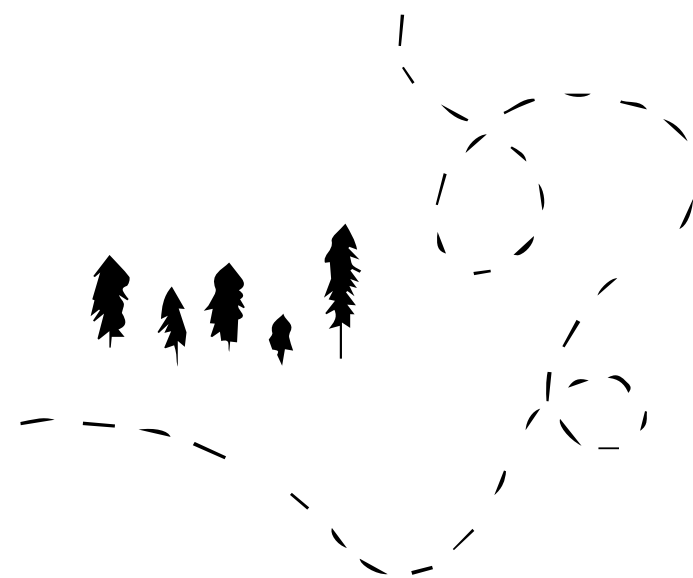




USEFUL INFORMATION



What's On



Whether you're looking to brush up on local history at a museum, enjoy local arts, eat some delicious pub grub, watch some sport, or walk until your hearts content, you're sure to find things to do to suit all the family, whatever the weather!



Where to Eat & drink..

Pubs:

The Three Horseshoes - great food & hospitality, fantastic wine & selection of local beers (CO6 3NJ)
Kings Head Pebmarsh - dates back to 1450 & known for its real ales & traditional food (CO9 2NH)
Five Bells - Modern & classic with a great selection of locally sourced food & drink (CO6 2HY)
Thatchers Arms Mount Bures - gastro pub cuisine & one of the finest views in North Essex (CO8 5AT)
The Crown Stoke By Neyland - delicious food, real ales & a well stocked wine cellar (CO6 1SE)
The Old Crown Messing - bistro style home cooked delicious food & drinks (CO5 9TU)
The Lion - bar, cellar & tapas restaurant (CO6 2PA)
The Anchor Inn Neyland - dining in the comfort of your very own dining pod (CO6 4JL)
The Henny Swan - bistro style dishes & contemporary pub classics (CO10 7LS)
The Swan Inn - family favourites & pizza's with picturesque Chappel viaduct (CO3 8LU)
The Chequers - a quick pint pit stop pub! (CO6 1JS)

Restaurants:

The Barn Brasserie: Fine dining with countryside charm
 The Browning family owned gourmet brasserie in a converted 16th-century barn.
 Located on our family farm: Brook Rd, Great Tey, Colchester CO6 1JE

We Are Table: Delicious cafe and great coffee (check opening times)
 90 High St, Earls Colne, CO62QX)

Kintsu Colchester: Modern Dining brought to you by two-time Essex chef of the year, Paul Wendholt
 11a North Hill, Colchester CO1 1DZ

The Drapers Hotel: Restaurant, Bar & Grill (53 High Street, Earls Colne, CO6 2PB)

Foragers Retreat: Cafe/Deli/Bar in the daytime, Shillingfords Restaurant in the evening
 Chef Carl Shillingford cooks with enthusiasm & imagination for all plant, meat and fish based dishes using locally sourced, foraged, natural ingredients that change through the season.
 The Courtyard, Pebmarsh, Halstead, CO9 2NU

The Oyster Bar or The Company Shed: Seafood
 West Mersea Oyster Bar, Coast Road, West Mersea, Colchester, CO5 8LT

Bellapais: Steakhouse & Greek Restaurant Family run business in the heart of Colchester for over
 30 years (St Johns St, Colchester, CO2 7AH)



Where to visit..

West Mersea

Famous for their rock oysters, West Mersea has a range of stunning seafood restaurants and beautiful sea views. We suggest The Oyster Bar and The Company Shed for their Seafood platters!

Colchester Zoo

One of Europe's finest zoos with over 260 rare species. See a White Tiger eye to eye in White Tiger Valley, or get closer to the Zoo's Chimpanzees at Chimp World (CO3 0SL).

Gainsborough House

The museum and art gallery at the birthplace of Thomas Gainsborough. Gainsborough's House, the only birthplace of the great British artist open to the public in Britain, opened as a museum in 1961. It shows a large collection of his paintings, drawings and prints as well as temporary exhibitions (CO10 2EU).

Chappel Railway Museum

The East Anglian Railway Museum is a short walk from the Swan Pub. The museum has a wide collection of locomotives and rolling stock, some of which are fully restored, two are converted into Thomas and Toby replicas (CO6 2DS).

Flatford

Wonderful area to explore Constable Country (CO7 6UL).

Colchester Castle

An example of a largely complete Norman castle. It is a Grade I listed building (CO1 1TJ).

Mercury Theatre

Producing highly regarded original work under the title 'Made in Colchester' and also receiving touring shows (CO1 1PT).

West Street Vineyard

The purpose-built Wine Bar boasts a New World wine tasting experience, incorporating a café, shop, tasting and function rooms (CO6 1NS).

Abberton Reservoir

Beautiful spot with fantastic bird watching (CO2 OEU).



Frinton-on-Sea and Clacton-on-Sea

Two of the most popular seaside resorts on the east coast and only 40 minutes away.

Go Bananas

At Go Bananas children can have an amazing adventure whilst travelling through the Jungle home of Funky Monkey! (CO1 1BX).

Colchester Leisure World

Year round fun for all the family can be had at Leisure World Colchester, with its wide range of sports and leisure activities.

Gosfield Lake Resort

Family run leisure lakes, Gosfield offers fishing, water skiing & banana boat rides (CO9 1UD)

Fennes Shooting Ground

Offers an ideal sport for all, irrespective of age or ability (CM7 5PL).

Ardleigh Reservoir

120 acre lake nestled within a picturesque valley amid beautiful Constable Country. Offers fantastic fishing/sailing.

The Essex Golf & Country Club

Driving range & 18 hole course (CO6 2NS).

Colchester Riding School

Lessons & hacking for all ages and abilities (CO2 0DF).

Anglian Flight Centre

Learn to fly with professional flying instructors. Earls Colne Airfield (CO6 2NS).



Where to Walk..

Want to walk straight from the cabin...

Head to *Chalkney Woods* - step out of the cabin, facing the lake, and head right (if in Kingfishers Nest) or head left (if in Water Lily Lodge) and walk around the lake. You'll reach a metal gate, tap in the code 16644 and go through the gate. Turn left down a track towards Mill Farm (on your left). Head past the farm and dog kennels and head up a small hill and you're into the woods! Also accessible via car to Chalkney Woods car park.

Want to find the sea, a river or both..

Head to *Mersea Island*, home to the Colchester native oyster, and the ideal place to get out and enjoy the fresh air. Go for a paddle on the beach, bird-watching in Cudmore Grove Country Park, a boat trip out into the estuary, or simply for a walk across the tranquil island. In *West Mersea* there is a small fishing town, with some sandy beaches and a selection of shops, restaurants and pubs. *East Mersea* on the other hand is more rural with wild natural beaches and large open spaces. Remember to check the tides!

Wrabness is located on the Stour Estuary between Harwich and Manningtree and best known for its nature reserve with walks around its woodland and marshes on the edge of the estuary; sandy beach backed by an array of beach huts and chalets on stilts; and you can't miss out on seeing the extraordinary building "A House for Essex" designed by Turner Prize-winning Essex artist, *Grayson Perry* - a perfect picnic spot too!

Enjoy a short walk along the marshy banks of the *River Stour*, running from the Suffolk town Dedham to Flatford Mill - once home to painter John Constable - and back again. The Stour in Suffolk could be the most celebrated river in the country after the Thames. Why? Because it features in one of Britain's favourite artworks, *The Hay Wain*, painted by John Constable in 1821.



Our other top walks in Rural Essex..

Cudmore Grove Country Park

Take a wild winter walk at Cudmore Grove Country Park. This nature reserve consists of over 102 acres of fascinating coastal landscape, overlooking the Colne and Blackwater estuaries. Discover awe-inspiring views, sandy beaches, salt marshes, rolling grasslands, meadows, and interesting history during your winter day out at Cudmore Grove. Explore the miles upon miles of family-friendly footpaths around the site, including our favourite sea wall route which leads you along the estuary and grazing marshes. A huge variety of wildlife and wildfowl can be seen during the winter months, as well as the stunning orange cliffs that date back over 300,000 years!

Danbury Country Park

If you're looking for an accessible winter walk, look no further than Danbury Country Park. This historic country park boasts 45 acres of Grade II listed parkland and gardens, providing the perfect base for a shorter or more accessible, yet still exceptionally scenic, winter stroll. Set in the remains of the 13th Century Danbury Palace, you will find glistening lakes, ancient woodland, wonderful wildflower meadows and fascinating historical features during your day at Danbury. Take the path around the lakes, through the formal lawned garden and down to the Ice House, or opt for the woodland route that ventures through ancient trees to reach the wildflower meadow. You're guaranteed to see some wonderful winter wildlife, too!

Markshall Estate

Uncover 1000 years of history, admire elegant landscaping, explore amazing ancient woodland and take a trip around the world at the 200-acre Markshall Estate arboretum. Holding world-class importance and bringing together some of the most unique tree species from all over the globe, Markshall is the perfect place for a brisk winter stroll. Take a trip around Europe, Asia, North America, and the Southern Hemisphere during your day at Markshall, making sure to look out for the 200 exotic eucalyptus trees. The Wild Woodland area is fantastic for kids, with plenty of hidden mushrooms, fairy houses, faces and shapes to find.

Abberton Reservoir

Abberton Reservoir is a renowned wetland site of international importance for wildfowl. Up to 40,000 ducks, swans, geese, and other water birds flock to the reservoir's shallow muddy flats each year, providing excellent birdwatching opportunities. The top seven species include Wigeon, Teal, Mallard, Pochard, Tufted Duck, Coot and Black-headed Gull. Winter sees the return of the Smew, Goldeneye and Golden Plover, as well as many rare birds that pass through on their migration journeys. There are three separate bird hides which provide ample opportunity to witness the wildlife, as well as offering panoramic views across the magical waters.



Where to find..

Farm Shops:

Poplar Farm Shop: Poplar Nurseries Ltd, Coggeshall Rd, Marks Tey, Colchester, CO6 1HR

Blackwells Farm Shop & Butcher: Herons Farm, Colne Road, Coggeshall, Colchester, CO6 1TQ

Stonefields Farm Shop: Kelvedon Rd, Colchester CO5 9SH

Supermarkets:

Co-op: 37 High Street, Earls Colne, CO6 2PA

M&S / Sainsbury's / Asda: Stanway Western Bypass, Stanway, Colchester CO3 8AA

Accident & Emergency:

Colchester General Hospital (01206 747474) Turner Road, Colchester, CO4 5JL

Post Office:

Marks Tey Post Office: 91 London Road, Marks Tey, CO6 1DT

Train Station:

Marks Tey Station: Direct line to London Liverpool St. (45mins)

Cinema & Shopping Outlet:

Cineworld Braintree Freeport: Freeport Leisure, Charter Way, Braintree CM77 8YH

Churches:

St Barnabas Christian Church: Great Tey village

St Andrews Church: Church Hill, Earls Colne CO6 2RG

Petrol Station & Cash Point:

Shell Garage on A120. Right out of site. Drive up to A120 and take a left. 300m further on - garage on left hand side. 5 minute drive from site.

Taxi Services:

Company: Chappel Cars: Tel: 07777692785

Company: Earls Colne Cars: Tel: 07966206985

Company: Halstead Taxis: Tel: 01787474666

No Uber so do book in advance!





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