



SUMMER 2024



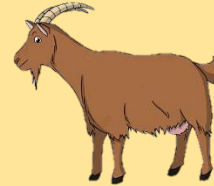
ENJOY DISCOVERING SOMETHING NEW IN OUR LOCAL AREA



Compiled by the CCHS Cultural Capital Group

ANIMAL EXPERIENCES

- Alpaca Acres (3) <https://www.facebook.com/AlpacaAcres.experiences/>
- Greenland Grove Animal Sanctuary (3) <https://greenlandgrovesanctuary.co.uk/> (Donations only)
- Colchester Zoo (5) <https://www.colchester-zoo.com/>
- Ford Barns (1) <https://www.fordbarns.co.uk/> (Free)
- Hall's Farm (7) <https://hallfarmshop.com/farm-trail/>
- Hasty's Farm (1) <https://hastys.co.uk/>
- LJK Riding School (3) <https://www.facebook.com/LJKridingacademy/>
- Monty's Equestrian Centre (2) <https://www.abrs-info.org/listing/montys-equestrian-centre/>
- Seal Watching Boat Trip (to Hamford Water Nature Reserve) (8) <https://sealwatching.co.uk/>
- Tendring Hundred Riding Club Weeley (12) <https://www.tendringhundredrc.co.uk/>



ART AND CRAFT

- Art is Free Gallery (8) <https://www.yelp.com/biz/artisttree-harwich> (Free)
- Harwich Arts and Heritage Centre (8) <https://www.facebook.com/HarwichArtsandHeritageCentre/>
- Jaywick Martello Tower (4) <https://thingstodoinclacton.co.uk/company/friends-of-jaywick-martello-tower/>
- The Minories Art Gallery (5) <https://www.theminories.org/> (Free)
- The Munnings Art Museum (7) <https://www.munningsmuseum.org.uk/>
- West Cliff Theatre Art Gallery (1) <https://www.westcliffclacton.co.uk/art-gallery/> (Free)
- Pink Parrot Pottery – pottery painting (21) <https://www.pinkparrotpottery.co.uk/>
- Watershed Studio – art and craft workshops (3) <https://www.watershedstudio.co.uk/our-courses/2024-courses/>



MUSEUMS/HISTORY

- **Brightlingsea Museum (17)** <https://www.brightlingseamuseum.co.uk/>
- **Clacton Museum (1)** <https://www.clactonhistory.co.uk/history-museum/>
- **Colchester Castle Park (5)** <http://www.colchestercastlepark.co.uk/> (Free)
- **Colchester Museums – Natural History Museum, Colchester Castle, Hollytrees Museum (5)**
<https://colchester.cimuseums.org.uk/>
- **East Essex Aviation Museum (3)** https://www.facebook.com/EastEssexAviationSociety?_rdr
- **East of England Railway Museum, Chappel (9)** <https://earm.co.uk/>
- **Frinton and Walton Heritage Trust Museums (6)** <https://www.fwheritage.co.uk/aboutus.htm>
- **Harwich Museum (8)** <https://www.harwichmuseum.com/>
- **Harwich History and Maritime Museums (8)** <https://www.historicharwich.co.uk/things-to-do/spend-time-in-harwich/history-museums/>
- **HMS Ganges Maritime Museum *via ferry from Harwich* (11)** <https://hmsgangesmuseum.com/>
- **Jaywick Martello Tower (4)** <https://thingstodoinclacton.co.uk/company/friends-of-jaywick-martello-tower/>
- **Landguard Fort Felixtow *via ferry from Harwich* (10)** <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/landguard-fort/>
- **Layer Marney Tower (5)** <https://www.layermarneytower.co.uk>
- **Manningtree Museum (16)** <https://www.manningtree-museum.org.uk/about>
- **Mersea Island Museum (14)** <https://www.merseamuseum.org.uk/>
- **The Naze Tower art exhibition and museum (15)** <https://www.nazetower.co.uk/>
- **The Nottage Museum Wivenhoe (13)** <https://www.wivenhoehistory.org.uk/content/category/topics/organisations-and-activities/the-nottage>
- **Redoubt Fort Harwich (8)** <https://www.harwich-society.co.uk/maritime-heritage-trail/harwich-redoubt-fort/>
- **Roman Circus Visitor Centre Colchester (6)** <https://www.visitcolchester.com/listing/roman-circus-visitor-centre/119000101/>
- **St Botolph's Priory (5)** <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/colchester-st-botolphs-priory> (Free)
- **St John's Abbey Gate (5)** <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/st-johns-abbey-gate> (Free)
- **St Osyth Museum (3)** <https://www.stosythmuseum.co.uk/> (Free)
- **St Osyth Priory (3)** <https://www.prioryeducationcentre.co.uk/events/> (Bookings for every Weds until the end of Sept)



HISTORY WALKS

- Coastal Heritage Trails (1) <https://www.tendingcoastalheritage.org.uk/content/visit/heritage-walks-trails/clacton-heritage-trail> (Free)
- Colchester History Tours (5) <https://colchesterhistorytours.com/>
- The Lost Centurion Escape Game Colchester (5) <https://veronikasadventure.com/lost-centurion-outdoor-escape-game-in-colchester/>
- Harwich Maritime Walk (8) <https://www.visitessex.com/things-to-do/harwich-maritime-walking-trail-p1341801>
- Walking in Manningtree (16) <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/essex/manningtree.php> (Free)
- Walking with Witches (16) <https://www.visitessex.com/things-to-do/walking-with-witches-p1341751> (Free)



THEATRE

- Frinton Summer Theatre (6) <https://www.frintonsummertheatre.org/>
- Headgate Theatre (5) <https://headgatetheatre.co.uk/>
- The Mercury Theatre (5) <https://www.mercurytheatre.co.uk/whats-on/>
- The Princess Theatre (1) <https://princetheatre.co.uk/>
- The Westcliff Theatre (1) <https://www.westcliffclacton.co.uk/>



WILDLIFE AND NATURE

- Abberton Nature Park (18) <https://www.essexwt.org.uk/nature-reserves/abberton>
- Blackwater Estuary Nature Reserve (20) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/essex-national-nature-reserves/essex-national-nature-reserves> (Free)
- Colchester Castle Park (5) <http://www.colchestercastlepark.co.uk/> (Free)
- Cudmore Country Park, East Mersea (14) <https://www.explore-essex.com/places-to-go/find-whats-near-me/cudmore-grove-country-park> (Free)
- Fingringhoe Nature Park (18) <https://www.essexwt.org.uk/nature-reserves/fingringhoe> (Free)
- Lexten Earthworks and Bluebottle Grove (5) <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/lexden-earthworks-and-bluebottle-grove> (Free)
- The Naze Nature Discovery Centre (15) <https://www.essexwt.org.uk/nature-reserves/naze>
- West Mersea Beach (14) <https://www.thebeachguide.co.uk/south-east-england/essex/west-mersea.htm> (Free)
- Wrabness Nature Reserve (19) <https://www.essexwt.org.uk/nature-reserves/wrabness> (Free)



Wildlife preservation and education - useful websites:

- <https://www.mcsuk.org/>
- <https://www.naturevolunteers.uk/>
- <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>
- <https://wildernessfoundation.org.uk/>
- <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/>
- <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>



FREE ACTIVITIES TO DO, LEAFLETS AND PLACES TO VISIT



- Explore Essex ideas, videos, leaflets and activities <https://www.visitessex.com/coastal-path/explore-the-coast/activity-leaflets>
- Look for interesting shells on the beach <https://www.iloveshelling.com/blog/best-seashell-shelling-tips/>
- Build a sandcastle and moat at the beach <https://www.wikihow.com/Main-Page>
- Go fossil hunting at Walton on the Naze, St Osyth Beach and other places in Essex <https://ukfossils.co.uk/category/essex>
- Go bird/small animal watching - The Essex Wildlife Trust <https://www.essexwt.org.uk> <https://www.alltrails.com/en-gb/england/essex/birding>
- Stargazing with or without a telescope <https://www.skyatnightmagazine.com/advice/skills/stargazing-top-tips>
- Discover nature with the National Trust <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/50-things>
- Watch wildlife online and in the wild <https://www.essexwt.org.uk/>
- Coastal heritage walking trails (Clacton, Harwich and Dovercourt, Jaywick, Frinton, Walton) <https://www.tendingcoastalheritage.org.uk/content/visit/heritage-walks-trails/clacton-heritage-trail>
- Look for butterflies and unusual plants in the Garden of Remembrance and other seafront gardens <https://legacy.tendingdc.gov.uk/leisure/countryside-parks-gardens/floral-gardens/memorial-garden-clacton>
- Museum from home (art/history/nature crafts and activities) <https://cimuseums.org.uk/museumfromhome/>
- Wheels of Time Museum awards scheme – collect badges in Essex <http://essex.wheelsoftime.uk/>
- Walk on the Naze at Walton. Birdwatch, search for fossils and prehistoric shark's teeth <https://www.visitessex.com/things-to-do/the-naze-p1268671>
- Essex Walks <https://www.essexhighways.org/getting-around/public-rights-of-way/essex-walks>
- Cycling routes in and around Clacton <https://www.bikemap.net/en/l/2652974/>
- Free Resources and videos about the Mayflower ship which sailed from Harwich to America over 400 years ago <https://www.mayflower400uk.org/>
- Find and photograph the Martello Towers and research their history <https://martellotowers.co.uk/essex>
- History walking trails with maps online:
<https://www.discoveringbritain.org/activities/east-of-england/trails/manningtree-trail.html> <https://www.discoveringbritain.org/activities/east-of-england/walks/colchester.html> <https://www.discoveringbritain.org/activities/east-of-england/walks/harwich.html>