

Blue Badge Guide Tom Bunting presents a bucolic tour of the parish

THIS is a peaceful walk that goes through quiet Jersey lanes yet gives a great feel of the wild seas and coastline.

It will take you a couple of hours, but looking at the map you'll see there's always a chance to take a short cut or just head back to Trinity Church where the walk starts. You can park in front of the church, or at the parish hall, but at the beginning or end of the walk, do take time to look at the inside and outside of one of Jersey's beautiful parish churches.

At the church's south gate – with the parish poor box in the wall – cross the road and down the lane called Rue de Mont Pellier, a quiet green lane which is not an official Green Lane, as Trinity is one of the few parishes which are not part of the scheme.

A short way down on the left look out for the cider orchards which were planted as a joint project between the Société Jersiaise, the National Trust for Jersey and the States after the Great Storm of 1987 brought down so many trees. There's a wonderful collection of apple tree varieties, bringing back memories of the days when orchards covered much of the Island.

Then as you walk along the lane you will lose yourself in typically beautiful Jersey countryside, surrounded by meadows and Jersey cows.

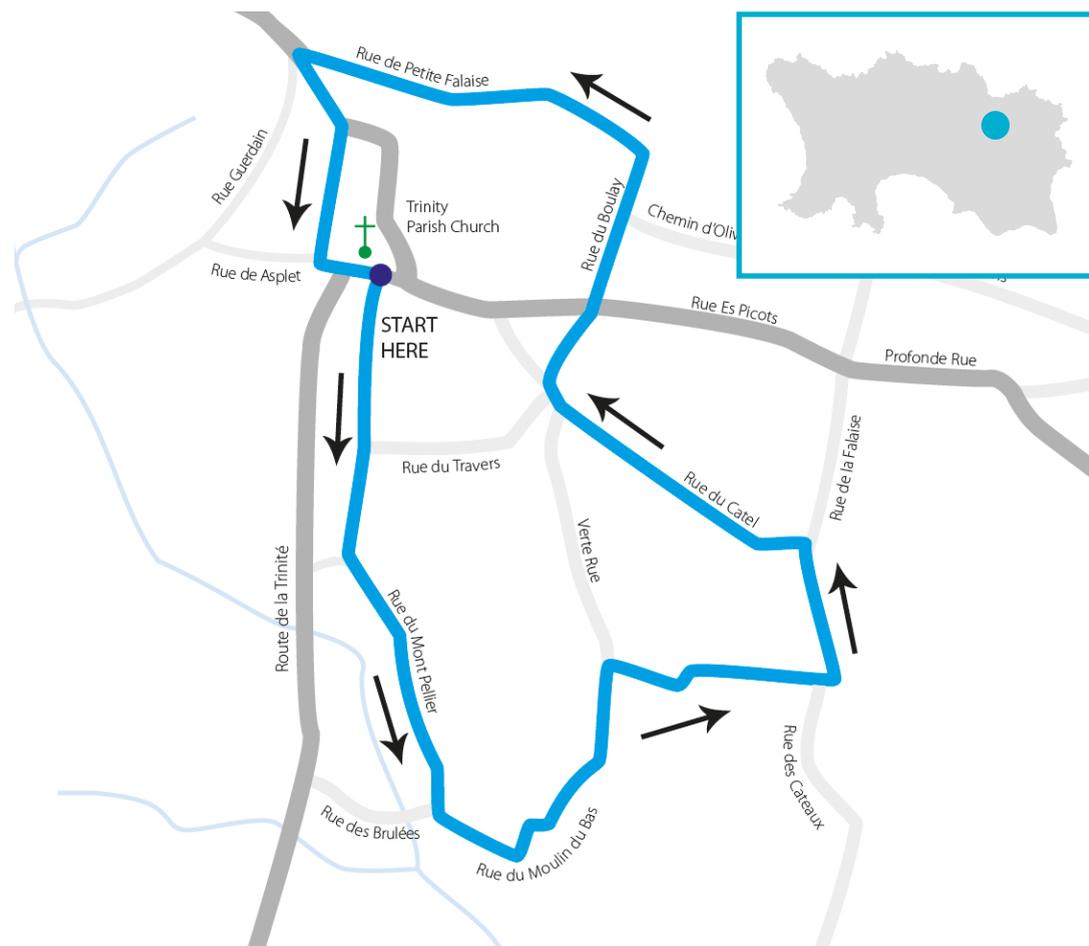
You will pass Ruelle ès Biches on the left, otherwise known as Nannygoat Lane, which you can walk up if you want but it can get muddy.

Much of the area you will pass through is Les Câteaux, so called because of the existence of an early earthwork fort. As you admire the scenery in this area of the walk, do look down as there are interesting features in walls and by the side of the lanes, from vingtaine boundary stones to granite

church features inset in house walls.

Follow the map and cross the main road into Route du Boulay, turning left at the top of Bouley Bay Hill and walking onto Bouley Bay Common, from where you can admire beautiful views of the north coast, and on a clear day Les Ecréhous and France. Continue along Rue de la Petite Falaise to Le Vesconte Monument erected in 1910, a Jersey landmark in memory of Philippe Le Vesconte who was elected Constable of Trinity 10 times.

Then walk back along Rue au Sellier and find yourself back at the church, behind which, for your convenience, you will find a public toilet.



INFORMATION

DISTANCE: Approx 4 miles

TIME: Allow 2 hours

DIFFICULTY: Relatively easy walk. Suitable for wheelchairs and buggies

TOILETS: Toilet by the church