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Walks

Boreham, Nounsley and Ulting

Sunday 5 June

A circular walk from Boreham out to Nounsley and Ulting with far reaching views and mainly based on field path and river/ canalside walking, returning along the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation! As the walk doesn't really enter any town or village centres along the way, there is no pub stop planned so please bring a packed lunch.

Starting Chelmsford/TL756095
Distance 9 miles
Walk grade Leisurely
Start time 11:00
Meeting point Outside St Andrew's Church on Church Road, Boreham. Parking will need to be on the village roads as there's no public car park.
Dogs welcome yes
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Chappel Cider Festival walk

Saturday 11 June

A linear walk through fields and then alongside the river Colne until we reach the cider festival at Chappel and Wakes Colne station - return is by train. Bring packed lunch

Starting Colchester/TL914237
Distance 7 miles
Walk grade Leisurely
Start time 11:00
Meeting point Marks Tey rail station
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Stansted Mountfitchet

Sunday 12 June

A figure-of-eight walk (first leg 3.5 miles) in the countryside around Stansted. Expect to see planes, trains and automobiles!

Starting Stansted Mountfitchet/TL514248
Distance 10 miles
Walk grade Leisurely
Start time 10:50
Meeting point Meet up outside Stansted Mountfitchet Station. Trains from Liverpool Street (via Harlow Town) arrive 10:46. Car park costs 1.
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Hockley Woods

Sunday 19 June

A circular walk between Hockley and Hullbridge with some great views and beautiful woodland. We lunch in Hullbridge by the river Crouch.

Starting Hockley/TQ842927
Distance 8 miles
Walk grade Leisurely
Start time 10:30
Meeting point Hockley Rail Station. Trains arrive from Southend at 10:29 and from London at 10:11
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Evening Walk: Little Burstead

Tuesday 21 June

Make the most of the longest day of the year with a lovely evening stroll around the fields and lanes of Little Burstead. Pub at the end!

Starting Billericay/TQ671925
Distance 5 miles
Walk grade Easy
Start time 19:00
Meeting point Outside the Dukes Head Pub, Little Burstead (CM12 9TA).
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Danbury South to Bicknacre

Saturday 25 June

Starting in the national trust areas in Danbury, a walk though the fields and villages South of Danbury.

Starting Danbury/TL781044
Distance 10 miles
Walk grade Leisurely
Start time 11:00
Meeting point The national Trust carpark at Danbury Common
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Mersea island

Sunday 26 June

Located around eight miles from Colchester in Essex, Mersea Island is situated between the estuaries of the Colne and Blackwater rivers. This unique place is the most easterly inhabited island in the British Isles. Bring a packed lunch as the pubs are at the end of the walk.

Starting West Mersea/TM023124
Distance 14 miles
Walk grade Moderate
Start time 11:00
Meeting point Carparks on Victoria Esplanade and Seaview Avenue. Meet in Seaview Avenue carpark
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The Essex Way: Cressing to Margaret Roding

Saturday 2 July

A linear walk covering another section of the Essex Way. This 20 mile section takes us from Cressing, past beautiful Pleshey to Good Easter and the Margaret Roding. We need to complete the walk by 18:47 in order to catch the bus back to Chelmsford Bus Station so we will walk at a reasonable pace (around 3mph) Bring a packed lunch and change for the bus.

Starting Cressing/TL776202
Distance 20 miles
Walk grade Moderate
Start time 9:45
Meeting point Cressing Train Station, catch the 9:34 from Witham arriving at Cressing at 9:43.
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Brightlingsea

Sunday 3 July

A walk by the river Colne, Alresford Creek and through the town of Brightlingsea. Dependent on weather conditions we will take the foot ferry to East Mersea (short walk to Cudmore Grove) departing 11.00am (fare each way 2.00). Brightlingsea boasts the area's only outdoor pool so why not have a dip after your Walk?

Starting Brightlingsea/TM086162
Distance 7 miles
Walk grade Leisurely
Start time 10:50
Meeting point Brightlingsea harbour. Parking is available at Bateman's Tower (gridref TM077164)
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Epping Forest and Concert

Saturday 9 July

We will go for a short walk through Epping Forest, before an open air concert in aid of the Copped Hall restoration for those that want to. Come and see one of our members in action in the band. Bring a picnic for during the concert and relax, tickets 10. Concert opens 1pm and starts at 2pm. Please advise walk leader if you want a pick from a local train station.

Starting Loughton/TQ 411 983
Distance 6 miles
Walk grade Leisurely
Start time 10:30
Meeting point Epping Forest Conservation centre Car Park. Please advise walk leader if you want a pick from a local train station.
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Coggeshall and Feering

Sunday 10 July

This circular walk takes in the gentle landscape of the Blackwater Valley. The walk is mostly through fields, with some quiet road walking. The last part of the walk follows the gentle Blackwater river with its overhanging willows and on finishing the walk there are opportunities to sample Coggeshall's range of pubs, tea shops or National Trust properties.

Distance 8 miles
Walk grade Leisurely
Start time 11:00
Meeting point Starts from Public car park in the town centre.
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Evening Walk: Chelmsford Beer Festival

Thursday 14 July

Enjoy a walk along Chelmsford's salubrious riverfront before a trip to the town's summer beer festival for a Thursday evening tippie or two.

Starting Chelmsford/TL705070
Distance 3 miles
Walk grade Easy
Start time 19:15
Meeting point Meet at Chelmsford Station (Note: for people returning home by train, the last London bound train is at 23:25).
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London Challenge Walk

Saturday 23 July

Following on from the success of the Monopoly and Trivial Pursuit walks, a similar challenge awaits this year. Details will be revealed closer the time, so watch this space. Distance and Grade are guideline only it is as hard as you want to make it!

Starting London/TQ 302 806
Distance 7 miles
Walk grade Leisurely
Start time 10:30
Meeting point In front of the National Gallery, Trafalgar Square
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Rochford and the Roach Valley

Sunday 24 July

An easy walk along the River Roach following part of the Roach Valley Way, and a visit to the medieval town of Rochford.

Starting Rochford/TQ875904
Distance 8 miles
Walk grade Leisurely
Start time 13:30
Meeting point the Back lane pay and display car park in Rochford. Rochford Rail Station is 100 yards away: trains from Southend arrive 13:26; from Liverpool Street, 13:14.
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Coalhouse Fort Open Day

Sunday 31 July

A short walk around this Victorian fort along the Thames and inland before returning back along the Thames to the end. The fort is open this weekend for a possible visit after the walk. (Cost of entry 3) Nearest station is East Tilbury (Fenchurch St line) which is 2 miles away. Please let the walk leader know if you intend to come by train as it is easy to collect you en route.

Starting East Tilbury/TQ689768
Distance 6 miles
Walk grade Leisurely
Start time 11:00
Meeting point Coalhouse Fort car park
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Introductory Walk: Chelmsford River Walk

Sunday 7 August

Spend a lazy sunday afternoon walking alongside the banks of the Chelmer. A short introductory walk over level terrain, this walk is ideal for those who'd like to start out with Hike Essex.

Starting Chelmsford/TL711066
Distance 4 miles
Walk grade Easy
Start time 13:00
Meeting point Outside Argos in central Chelmsford.
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Evening Walk: Stock

Wednesday 10 August

A short evening stroll to get rid of the cobwebs from work. A lovely circular round the village of stock, possibly followed by one of the best pubs in the area.

Starting Stock/TQ 690 989
Distance 5 miles
Walk grade Easy
Start time 19:30
Meeting point Outside the Hoop public house Stock
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Ingatstone & Blackmore

Sunday 14 August

Enjoy a stroll through rolling fields and historic woodland via the picturesque Blackmore and Mill Green. Bring a packed lunch, pub at the end.

Starting Ingatestone/TQ649991
Distance 10 miles
Walk grade Leisurely
Start time 11:10
Meeting point Meet at Ingatestone Station. Northbound train departs Shenfield at 10.31 and arrives at 10.35; southbound train departs Chelmsford at 10.58 and arrives at 11:05.
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Ipswich to Manningtree via Jimmys Farm

Saturday 20 August

A linear walk that goes out past Ipswichs dockside then into the countryside, stopping off at TVs Jimmys Farm before heading onto Alton Water reservoir for lunch(bring packed lunch or pick something up at the farm shop). We'll carry on through fields and bridleways, stopping for a drink at a pub, and then walk along the banks of the River Stour until we finish at Manningtree Station.

Starting Ipswich/TM156438
Distance 16 miles
Walk grade Moderate
Start time 10:30
Meeting point Outside Ipswich Train Station. If coming by car, best to park at Manningtree and catch the 10.12am to Ipswich
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