

**Barleylands Farm & Craft Village 1**

The Discovery Centre at Barleylands is divided into 5 zones, you will learn about the history of the Barleylands, how the landscape has changed, how mechanisation has progressed, how food is produced and what issues we face in the future. With hundreds of bygone items in the collection, the Discovery Centre will provide a great learning experience for everyone.



Admission Adults £7, children £6  
Opening Hours March - October, 10am - 5pm  
November - February, 10am - 4pm  
Contact 01268 290213  
Barleylands Road, Billericay, Essex CM11 2UD  
www.barleylands.co.uk  
info@barleylands.co.uk

**Sandford Mill 10**

Sandford Mill is Chelmsford Museum's industrial store and Science Education Centre. Public open days are limited, but school sessions are taught between April and October.



Admission Free except for schools and booked party visits  
Opening Hours Open to general public at six special event days between April and October. Open for pre booked school KS1/2 science sessions April - November  
Contact 01245 475498  
Sandford Mill Waterworks, Sandford Mill Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 6NY  
www.chelmsford.gov.uk  
sandfordmill@chelmsford.gov.uk

**Cressing Temple 16**

The site has its origins in the 12th Century, when it was the first grant of land given to the Knights Templar in England. It is home to the two finest Templar barns in Europe and includes a Templar well and a Tudor walled garden. We offer attractive surroundings with extensive parking for conferences and large events.



Admission Adults £4.00, concessions £3.00  
Opening Hours March - October, 10am - 5pm  
Contact 01376 584903  
Witham Road, Cressing, Braintree, Essex CM77 8PQ  
www.cressingtemple.org.uk  
cressingtemple@essex.gov.uk

**Great Dunmow Museum 24**

A local history museum with changing displays illustrating the history of Dunmow from Roman times to the present day, including the Dunmow Flieth.



Admission Adults £1.50, concessions £1.00  
Opening Hours Weekends and Bank Holidays, 11am - 4pm (except Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Christmas to New Year). Other times by appointment  
Contact 01371 878979  
The Maltings, Mill Lane, Great Dunmow, Essex CM6 1BG  
www.greatdunmowmuseum.org.uk  
info@greatdunmowmuseum.org.uk

**Bishop's Stortford Museum 2**

The Museum is situated in the birthplace of Victorian empire builder Cecil Rhodes. Here you will discover a diverse collection, telling stories of 19th Century southern Africa and the intertwined history of Bishop's Stortford, Sawbridgeworth and surrounding villages on the Hertfordshire/Essex border.



Admission Free  
Opening Hours Monday - Friday, 10am - 5pm, Saturdays, 10am - 4pm  
Contact 01279 651746  
South Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM23 3JG  
www.rhodesbishopsstortford.org.uk  
museum@rhodesbishopsstortford.org.uk

**Colchester Castle Museum 11**

Colchester Castle takes you through 2000 years of some of the most fascinating events in British History. Enjoy events and exhibitions throughout the year and discover stories and objects that will leave you inspired.



Admission Adults £5.50, children & concessions £3.50, saver ticket - £14.00  
Opening Hours Monday - Saturday, 10am - 5pm, Sunday, 11am - 5pm  
Contact 01206 282939  
Castle Park, Colchester, Essex CO1 1TJ  
www.colchestermuseums.org.uk  
museums@colchester.gov.uk

**East Anglian Railway Museum 17**

A mainly open air museum based on the Victorian railway station of Chappel Wakes Colne. Visit the restored signal boxes and ride behind steam engines or in diesel railcars.



Admission Non-operating days; adults £3.50. Operating days; adults £7, reductions for children and OAPs  
Opening Hours Daily, 10am - 4.30pm or dusk except Christmas Day and Boxing Day  
Contact 01206 242524  
Chappel Wakes Colne Station, Colchester, Essex CO6 2DS  
www.earm.co.uk  
information@earm.co.uk

**The Museum of Harlow 25**

The Museum of Harlow tells the story of the area from prehistoric times to the present day. Set in the old stable block and surrounded by attractive gardens.



Admission Free entry for casual visitors  
Opening Hours Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 5pm (closed between Christmas and New Year)  
Contact 01279 454959  
Muskham Road, Harlow, Essex CM20 2LF  
www.tmoh.com  
tmoh@harlow.gov.uk

**Braintree District Museum 3**

Visit the temporary exhibition gallery; displays of the surprising industrial and artistic past: Victorian Classroom; John Ray's natural history gallery; shop and café.



Admission Adults £3.00, senior citizens £1.50, children, Friends of Braintree District Museum and National Art Fund are free. Free repeat entry including the Warner Textile Archive for one month  
Opening Hours Monday - Saturday, 10am - 5pm  
Contact 01376 325266  
Manor Street, Braintree, Essex CM7 3HW  
www.braintree.gov.uk/museum.htm  
museum@braintree.gov.uk

**Hollytrees Museum 12**

Enjoy 300 years of history at Hollytrees Museum through hands-on exhibits and displays with fun and humour in mind, which are great for all the family.



Admission Free  
Opening Hours Monday - Saturday, 10am - 5pm, Sunday, 11am - 5pm  
Contact 01206 282940  
High Street, Colchester, Essex CO1 1UG  
www.colchestermuseums.org.uk  
museums@colchester.org.uk

**Epping Forest District Museum 18**

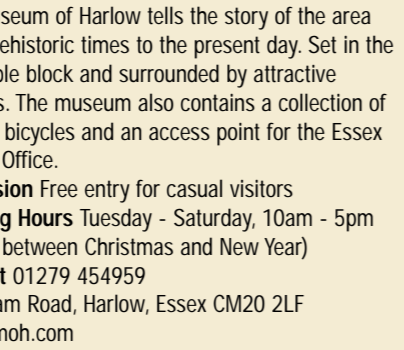
The permanent displays tell the story of the Epping Forest District from prehistoric times to the present day. Special exhibitions on a variety of themes are held throughout the year.



Admission Free entry. Charges apply to group visits  
Opening Hours Monday 2pm - 5pm, Tuesday 12 - 5pm, Friday 2pm - 5pm, Saturday 10am - 5pm. Also open Sunday 2pm - 5pm from May to September only  
Contact 01992 716882  
39 - 41 Sun Street, Waltham Abbey, Essex EN9 1EL  
www.eppingforestdistrictmuseum.org.uk  
museum@eppingforestdtc.gov.uk

**The Museum of Power 29**

The Museum is housed in the redundant steam pumping station at Langford. The collection, which illustrates the theme of power from watermill to nuclear energy, comprises of engines from a large working steam engine to examples of those powered by diesel, petrol and gas.



Admission Adult £3.50, concessions £3.00, child £2.00, family £9.00  
Opening Hours February - March, Saturday and Sunday 10am - 4pm; April - October, Wednesday - Sunday 10am - 5pm; November - March, Saturday & Sunday, 10am - 4pm  
Contact 01621 843183  
Hatfield Road, Langford, Maldon, Essex CM9 6QA  
www.museumofpower.org.uk enquiries@museumofpower.org.uk

**Warner Textile Archive 4**

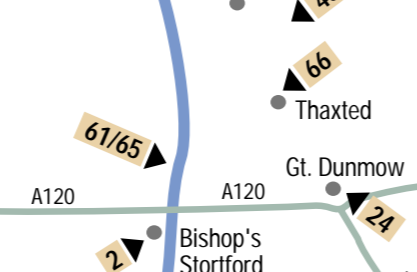
The Warner Textile Archive is a nationally important collection of high quality British jacquard hand weaving from 1821 - 1971 and a complete history of the furnishing fabrics produced by Warner & Sons from 1870.



Admission Adults £3.00, senior citizens £1.50, children, Friends of Braintree and National Art Fund are free  
Opening Hours April - September, Wednesday - Fridays, 11am - 4pm. Groups and schools throughout the year by appointment. Free repeat entry including Braintree District Museum for one month  
Contact 01376 557741  
Silks Way, Braintree, Essex CM7 3GB  
www.braintree.gov.uk/museum.htm  
warner.archives@braintree.gov.uk

**The Little Baddow History Centre 26**

The Little Baddow History Centre houses a collection of documents, artefacts, photographs and sound recordings, and offers the visitor a unique insight into life of the village with regular exhibitions.



Admission Free  
Opening Hours Tuesday & Thursday, 10am - 12pm, Wednesday & Sundays, 2pm - 4pm  
Contact 01245 221601 (during opening hours)  
Chapel Lane, Little Baddow, Essex CM3 4BE  
www.thehistorycentre.org.uk  
info@thehistorycentre.org.uk

**Mersea Island Museum 27**

Mersea Island Museum is a volunteer run museum which gives visitors an insight into Mersea life in the past with emphasis on local maritime and social history.



Admission Adults £1, children 50p, concessions 50p  
Opening Hours Wednesday - Sunday, 2pm - 5pm inc. Bank Holiday Mondays  
Contact 01206 385191  
High Street, West Mersea, Colchester, Essex CO5 8DD  
www.merseamuseum.org.uk  
info@merseamuseum.org.uk

**Brentwood Museum 5**

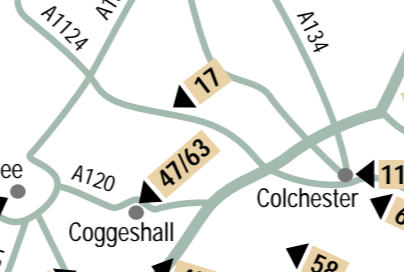
Brentwood Museum is in the quaint Sexton's Cottage of a disused Victorian cemetery. On display are items of local and social interest from the first half of the 20th Century including relics of two world wars.



Admission Free, donations welcome  
Opening Hours April - October, 1st Sunday of the month, 2.30pm - 4.30pm  
Contact 01277 218854  
Cemetery Lodge, Lorne Lane, Brentwood, Essex CM14 5HH  
Brentwoodmuseum@yahoo.co.uk

**Essex Police Museum 20**

The Essex Police Museum holds objects and archival material relating to the history of Essex Police from 1840 including personnel records and a large photographic collection.



Admission Free  
Opening Hours Wednesdays, 1pm - 4.30pm and the first Saturday of the month 10.30am - 3pm  
Contact 01245 457150  
Headquarters, Springfield, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 6DA  
www.essex.police.uk/museum  
museum@essex.pnn.police.uk

**Essex Fire Museum 19**

Located in the former auxiliary fire service garages at the rear of Grays Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays. Collection includes artefacts, fire appliances, memorabilia, documents and photographs.



Admission Free  
Opening Hours By prior appointment only  
Contact 01375 379167  
Grays Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays, Essex RM17 5QS  
www.essex-fire.gov.uk  
roger.pickett@essex-fire.gov.uk

**Brightlingsea Museum 6**

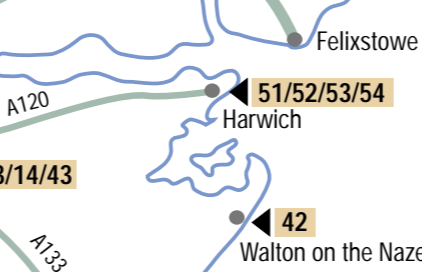
Situated close to town centre facilities the museum has extensive displays connected to our maritime heritage, from stowboating and oysters to the shipyard which employed so many local men building vessels that saw service all over the world.



Admission Free, donations welcome  
Opening Hours Easter to September, Saturday, 10am - 4pm, Sunday & Mondays, 2pm - 5pm  
Contact 01206 303286  
1 Duke Street, Brightlingsea, Essex CO7 0EZ  
www.brightlingseamuseum.co.uk

**Frinton Crossing Cottage & Garden 21**

Old level crossing Keeper's Cottage and garden. Now restored and used as a Local History Museum for Frinton and the surrounding villages as well as a resource area.



Admission Free, donations welcome  
Opening Hours Tuesdays 10am - 12, by arrangement  
Contact 01255 861440 or 861440  
Crossing Cottage, Station Approach, Frinton on Sea, Essex  
ellisbarber@virgin.net

**The Museum in the Park 28**

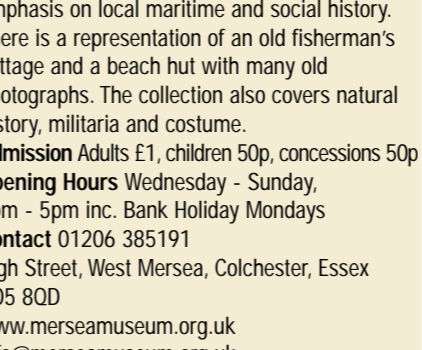
Maldon District Museum is housed in the Park Keeper's Lodge, situated on the edge of the award winning Promenade Park. In it are displayed items illustrating the social history of the past 250 years.



Admission Adults £1.00, children 50p  
Opening Hours April - October, Wednesday, Friday - Sunday, 2pm - 5pm, Bank Holiday Monday, 11am - 5pm  
Contact 01621 842688  
47 Mill Road, Maldon, Essex CM9 5HX  
www.maldonmuseum.org.uk  
enquiries@maldonmuseum.org.uk

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High Street, West Mersea, Colchester, Essex CO5 8DD  
www.merseamuseum.org.uk  
info@merseamuseum.org.uk

**Castle Point Transport Museum 7**

Housed in a former Bus Garage, the museum is home to over thirty buses, coaches, commercial, military and emergency vehicles. Particularly impressive is the collection of former Eastern National vehicles.



Admission Free admission to normal Sunday opening, donations welcome. Charge for Annual Transport Show held in October  
Opening Hours April - October, 1st & 3rd Sunday, 10am - 5pm  
Annual Transport Show - 2nd Sunday in October  
Contact 01268 684272  
105 Point Road, Canvey Island, Essex SS8 7TP  
www.castlepointtransportmuseum.co.uk  
paulmoss4@hotmail.com

**Natural History Museum 13**

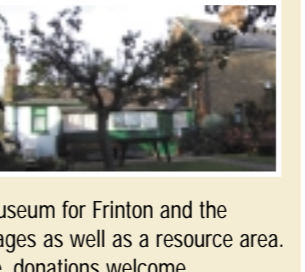
Explore the hands-on displays and live animals at the Natural History Museum, including a fantastic stag beetle display. Enjoy the wildlife garden and learn more about the environment.



Admission Free  
Opening Hours Monday - Saturday, 10am - 5pm, Sunday, 11am - 5pm  
Contact 01206 282941  
All Saint's Church, High Street, Colchester, Essex CO1 1DN  
www.colchestermuseums.org.uk  
museums@colchester.gov.uk

**Frinton Crossing Cottage & Garden 21**

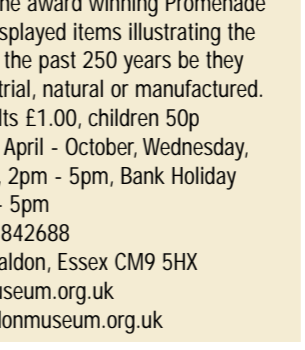
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Contact 01621 843183  
Hatfield Road, Langford, Maldon, Essex CM9 6QA  
www.museumofpower.org.uk enquiries@museumofpower.org.uk

**Chelmsford Museum 8**

Chelmsford Museum tells the story of the county town from the Ice Age to the present, including new displays on the more recent history, and festivals and music.



Admission Free (charge for group talks, school sessions and loans)  
Opening Hours Monday - Saturday, 10am - 5pm, Sundays (summer) 2pm - 5pm, (winter) 1pm - 4pm  
Contact 01245 605700  
Oaklands Park, Moulsham Street, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 9AQ  
www.chelmsford.gov.uk/museums  
museums@chelmsford.gov.uk

**Tymperleys Clock Museum 14**

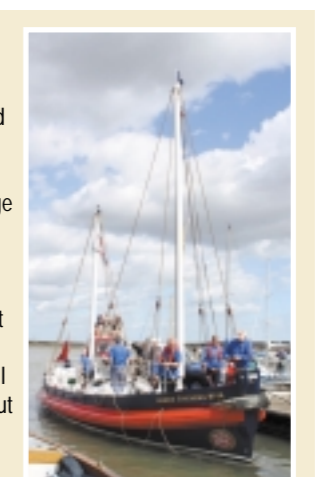
Tymperleys Clock Museum is a beautiful timber framed building and now houses part of the famous Bernard Mason Collection, one of the largest collections of clocks in Britain.



Admission Free  
Opening Hours Telephone for opening times  
Contact 01206 282943  
Trinity Street, Colchester, Essex CO1 1JN  
www.tymperleymuseums.org.uk  
museums@colchester.gov.uk

**James Stevens No.14 Lifeboat 22**

Oldest motorised lifeboat in the world, restored 2009 by the Frinton and Walton Heritage Trust and is moored in Walton on the Naze.



Admission Free, donations welcome  
Opening Hours Open all year, permanent mooring at Tilthmarsh Marina  
Contact 01255 673705 or 861440  
2 Crouch House, 54 Waltham Way, Frinton on Sea, Essex CO13 9JL  
www.james-stevens-no14.org.uk  
jamesstevensno14@yahoo.co.uk

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Contact 01621 843183  
Hatfield Road, Langford, Maldon, Essex CM9 6QA  
www.museumofpower.org.uk enquiries@museumofpower.org.uk

**Essex Regiment Museum 9**

The Essex Regiment Museum re-opens in the new extension with a new permanent display of the history of the Regiment and its modern successor, the Royal Anglian, and includes the famous 'Salamanca Eagle', captured from the Napoleonic French army in 1812.



Admission Free  
Opening Hours Monday - Saturday, 10am - 5pm, Sundays (summer) 2pm - 5pm, (winter) 1pm - 4pm  
Contact 01245 605700  
Oaklands Park, Moulsham Street, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 9AQ  
www.chelmsford.gov.uk/museums  
museums@chelmsford.gov.uk

**Combined Military Services Museum 15**

The museum houses British military artefacts ranging from the Civil War until present day. It has the only surviving Mark II Cockle Canoe - the type used in the famous Cocksshell Heroes Raid and a fascinating spy collection belonging to two British agents, which includes James Bond type gadgets.



Admission Adults £3.50, children £2.00, family ticket £10.00 (2 adults & up to 3 children)  
Opening Hours Wednesday - Sunday, 10.30am - 5pm. Open Bank Holiday Mondays and every day during school holidays  
Contact 01621 841826  
Station Road, Maldon, Essex CM9 4LQ  
www.cmsm.co.uk  
Cmsm1@tiscali.co.uk

**Fry Art Gallery 23**

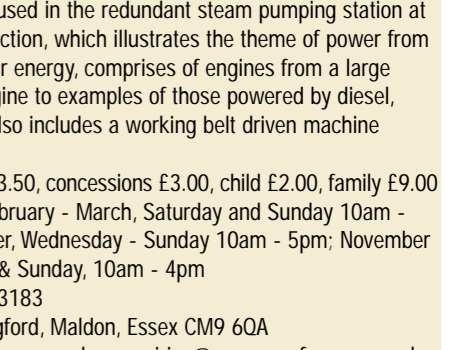
The Fry Art Gallery houses a unique collection of works by artists who lived in and around the nearby village of Great Bardfield before and after WWII. Artists include Edward Bawden, Eric Ravilious, John Aldridge RA and Bernard Cheese, alongside contemporary artists such as Colin Wilkin and John Bellamy RA.



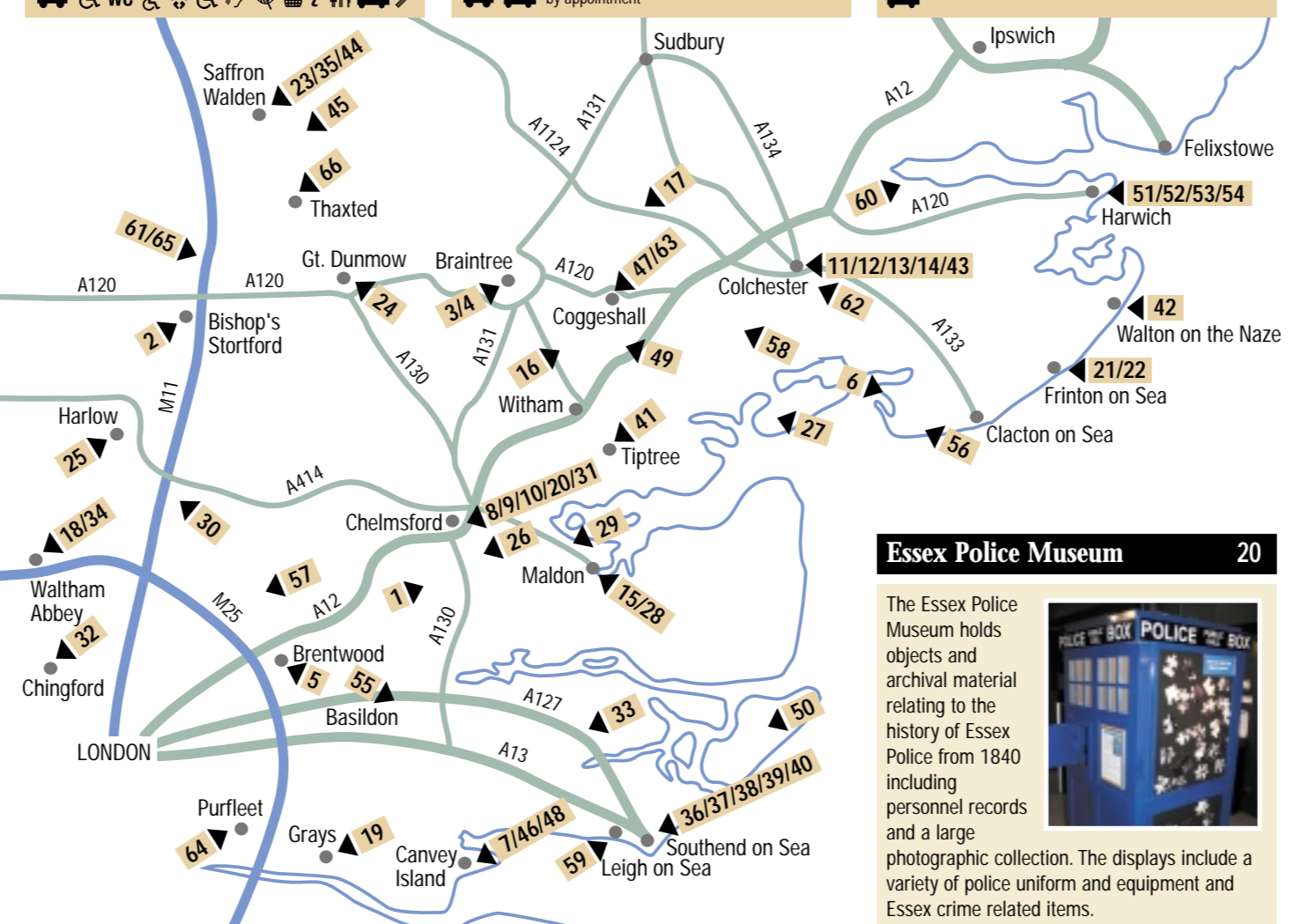
Admission Free  
Opening Hours Easter to 31st October, Tuesday, 2pm - 5pm, Friday, 2pm - 5pm, Saturday, 11am - 1pm then 2pm - 5pm, Sunday 2pm - 5pm.  
Bank Holiday 2pm - 5pm  
Contact 01799 513779  
Bridge End Gardens, Castle Street, Saffron Walden, Essex CB10 1BD  
www.fryartgallery.org  
info@fryartgallery.org

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www.museumofpower.org.uk enquiries@museumofpower.org.uk



<b>38</b>	<b>Pritwell Priory</b>	Closed until late 2011 for extensive restoration and refurbishment Contact 01702 342878 www.southernmuseums.co.uk museum@southern.gov.uk
<b>39</b>	<b>Southchurch Hall</b>	Southchurch Hall Museum is a beautiful Grade I listed medieval manor house with room settings including a medieval hall, a Tudor parlour and a Victorian bedroom. Licensed wedding venue. Opening Hours Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 1pm Contact 01702 467671 Southchurch Hall Close, Southchurch, Southend on Sea, Essex SS1 2TE www.southendmuseums.co.uk museums@southend.gov.uk
<b>40</b>	<b>Southern Pier Museum</b>	The Pier Museum charts the history of Southend Pier from 1830 to the present day. Illustrated exhibitions include the Pier's famous railway, entertainment, disasters, war years, pleasure ships etc. Collections include restored pier trains and signal box, model ships, costumes, uniforms/related items. and a glimpse of past life in Tiptree and the surrounding countryside. Enjoy a coffee, cream tea or light lunch in the traditional tea room. Admission Adults £1, accompanied children under 12 free. School groups £16.50 up to 30 children (per book please) Opening Hours April - 30th September, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Bank Holidays 11am - 5pm (5.30pm during school holidays.) 11am - 5pm (5.30pm during school holidays.) Contact 01702 614553/611214 http://southendpiermuseum.co.uk info@southendpiermuseum.co.uk
<b>41</b>	<b>Tiptree Museum</b>	Over 50 years ago, John Wilkin began collecting the patina of a village and Essex village life. The museum is jam packed giving an insight into developing technologies of Walton on the Naze's history, especially maritime. Admission Adults, £1, accompanied children, free Opening Hours Monday - Saturday, 10am - 4pm (winter) 5pm, Sunday, 11am - 5pm (summer) Tiptree, Essex CO5 0RF Contact 01621 814524 http://tiptree@tiptree.com
<b>42</b>	<b>Walton Maritime Museum</b>	Local museum covering all aspects of Walton on the Naze's history, especially maritime. Admission Adults, £1, accompanied children, free Opening Hours Monday - Friday, 9am - 10pm, Saturday, 9am - 6pm, Sunday, 2pm - 7pm Contact 01206 874438 www.ucea.org
<b>43</b>	<b>University of Essex Collection of Latin American Art</b>	The University of Essex Collection of Latin American Art is based at the University of Essex, Colchester, UK. It comprises over 600 works by major modern and contemporary artists from Latin America. Admission Free Opening Hours Monday - Friday, 9am - 10pm, Saturday, 9am - 6pm, Sunday, 2pm - 7pm Contact 01206 874438 www.ucea.org
<b>44</b>	<b>Audley End House &amp; Gardens</b>	Admission House & grounds adult £10, concessions £9.30, children £5.50, family £27.30 Opening Hours Monday - Saturday, 10am - 5pm, Last admission 2.30pm on Sunday, 11am - 5pm www.englishheritage.org.uk/audleyend
<b>45</b>	<b>Ashdon Village Museum</b>	Admission Free, donations welcome Opening Hours Easter - End of September, Wednesdays, Sundays & Bank Holiday Mondays Contact 01376 563003 Coggeshall Village Hall, Stoneham Street, Coggeshall, Essex CO6 1UH www.geocities.com/coggeshallmuseum
<b>46</b>	<b>Bay Museum</b>	Admission Free, donations welcome Opening Hours Monday - Saturday, 10am - 5pm Church Hill, Ashdon, Nr Saffron Walden, Essex
<b>47</b>	<b>Coggeshall Museum</b>	Admission Free Opening Hours April to October, Sundays & Bank Holidays 2.15pm - 4.45pm. Other times and groups of 4 or more by arrangement with volunteer curators Contact 01376 571206 Aylett's Building, Maldon Road, Kelvedon, Colchester, Essex CO5 9BA www.kelvedon.org.uk/localhistory/museum.htm
<b>48</b>	<b>Dutch Cottage Museum</b>	Admission Free Opening Hours Sunday & Bank Holidays from 9am - 4pm Contact 01268 753487 - Secretary John Downer Northwick Corner, Canvey Island, Essex www.benliveshistory.co.uk
<b>49</b>	<b>Feering &amp; Kelvedon Local History Museum</b>	Admission Free Opening Hours Mondays, 2pm - 5pm, Saturdays & Mondays from 1st November - 1st March Contact 01376 571206 Aylett's Building, Maldon Road, Kelvedon, Colchester, Essex CO5 9BA www.kelvedon.org.uk/localhistory/museum.htm
<b>50</b>	<b>Fontwell Heritage Centre</b>	Admission Free Opening Hours April - October, 1st Sunday in the month, 12 - 4pm Contact The Old School, Church End, Fontwell, Essex SS3 9XD
<b>51</b>	<b>Harwich Maritime Museum</b>	Admission £1 Opening Hours May - August, 10am - 4pm Contact 01255 503429 Low Lighthouse, Harbour Crescent, Harwich, Essex CO12 3NL www.harwich-society.co.uk
<b>32</b>	<b>Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge</b>	Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge is a unique Tudor timber framed hunt standing built in about 1809 and is a Grade II listed building. The first floor of the woodland houses an accredited museum, which is situated behind the windmill garden is still set amidst it's original woodland pastures with ancient pollards. Displays include Tudor food, children's Tudor Dressing up and Timber Frame Construction. Admission Free Opening Hours April to September, Wednesday - Sunday, 12.30pm - 5.30pm, October - March, Friday - Sunday, 11am - 4pm Contact 0208 529 7090 Rangers Road, Chingford, London E4 7QH www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/corporation
<b>33</b>	<b>Rayleigh Windmill Museum</b>	The Rayleigh Windmill was built in about 1809 and is a Grade II listed building. The first floor of the woodland houses an accredited museum, which is situated behind the windmill garden is still set amidst it's original woodland pastures with ancient pollards. Displays include Tudor food, children's Tudor Dressing up and Timber Frame Construction. Admission Free Opening Hours April to September, Wednesday - Sunday, 12.30pm - 5.30pm, October - March, Friday - Sunday, 11am - 4pm Contact 0208 529 7090 Rangers Road, Chingford, London E4 7QH www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/corporation
<b>34</b>	<b>Royal Gunpowder Mills</b>	Kept secret for 300 years, this leading gunpowder manufacturing site, major WWII ammunition factory and scientific research establishment, impacted on British and world history. Today the Royal Gunpowder Mills offers a unique day out - exhibitions, milldife, historic activities and so much more. Admission Adults £1.50, discounts 75p, children 50p, Sundays and Bank Holidays, 2pm - 4pm, November - February, closes at 4.30pm, closed 24th & 25th December Contact 01799 510333 www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org
<b>35</b>	<b>Saffron Walden Museum</b>	Admission Adults £1.50, discounts 75p, children 50p, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays, 2pm - 4pm, November - February, closes at 4.30pm, closed 24th & 25th December Contact 01799 510333 www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org
<b>36</b>	<b>Southeast Central Museum</b>	Southeast Museums Service consists of the Beccroft Art Gallery, Southend Central Museum, purchased by Walter Beccroft to house his art collection. It showcases a selection of the Torpe-Smith collection of local views and year round temporary exhibitions. Admission Free Opening Hours Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 1pm Contact 01702 347418 Station Road, Westcliff on Sea, Essex SS0 7RA www.southernmuseums.co.uk
<b>37</b>	<b>Beccroft Art Gallery</b>	The Beccroft Art Gallery is situated in an Edwardian building, purchased by Walter Beccroft to house his art collection. It showcases a selection of the Torpe-Smith collection of local views and year round temporary exhibitions. Admission Free Opening Hours Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 1pm Contact 01702 347418 Station Road, Westcliff on Sea, Essex SS0 7RA www.southernmuseums.co.uk
<b>38</b>	<b>Pritwell Priory</b>	Closed until late 2011 for extensive restoration and refurbishment Contact 01702 342878 www.southernmuseums.co.uk
<b>39</b>	<b>Southchurch Hall</b>	Southchurch Hall Museum is a beautiful Grade I listed medieval manor house with room settings including a medieval hall, a Tudor parlour and a Victorian bedroom. Licensed wedding venue. Opening Hours Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 1pm Contact 01702 467671 Southchurch Hall Close, Southchurch, Southend on Sea, Essex SS1 2TE www.southendmuseums.co.uk
<b>40</b>	<b>Southern Pier Museum</b>	The Pier Museum charts the history of Southend Pier from 1830 to the present day. Illustrated exhibitions include the Pier's famous railway, entertainment, disasters, war years, pleasure ships etc. Collections include restored pier trains and signal box, model ships, costumes, uniforms/related items. and a glimpse of past life in Tiptree and the surrounding countryside. Enjoy a coffee, cream tea or light lunch in the traditional tea room. Admission Adults £1, accompanied children under 12 free. School groups £16.50 up to 30 children (per book please) Opening Hours April - 30th September, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Bank Holidays 11am - 5pm (5.30pm during school holidays.) 11am - 5pm (5.30pm during school holidays.) Contact 01702 614553/611214 http://southendpiermuseum.co.uk
<b>41</b>	<b>Tiptree Museum</b>	Over 50 years ago, John Wilkin began collecting the patina of a village and Essex village life. The museum is jam packed giving an insight into developing technologies of Walton on the Naze's history, especially maritime. Admission Adults, £1, accompanied children, free Opening Hours Monday - Saturday, 10am - 4pm (winter) 5pm, Sunday, 11am - 5pm (summer) Tiptree, Essex CO5 0RF Contact 01621 814524 http://tiptree@tiptree.com
<b>42</b>	<b>Walton Maritime Museum</b>	Local museum covering all aspects of Walton on the Naze's history, especially maritime. Admission Adults, £1, accompanied children, free Opening Hours Monday - Friday, 9am - 10pm, Saturday, 9am - 6pm, Sunday, 2pm - 7pm Contact 01206 874438 www.ucea.org
<b>43</b>	<b>University of Essex Collection of Latin American Art</b>	The University of Essex Collection of Latin American Art is based at the University of Essex, Colchester, UK. It comprises over 600 works by major modern and contemporary artists from Latin America. Admission Free Opening Hours Monday - Friday, 9am - 10pm, Saturday, 9am - 6pm, Sunday, 2pm - 7pm Contact 01206 874438 www.ucea.org
<b>44</b>	<b>Audley End House &amp; Gardens</b>	Admission House & grounds adult £10, concessions £9.30, children £5.50, family £27.30 Opening Hours Monday - Saturday, 10am - 5pm, Last admission 2.30pm on Sunday, 11am - 5pm www.englishheritage.org.uk/audleyend
<b>45</b>	<b>Ashdon Village Museum</b>	Admission Free, donations welcome Opening Hours Easter - End of September, Wednesdays, Sundays & Bank Holiday Mondays Contact 01376 563003 Coggeshall Village Hall, Stoneham Street, Coggeshall, Essex CO6 1UH www.geocities.com/coggeshallmuseum
<b>46</b>	<b>Bay Museum</b>	Admission Free, donations welcome Opening Hours Monday - Saturday, 10am - 5pm Church Hill, Ashdon, Nr Saffron Walden, Essex
<b>47</b>	<b>Coggeshall Museum</b>	Admission Free Opening Hours April to October, Sundays & Bank Holidays 2.15pm - 4.45pm. Other times and groups of 4 or more by arrangement with volunteer curators Contact 01376 571206 Aylett's Building, Maldon Road, Kelvedon, Colchester, Essex CO5 9BA www.kelvedon.org.uk/localhistory/museum.htm
<b>48</b>	<b>Dutch Cottage Museum</b>	Admission Free Opening Hours Sunday & Bank Holidays from 9am - 4pm Contact 01268 753487 - Secretary John Downer Northwick Corner, Canvey Island, Essex www.benliveshistory.co.uk
<b>49</b>	<b>Feering &amp; Kelvedon Local History Museum</b>	Admission Free Opening Hours Mondays, 2pm - 5pm, Saturdays & Mondays from 1st November - 1st March Contact 01376 571206 Aylett's Building, Maldon Road, Kelvedon, Colchester, Essex CO5 9BA www.kelvedon.org.uk/localhistory/museum.htm
<b>50</b>	<b>Fontwell Heritage Centre</b>	Admission Free Opening Hours April - October, 1st Sunday in the month, 12 - 4pm Contact The Old School, Church End, Fontwell, Essex SS3 9XD
<b>51</b>	<b>Harwich Maritime Museum</b>	Admission £1 Opening Hours May - August, 10am - 4pm Contact 01255 503429 Low Lighthouse, Harbour Crescent, Harwich, Essex CO12 3NL www.harwich-society.co.uk
<b>52</b>	<b>Harwich Lifeboat Museum</b>	Admission Free Opening Hours May - August, 10am - 4pm, Sundays only September - April, 10am - 4pm Contact 01255 503429 The Quay, Harwich, Essex CO12 3HH www.harwich-society.co.uk
<b>53</b>	<b>Harwich Redoubt Fort</b>	Admission £2 Opening Hours May - August, 10am - 4pm, Sundays only September - April, 10am - 4pm Contact 01255 503429 behind 29 Main Road, Harwich, Essex CO12 3LT www.harwich-society.co.uk
<b>54</b>	<b>Ha' penny Pier Visitor Centre</b>	Admission Free Opening Hours May - August, 10am - 5pm Contact 01255 503429 The Quay, Harwich, Essex CO12 3HH www.harwich-society.co.uk
<b>55</b>	<b>Jaywick Martello Tower</b>	Admission Adult £1.00, children 50p Opening Hours Summer (April to September) Wednesday to Sunday, 10am - 5pm (closed for lunch 1pm - 2pm) Winter (October to March) Saturdays and Sundays, 10.30am - 3.30pm Contact 01255 822783 The Promenade, Belsize Avenue, Jaywick, Essex CO15 2LF www.jaywickmartellotower.org
<b>56</b>	<b>Kelvedon Hatch Secret Nuclear Bunker</b>	Admission Adult £6.50, children £4.50, family ticket £16.00 (2 adults & 2 children) Opening Hours 31st March - 31st October, Everyday, 10am - 4pm. 1st November - 28th February, Thursday - Sunday, 10am - 4pm Contact 01277 364883 Kelvedon Hall Lane, Kelvedon Hatch, Brentwood, Essex CM15 0LA www.secretnuclearbunker.co.uk
<b>57</b>	<b>Layer Marney Tower</b>	Admission Adults £5.00, children £3.00, family £14.00 Opening Hours 1st April - 27th September, April, May, June & September, Sunday & Wednesday, Easter fortnight, July & August, Sunday - Thursday 12pm - 5pm. See website for special events Contact 01206 330784 Nr Colchester, Essex CO4 3YW www.layermarneytower.co.uk
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<b>59</b>	<b>Leigh Heritage Centre &amp; Plumbs Cottage</b>	Admission Free Opening Hours Daily (possible closing over winter months). Please telephone in advance Contact 01702 470834 13A High Street, Old Town, Leigh on Sea, Essex SS9 2EN www.leighsociety.co.uk
<b>60</b>	<b>Manningtree Museum &amp; Local History Group</b>	Admission Free Opening Hours Wednesday and Saturday, 10am to 12noon. Fridays, 2pm to 4pm. Arrangements can be made to open at other times for school visits, which can include a guided tour of Manningtree Contact 01206 391255 The Library, High Street, Manningtree, Essex valerie.pretty@btinternet.com
<b>61</b>	<b>Mounfitchet Castle, Norman Village of 1066 &amp; the House on the Hill Toy Museum</b>	Admission Adults £8.50, children £6.50, seniors £8.00 Opening Hours 8th March - 8th November, 10am - 5pm, last admission 4pm Contact 01279 813237 Stansted, Essex CM24 8SP www.mounfitchetcastle.com
<b>62</b>	<b>Nottage Maritime Institute</b>	Admission Free, but donations always welcome Opening Hours May - September, Sundays and Bank Holidays, 2pm - 5pm and at other times by appointment Contact 01206 824142 The Quay, Wivenhoe, Essex http://homepages.rya-online.net/nottage-maritime-institute
<b>63</b>	<b>Paycockes</b>	Admission Adult £3.00, children £1.60. Joint with Coggeshall Grange Barn, adult £4.20, children £2.10 Opening Hours 5th April - 11th October, Tuesday, Thursday & Sundays, 2pm - 5pm. Open Easter, May & August Bank Holidays Contact 01376 561305 West Street, Coggeshall, Colchester, Essex CO6 1NS www.nationaltrust.org.uk
<b>64</b>	<b>Purfleet Heritage &amp; Military Centre</b>	Admission Adult £3.00, children £1.50, under 5's free, O.A.P.s & students £2.50 Opening Hours April - October, 10am - 4.30pm. November - March, 10am - 3pm. Thursday, Sundays & Bank Holidays Mondays. Contact 01708 890874 Centurion Way, Purfleet, Essex RM19 www.purfleet-heritage.com
<b>65</b>	<b>Stansted Mountfitchet Windmill</b>	Admission Adult £1.00, children 50p Opening Hours April - October, 1.30pm - 5.30pm, 1st Sunday in the month & Bank Holidays. Also Sunday 10th May - National Mills Day Contact 01279 813124 Millside, Stansted, Essex CM24 8AT www.stanstedmounfitchetwindmill.co.uk
<b>66</b>	<b>Thaxted Windmill</b>	Admission Free, donations welcome Opening Hours May - September, 2pm - 6pm, Saturdays, Sundays & Bank Holidays Contact 01371 830285 Mill Row, Thaxted, Essex CM6 2PS

## Essex has a long and rich history and its museums are an ideal way to discover this.



The museums and galleries that feature in this guide cater for all tastes, so whether you are interested in history, science, art, the environment or are just simply curious, then there is a museum in Essex for you.

Although this guide is not an exhaustive list of all museums and galleries in Essex, Southend and Thurrock, we hope it will provide a handy guide for you to explore and enjoy Essex.

This guide will also give you an idea of the facilities that each museum has to offer, as well as the type of access available.

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### Facilities - Key to Symbols

Parking	Hearing Disability Facilities	Group Bookings (inc. schools)
Disabled Parking	Visual Disability Facilities	Study Room
Toilets	Cafe	Children's Play Area
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