

The First Gate was the first of many large, defensive gates along the path to the castle's upper enclosures. The large rocks, which formed a barrier to the right of the path, are most likely the base of a raised guardhouse. Although most of the castle's walls have crumbled, while they stood visitors would have been impressed by the large rocks used to build them—only a lord of great wealth and power could have afforded such earthworks in a time without machines.