. Swimming is not allowed here due to a severe undercurrent.

**CLONQUE BAY**  
This pebble beach, which faces west into the RAMSAR designated wetlands site and out to the Burhou island, is ideal for rock pooling and watching the sunset.



**6 ALDERNEY CINEMA**  
Visitors to the island are charmed by the 'step back in time' feel of watching a film in our small cinema which seats only 90 people and is run by enthusiastic volunteers.

**7 ST ANNE'S CHURCH**  
Designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott and consecrated in 1850, St Anne's Church has had many roles, from a garrison church for troops during the mid 19th century to machine gun post during WWII. Accessible from Victoria Street, this stunning church with a full peal of 12 bells, is well worth a visit.

**8 ALDERNEY MUSEUM**  
The award-winning museum provides a history of the island from the pre-historic period to the present day. Open April to October, by request at other times.

**9 WATERMILL**  
Situating in the Bonne Terre valley the earliest record of the Mill is from the 1200's. The present building is an authentic rebuild of the 1792 mill which has been lovingly restored by Alderney Society volunteers for everyone to enjoy.

**10 ROC A L'EPINE**  
Near Fort Tourgis an ancient burial chamber dates from 4,000 BC. Its top heavy flat stone rests on two supports.

**11 'ALDERNEY BAYEAUX TAPESTRY'**  
Alderney residents created what could have been the missing final panel of the Bayeux Tapestry, using the same technique and materials of the original. It is displayed in the Library.

**12 TELEGRAPH TOWER**  
Built in 1809, this signalling tower was used to communicate vital information on the movement of French shipping with other Channel Islands during the Napoleonic Wars. It used Mulgrave's 'semaphore' system, a means of sending text-based messages across long distances through visual observation.

# NATURE HOTSPOTS

A few of the best spots to discover the island's amazing wildlife.



**1 LES ETACS GANNET COLONY**  
The noise and sight of Alderney's gannet colony will certainly astonish you. Les Etacs and distant Ortac rocks are home to 1% of the world's northern gannet population. These amazing birds have a wingspan of nearly two metres and dive to catch food at speeds of over 60mph! Best visited by boat, but easily viewed from the Giffoine where a telescope and bench enable visitors to take their time and have a closer look at the colony.

**2 THE GIFFOINE**  
The Giffoine is a large area of heathland, providing cover for the Dartford warblers, whitethroats and the rare Glanville fritillary butterfly.

**3 VAU DE SAOU & WILDLIFE BUNKER**  
A steep-side wooded valley with bluebells in spring is a good spot for slow-worms, peregrines and migrating birds. Along the coast path is a converted WWII communications bunker, open every day, with displays of the island's natural history.

**4 COMMUNITY WOODLAND**  
Explore the marked trails and learn about wildlife and historic buildings in this 17 hectare woodland.

**5 LONGIS NATURE RESERVE**  
This 90 hectare reserve covers almost the entire east end of the island. On Longis Common, you are likely to see stonechat and wheatear, and there is a bird hide looking over Alderney's largest natural freshwater pond. The pond's reedbed is an ideal place to watch little grebe, coot, shoveler and the shy snipe and water rail.

# VICTORIAN FORTS

The British built 18 forts and gun batteries in the 1850s.



**1 FORT TOURGIS**  
Completed in 1855, Fort Tourgis is the second largest of the forts. It was designed to mount 33 guns and accommodate 350 men. During WWII it became a powerful German defensive position. Interpretation boards are available on site.

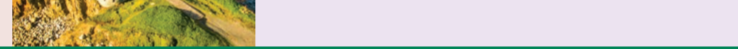
**2 FORT DOYLE** Open daily 10-4  
Fort Doyle is the smallest Victorian fort. It was completed in 1854 to house four guns and 22 men. It defended Crabby Bay to the east and Platte Saline to the west. In WWII it had two anti-tank guns firing east and west.

**3 FORT GROSNÉZ (No access)**  
Constructed between 1850 and 1853, Grosnez was the first Victorian fort to be completed, defending the breakwater works. During the German occupation it became Strongpoint *Josephsburg* with a Flak (anti-aircraft) Battery.

**4 FORT ALBERT (No access)**  
Fort Albert was constructed between 1856 and 1859. It was originally named Fort Touraille but was renamed in honour of Queen Victoria's 'Prince Consort', Albert, upon his death in 1861. This fort was the last of the Victorian forts to be built on island, and thus the most modern in style.

**5 FORT HOUMET HERBÉ (No access)**  
With its distinctive medieval look, Houmet Herbé was completed in 1854. It had ten guns and was manned by 61 men. Due to its location it was not used by the Germans during WWII.

**6 FORT CLONQUE (No access)**  
Fort Clonque was completed in 1855 and was designed for ten guns in four open batteries with accommodation for 59 men. The positioning of the batteries was to fire into Hannaine and Clonque Bays as well as along the natural causeway. It is now owned by The Landmark Trust.



# WWII OCCUPATION TRAIL

The five year German Occupation of Alderney from 1940 to 1945 left many lasting marks on the island's landscape. Here are a few to discover.



**1 THE ODEON** Open daily 10-4 (Weather dependent)  
This massive WWII Naval range-finding tower was built by forced labour under the German occupying power in 1943. There are four floors to explore with information boards, a WWII timeline and movie to watch. On a clear day, the observation levels, one of which has a telescope, offer amazing views to France.

**2 LONGIS ANTI-TANK WALL**  
The gigantic concrete anti-tank wall was built on the sand dunes by forced labour under the German forces to prevent an amphibious assault by Allied forces on the open beach. Six metres high, its protruding upper lip would have made climbing over a real challenge.

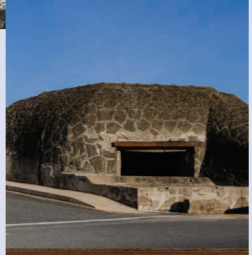
**3 LONGIS 'RUSSIAN CEMETERY'**  
This was the principal burial ground for foreign workers in Alderney. 381 bodies were exhumed in 1961 by the German War Graves Commission, most of whom were removed to the ossuary at Mont de Huisnes, France. The final number of deaths in Alderney will never be known and remains a continuing cause for speculation.

**4 HAMMOND WAR MEMORIAL**  
Built by local residents on their return to the island this memorial commemorates the slaves and forced labourers, brought to Alderney by the Nazis during WWII, who subsequently died on the island.

**5 BIBETTE HEAD**  
Bibette Head is the site of some of the most interesting and best-preserved German defences in the Channel Islands. With extensive interpretation boards, this site - with its intact trenches, tunnel, armoured machine gun cupola and casemated gun positions offers a remarkable insight into the fortification of the island.



**6 HOSPITAL BUNKER**  
The Hospital Bunker was built for the German army by forced labour in 1943. There were beds for up to thirty patients, separate rooms for the doctors and medical orderlies, an admissions room and operating theatre capable of dealing with major injuries.



**7 PAK BUNKER**  
This bunker housed a 7.5cm PaK anti-tank gun. Originally the bunker was camouflaged as a house with a fake wooden roof and painted windows.



**8 EVACUATION PLAQUE (Court House)**  
On 23 June 1940 at 6am, the church bells rang to notify islanders that six Royal Navy ships were approaching Braye Harbour to evacuate them to the mainland, with only hours to gather their belongings and assemble. They were not able to return to Alderney for over five years



**9 WATER TOWER**  
Built as the headquarters for the *Luftwaffe* (German Air Force), the building, known locally as the Water Tower, dominates the skyline of St. Anne. The building formed a link in the German coast-watching surveillance of occupied Europe.



**10 SITE OF LAGER SYLT**  
Lager Sylt was one of the four Nazi labour camps on Alderney during WWII holding prisoners. Between March 1943 and June 1944 it was run by the SS as a concentration camp. The gate posts, which still stand, mark the entrance and also displays a plaque commemorating the prisoners who lost their lives on Alderney.



**11 BATTERY ANNES**  
Battery Annes is one of the island's 3 naval gun battery positions. It had four prominent concrete coast artillery emplacements, personnel shelters and reserve ammunition bunkers. The battery comprised of four powerful guns to protect from invasion. **There are many more German fortifications on the island. Please be careful, the States of Alderney cannot accept liability for injury on any of the sites.**

# EAT & DRINK

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- TOWN**
- MARAIS HALL PUB**  
Traditional pub food. Marais Square 01481 822683
  - ST ANNE'S GUEST HOUSE**  
Afternoon tea & cake. (*Jun-Sept*) Le Huret 01481 823145
  - BLONDE HEDGEHOG**  
Lunch, dinner, drinks & coffee. Le Huret 01481 823230
  - CORONATION INN**  
Bar & off-licence. High Street 01481 822630
  - THE CAMPANIA**  
Offering traditional pub food. High Street 01481 822653
  - NELLIE GRAY'S INDIAN**  
Lunch, dinner & takeaway. Victoria Street 01481 823333
  - PJ'S CAFÉ**  
Lunch, snacks, drinks & coffee. Victoria Street 01481 823382
  - THE CHEZ BAR**  
Pub & sports bar. Victoria Street 01481 824784
  - LA VILLE HOTEL**  
Breakfast, drinks & coffee. Victoria Street 01481 824784
  - GRIFF'S**  
Cafe & takeaway. Albert Mews 01481 822266
  - THE GEORGIAN HOUSE**  
Serving fresh local food. Victoria Street 01481 822471
  - SUGAR HOG**  
Gelato, panini, sweets & coffee. Victoria Street 07761 160402
  - JACK'S**  
Breakfast, lunch & dinner. Victoria Street 01481 823933
  - LE PASSAGE WINEBAR**  
Enjoy the ArtGallery & WineBar. Victoria Street (*Summer only*)
  - MAI THAI**  
Flavours of Thailand. Le Val 01481 824940
- HARBOUR AREA**
- PJ'S AT THE HARBOUR**  
Good food to eat in or takeaway. Breakwater Road
  - BRAYE CHIPPY**  
Traditional fish & chips. Braye Harbour 01481 823475
  - THE QUARTERDECK**  
Seafood restaurant. Braye Harbour 01481 823842
  - THE SAILING CLUB**  
Afternoon tea & cake. Braye Harbour 01481 822959
  - BRAYE BEACH HOTEL**  
Brasserie & restaurant. Braye Street 01481 824300
  - THE VAULTS**  
Modern restaurant & cocktails. Braye Street 01481 824300
  - DIVERS INN**  
Traditional pub & great views. Braye Street 01481 822632
  - CANTINA NUMBER 6**  
Tapas, pizza & cocktails. Braye Street 01481 824063
  - THE MOORINGS**  
Bar, restaurant, takeaway & off-licence. Braye Street 01481 822459
  - OUT OF TOWN**
  - OLD BARN ASIDE**  
Light bites & beverages. Alderney Airport
  - LE PESKED**  
French restaurant. Newtown 01481 823841
  - THE GOLF CLUB**  
Beverages. (*Limited opening times*) Longis Road 01481 822835
  - THE OLD BARN**  
Restaurant & off-licence. Longis Road 01481 822537
  - SAYE CAMPSITE CAFE**  
Sandwiches, pizza & pasta. Saye Campsite 01481 822556

# GETTING AROUND & TOURS

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- A1 TAXIS**  
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- CYCLE & SURF**  
01481 822286 / 07781 154045 info@cycleandsurf.co.uk  
cycleandsurf.co.uk
- BRAYE HIRE CARS** (drivers licence required)  
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brayehirecars.com
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- ALDERNEY TOURS**  
07815 549191 alderneytours@gmail.com alderneytours.co.uk  
*Minibus island tours, after dark safaris & WWII tours.*
- ALDERNEY WILDLIFE TRUST**  
01481 822935 admin@alderneywildlife.org alderneywildlife.org  
*Boat tours, bat & blonde hedgehog walk, guided cycle tour, wildlife & bird walks, town & fortification tour, bus tour & more.*
- AVANTE II**  
01481 823307 / 07781 115132 davevenn4@gmail.com  
avantealderney.com  
*Round island boat tour. Sark trips also available.*
- ALDERNEY BIRD OBSERVATORY**  
07815 549191 abo.warden@outlook.com alderneybirdobservatory.org  
*Birdwatching & wildlife walks, bus tour & boat trips.*
- OTHER**
- ALDERNEY FERRY SERVICES**  
07781 119796 info@alderneyferry.com alderneyferrysevices.co.uk
- AURIGNY**  
01481 267267 reservations@aurigny.com aurigny.com



**USEFUL INFORMATION**

**BANK AND POST OFFICE**  
HSBC, Victoria Street  
Alderney Post Office, inside Le Coccq's supermarket, Le Huret

**TELEPHONE NUMBERS**  
Alderney dialling code STD 01481 from all other countries +44 1481

**EMERGENCY 999 or 112**  
Customs 01481 823573  
Police Station 01481 824999  
Island Medical Centre 01481 822077  
Mignot Memorial Hospital 01481 822822

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**  
Please visit the **Visitor Information Centre**  
Victoria Street 01481 822333 tourism@alderney.gov.gg

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- Refill and reuse
- Take your own bag
- Recycle where possible























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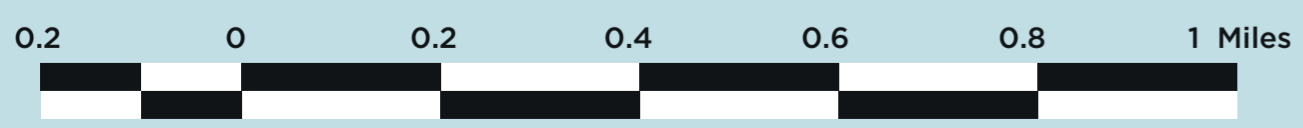
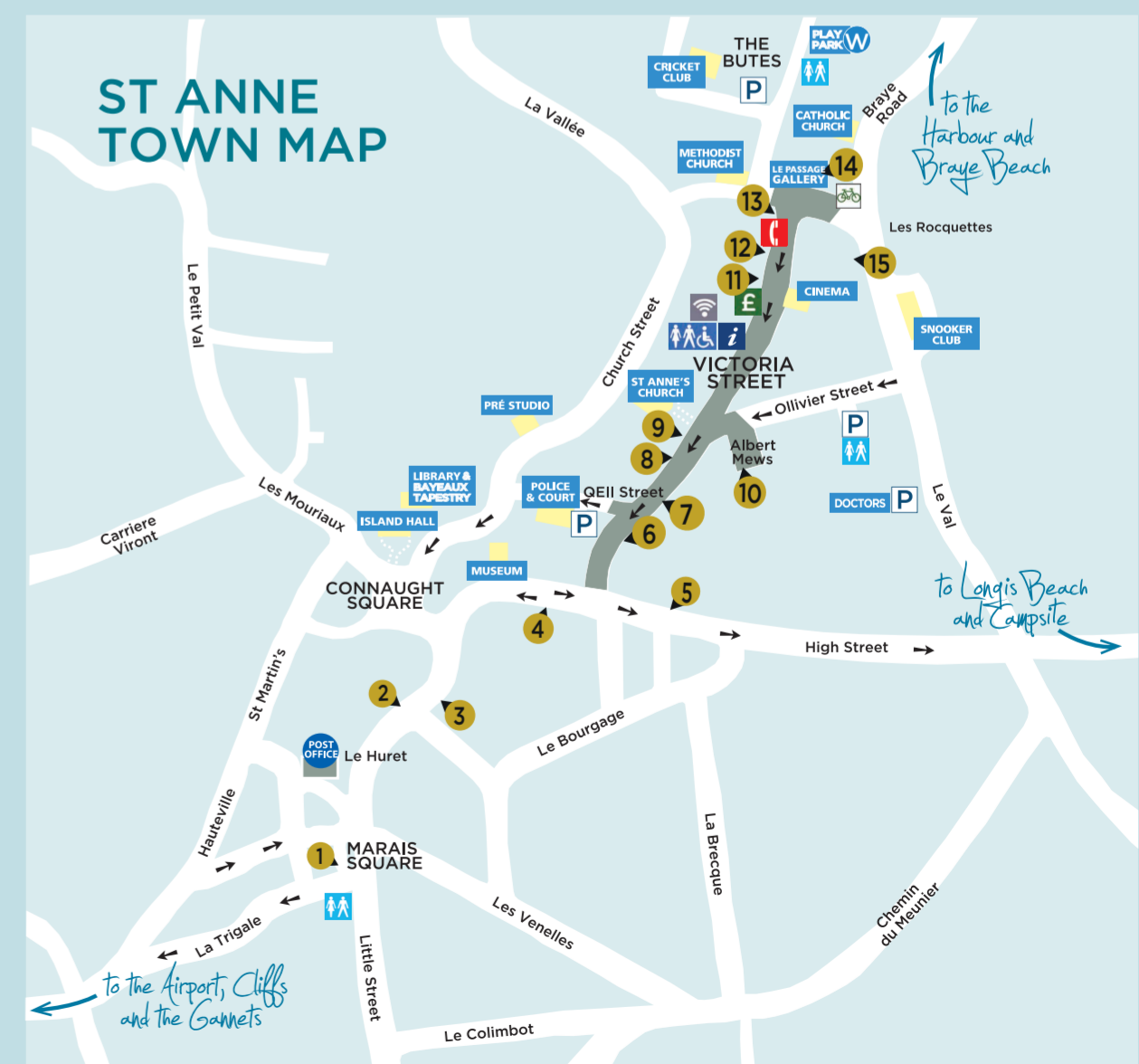
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**MAP KEY:**

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-  Nature Hotspots
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-  Birdhide
-  Telescope
-  Walking/cycling path or track
-  Walking only
-  Cycle Hire
-  Car Hire Pick Up
-  Parking
-  WiFi
-  Drinking Water Fountain
-  Toilets
-  Accessible Toilets
-  ATM
-  Shopping Area
-  Public Telephone
-  Hospital



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Please note that most shops close for lunch and on Wednesday afternoons.