

SUMMER 2025



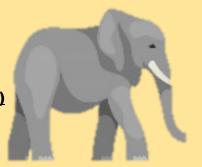
ENJOY DISCOVERING SOMETHING NEW IN OUR LOCAL AREA



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)
- Hamford View (8) pottery painting and summer events https://hamfordview.uk/
- 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/
- Boxted Airfield Museum (22) The last Sunday every month from June October https://www.boxted-airfield.com/home
- Christopher Jones House Mayflower museum (8) https://www.visitessex.com/things-to-do/christopher-jones-house-p1323501 (Free)
- 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)
- Tiptree Jam Factory Museum (21) https://www.tiptree.com/

HISTORY WALKS



- Coastal Heritage Trails (1) https://www.tendringcoastalheritage.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
- Tendring Witch Heritage Trail (3,8,15,16) https://essex-sunshine-coast.org.uk/tendring-witch-heritage-trail/ (Free)
- 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)

TREASURE TRAILS

Treasure Trails around your local area – can also be used on holiday in the UK (5, 7, 8, 16)
 https://www.treasuretrails.co.uk



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 Princes Theatre (1) https://princestheatre.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/essexs-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)
- <u>Fingringhoe Nature Park (18) https://www.essexwt.org.uk/nature-reserves/fingringhoe</u> (Free)
- Holland Pits Nature Reserve (2) https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/woods/great-holland-pits/
- Lexten Earthworks and Bluebottle Grove (5) https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/lexden-earthworks and bluebottle grove (Free)

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- 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





- 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.tendringcoastalheritage.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.tendringdc.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



- 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

