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## THE FRENCH CONNECTION

### *Gorey to Fliquet*

ESTIMATED 1.5 TO 2 HOURS LONG



PETIT PORTELET BEACH

The east coast provides a rich record of the submerged Ice Age landscapes around Jersey. Start your journey at Petit Portelet, which over 120,000 years ago was sheltered by the mass of Mont St Nicholas and the site of Gorey Castle, which looked out over an open landscape. It is this site which protects a deep sequence of cold stage geology preserving Neanderthal artefacts. Flint tools like those used by the Neanderthal hunters were found here in the early twentieth century and the shape of the landscape suggests the presence of an ancient, buried cliff line.



ARCHIRONDEL TOWER - VIEWS OF LA CRÊTE

Continue to Anne Port and on to Archirondel Tower. From here you have views of the ancient stack of La Crête.



ST CATHERINE AND FLIQUET BAY

Stand at the head of St Catherine's pier and look north towards Fliquet Bay. Just in front of the tower lay ancient gulleys which preserve arctic peats containing remains of ancient pollen and insects.

These findings document how over 100,000 years this landscape changed dramatically from a cool, open land dominated by trees, to grasslands likely roamed by Mammoths; what's more, it documents the final moments of Jersey's connection with France.