

WYVERN CITADEL - UNDERGROUND

MOST OF THE FIRST TWO SUBTERRANEAN LEVELS BELOW WYVERN CITADEL RELATE DIRECTLY TO THE ABOVE-GROUND CASTLE, DETAILED SEPARATELY IN THE COMMUNITY ATLAS. THEY ARE DESCRIBED BELOW. THE THIRD, MUCH DEEPER, LEVEL IS DESCRIBED SEPARATELY AS THE TOMB OF THE WYVERN LORDS.

THESE FIRST TWO UNDERGROUND LEVEL MAPS SHOW HOW THE VARIOUS PLACES ARE LOCATED IN RESPECT TO THE OUTLINE OF THE CASTLE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS, AS WELL AS TO ONE ANOTHER. EACH LEVEL HERE IS AGAIN, LIKE THE OVERGROUND CASTLE LEVELS, ABOUT TEN FEET, THREE METRES, BELOW ITS NEIGHBOUR.

UNDERGROUND LEVEL ONE

1) GATEHOUSE PIT: THIS IS THE UPPER PART OF THE PIT INTO WHICH THE GREAT GATEHOUSE TRAPDOOR HINGES OPEN WHEN ACTIVATED (SEE AREA 2 IN THE WYVERN CITADEL GROUND LEVEL MAP AND DESCRIPTION FOR DETAILS). ITS SHEER SIDES DESCEND TO THE BASE OF UNDERGROUND LEVEL TWO BELOW HERE, A TOTAL DROP OF AROUND 20 FT (6 M).

2) OPERATIONS ROOM (LVL 2): THIS IS THE OPEN TOP HALF OF A TWO-FLOOR DEEP ROOM DETAILED UNDER LEVEL TWO BELOW. AREA 3 ON THIS LEVEL LOOKS OUT INTO IT. THIS UPPER REGION IS A RECENT CONSTRUCTION, REWORKED FROM TWO FORMER ROOMS AND PASSAGES HERE (AREAS 9), FOLLOWING THE REDISCOVERY OF THE ANCIENT OCTAGONAL ROOM ON THE LOWER LEVEL.

3) OBSERVATION DECK: LARGE WINDOWS ALONG THE WESTERN WALLS HERE LOOK OUT AND DOWN INTO ROOM 2, ALLOWING THE COMMAND STAFF TO OVERSEE THE REACTION OF THE WYVERN SQUADRONS TO INCOMING BARBARIAN RAIDERS, WHEN REQUIRED. PORTABLE ELECTRICKAL (LIGHTNING-BASED MAGIC) COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES CAN BE ATTACHED TO SOCKETS IN THE WALLS BELOW THE WINDOWS, TO ALLOW CONTROLLERS IN THIS CHAMBER TO SPEAK DIRECTLY WITH STAFF IN THE LOWER LEVEL OF ROOM 2 AND TO THE WYVERN SQUADRON COMMANDERS IN THE FIELD. MORE CHAIRS AND FOLDING TABLES ARE BROUGHT IN WHEN THE ROOM IS IN FULL OPERATION, INCLUDING DURING TRAINING EXERCISES. A WC IS AVAILABLE AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE DECK. THIS ROOM TOO IS A RECENT REWORKING OF AN OLD PASSAGEWAY. ITS WOOD PANELLING - WHICH EXTENDS ACROSS BOTH FLOOR AND CEILING - IS TO HELP REDUCE EXTRANEIOUS NOISE AND INTERFERENCE TO THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS. THE WINDOWS AND NEW WOODEN WALL SEAL IT OFF FROM ROOM 2.

4) DISUSED STORAGE: ONE OF THE CASTLE'S FORMER UNDERGROUND STOREROOMS OR "DUNGEONS" OF OLDER TIMES. IT HAD BEEN INTENDED TO CONVERT IT INTO THE NEW OPERATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS ROOM PRIOR TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE LARGE OCTAGONAL ROOM ON LEVEL TWO BELOW. IT IS NOT USED AT PRESENT, BUT COULD BE EMPLOYED FOR EXTRA STORAGE SPACE SHOULD THAT BE NEEDED.

5) KITCHEN STORES: ORIGINALLY CONNECTING WITH THE REST OF THE CASTLE ONLY BY CORRIDORS AND STAIRS, SOMEONE EVENTUALLY HAD THE IDEA TO FIT A TRAPDOOR IN ITS CEILING TO ALLOW MORE DIRECT ACCESS TO THE KITCHEN (AREA 8 ON THE CITADEL'S GROUND LEVEL PLAN) DIRECTLY ABOVE. A LADDER REACHES UP TO IT AGAINST THE SOUTHWEST WALL. THE ROOM USED TO HAVE ESPECIAL IMPORTANCE, SINCE APART FROM RAINWATER, THE CITADEL'S MAIN WATER SUPPLY WAS THE WELL IN ITS NORTHEAST CORNER. ALTHOUGH WATER CAN STILL BE DRAWN FROM IT IN THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY, USING A BUCKET AND ROPE DIRECTLY, MOST OF THE CASTLE IS NOW SUPPLIED WITH FRESHWATER BY THE ELECTRICKAL MACHINERY THAT RESTS DIRECTLY OVER THE WELL-HEAD, THROUGH PIPES WHICH RUN TO WHEREVER WATER MAY BE NEEDED ELSEWHERE (NOT ILLUSTRATED FOR CLARITY ON THE PLANS). FOOD AND OTHER TYPES OF LIQUID SUPPLIES REGULARLY REQUIRED IN THE KITCHEN ARE KEPT HERE, REPLENISHED WHEN NECESSARY. THE SOUTHWESTERN DOORWAY LEADS TO STEPS DOWN TO THE ICE HOUSE ON UNDERGROUND LEVEL TWO (ROOM 6 ON THIS MAP).

6) ICE HOUSE (LVL 2): THIS CHAMBER IS DETAILED IN THE DESCRIPTION OF UNDERGROUND LEVEL TWO BELOW. IT IS ILLUSTRATED HERE TO SHOW BETTER HOW IT CONNECTS WITH THE KITCHEN STORES (5) AND THE REST OF THE CASTLE.

7) STAIRS DOWN TO LVL 2: A SET OF STRAIGHT STONE STEPS LEADING DOWN TO AREA 7 ON THE UNDERGROUND LEVEL TWO MAP.

8) STAIRS UP TO TOWER: THESE SPIRAL STAIRS RISE ANTICLOCKWISE TO CONNECT WITH THE WYVERNITE STORE, ROOM 10 ON THE GROUND LEVEL PLAN, AND THEN ON UP TO THE HIGHER LEVELS OF THIS LARGER ROUND CORNER TOWER.

9) INFILLED OLD ROOMS: WHEN THE OCTAGONAL CHAMBER NOW USED AS THE OPERATIONS ROOM (2) WAS OPENED UP ON UNDERGROUND LEVEL TWO, IT WAS ENLARGED UPWARDS BY REUSING PARTS OF THE SPACE PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED BY THESE FORMER DUNGEON CHAMBERS AND PASSAGEWAYS. WHILE WHAT SURVIVES OF THEIR WALLS AND FLOORS IS FAINTLY SHOWN HERE, BOTH OLDER OPEN SPACES WERE CAREFULLY BACK-FILLED WITH MUCH OF THE ROCK REMOVED TO CONSTRUCT THE OPEN UPPER REACHES OF ROOM 2. THEY WERE FINALLY WALLED-OFF WHEN THE NEW OPERATIONS ROOM WAS COMPLETED. NEITHER CONTAIN ANY ACCESSIBLE OPEN SPACE ANY LONGER.