

Castle Acre Terrain Guide

A rare, surviving Norman town

Castle Acre village boasts an intact group of buildings representing all the components of Norman life. With this map you can find the built remains of medieval Castle Acre. There are two routes – a village walk that includes the planned streets and the Bailey Gate, Castle Acre Castle, St James’s parish church and parts of the Norman rampart and ditch, which enclosed the town and a circular walk around the priory perimeter.

Walks and surfaces

The routes are not suitable for wheelchair or pushchair users.

Castle Acre Priory circular walk 30mins



The route starts beyond Castle Acre Priory gate to the right and circles around the visitor centre and the perimeter wall of the priory precinct,



View of priory from circular walk

returning to the parking area in front of the visitor centre. The path leads along a track and across grass fields that are uneven with changes of level.



End of priory circle walk

Castle Acre village walk 1 hour 30 mins

From the parking area in front of the visitor centre at Castle Acre Priory, take the tarmac road back into the village. When you get to the Bailey Gate at the far end of Stocks Green, turn right and pass underneath the gate into Bailey Street where you will approach the old, planned, walled Norman village. To visit the castle, turn left down an uneven gravel track beside a house with Gothic windows, signposted with a brown Castle Acre Castle notice. Walk along this path until you see the

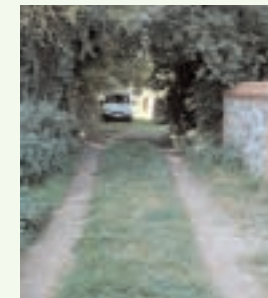


Track leading to castle

castle gate from where you can explore the castle. There are many steps, banks, changes of level and uneven surfaces.



Changing levels in castle terrain



Uneven track to town ditch

To continue, retrace your steps back to Bailey Street in the direction of the Bailey Gate but take the first unmarked road to the left. This rough track leads past the ditch and bank towards St James’s parish church. Inside the church you can see several medieval painted screens and a pulpit.

Return to the priory along the hard surface churchyard path and turn left into Priory Road. This leads back to your starting point in the priory car park.






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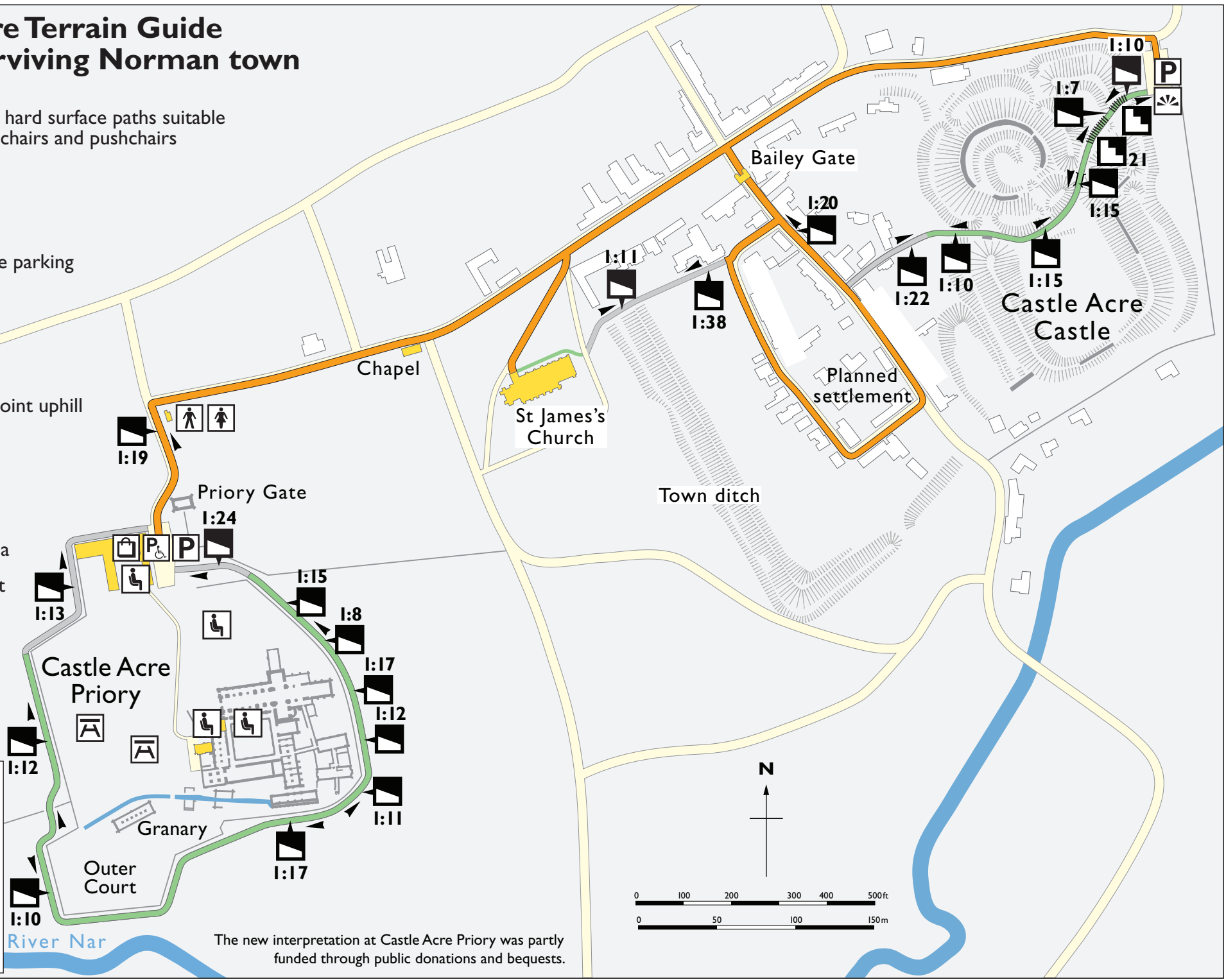
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Routes

-  Road and hard surface paths suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs
-  Track
-  Grass

Symbols

-  Accessible parking
-  Parking
-  Shop
-  Toilets
-  Arrows point uphill
-  Gradient
-  Steps
-  Rest area
-  Picnic area
-  Viewpoint
-  Bridge
-  Steps



This map should be used as a guideline only. English Heritage does not take any responsibility for any injury or accident incurred whilst using this map on site. Changing weather conditions can render a route safe in dry weather to a hazard in wet conditions.

The new interpretation at Castle Acre Priory was partly funded through public donations and bequests.

