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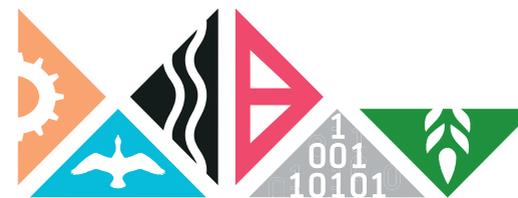
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# MALDON DISTRICT

Discover the charm and beauty of the Maldon District, which is steeped in history and full of exciting surprises. Only 40 miles from London, it feels like a different world, packed with independent shops and timeless heritage. With world famous food producers like Maldon Salt and Wilkin & Sons Tiptree Jam, come and sample our local gastro menu. Enjoy the space and natural wonder of our picturesque saltmarsh coastline, and stay a while in unique accommodation.



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# EXPLORE

Explore the Saltmarsh Coast, with its seventy-five miles of stunning landscapes and beautiful wilderness. The dynamic and diverse coastline has given us a rich maritime heritage which is known nationally and throughout the world. Discover the history of the Maldon District with its distinctive architecture, fascinating museums and Scheduled Monuments. Tours and talks are held frequently throughout the year, so you won't miss a chance to learn about our heritage.

The Maldon District has twelve nature reserves, which provide homes for internationally recognised flora and fauna. These are ideal for wildlife enthusiasts, walkers or anyone interested in escaping the hustle and bustle of daily life. A range of scenic gardens are open throughout the summer months which are not to be missed.

The Maldon District is also home to world class food producers and many of them supply the independent restaurants, cafés and tea rooms, where you can experience our gastro menu. There are also three award-winning breweries, celebrated vineyards and friendly pubs to enjoy a drink. Visit traditional shops in quaint villages and historic towns that are interspersed along the coast.

Enjoy some of our brilliant attractions with family and friends. There's always something going on in the Maldon District, so why not attend some of our famous annual events, from regattas, carnivals, fairs and fetes, to music concerts, car shows, flying events and more!

# THE SALTMARSH COAST

The Saltmarsh Coast is not only home to thousands of different species of wildlife, but also the Saltmarsh75, which takes place in October each year. This is a fully supported 75 mile run, walk or jog around the glorious coastline of the Maldon District over two days, starting in South Woodham Ferrers and finishing in the remote hamlet of Salcott-cum-Virley ([www.saltmarsh75.co.uk](http://www.saltmarsh75.co.uk)). However, this coastline is stunning all year round with its mudflats and shell banks. Areas of the Saltmarsh Coast are deemed a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and designated a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance, both indicating the significance of such habitats.

The Blackwater Estuary is particularly known for Dark Bellied Brent Geese, with a large percentage of the national population migrating here in the winter for grazing, however the estuary is home to thousands of different bird species. You may also see Hen Harriers or Marsh Harriers and towards dusk, you may even see Short Eared Owls, all three are quite distinctive and relatively big birds. We also have good numbers of Merlins, which are similar to Kestrels but slightly smaller and a lot quicker, catching birds on the wing.

Along the Saltmarsh Coast, there is a good chance of seeing Common Seals basking on the mudflats or the saltmarsh itself. Seals have their pups in May, so if you see smaller, lighter brown or red-coloured seals, they are likely to be this year's young.

On the Crouch Estuary, Burnham-on-Crouch is opposite Wallasea Island, which is currently the largest nature reserve creation project in Europe and has the second highest number of breeding Avocets in the country, plus migratory birds such as Spoonbill, amongst many other species. Also along the Crouch Estuary is Creeksea Cliff, which is regarded by geologists to be one of the most important London Clay sites in Britain. The cliff is gradually being eroded and London Clay Fossils can be found in the beach shingle. The site has yielded fossil bird bones and numerous fossil fish remains (mainly shark teeth) from the Eocene era. However, the site was first discovered in the early 1970's and has been extensively searched, so finding fossils requires good eyesight and a lot of patience.

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# 75 miles

## OF SECLUDED CREEKS & SALTMARSH TO DISCOVER



# COASTAL CONNECTION

ESSEX IS THE COUNTY WITH THE  
LONGEST COASTLINE IN ENGLAND  
AND SO IT COMES AS NO SURPRISE  
THAT THE WATERFRONT PLAYS  
AN IMPORTANT PART IN MANY  
PEOPLE'S LIVES

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## IN THE MALDON DISTRICT YOU ARE NEVER FURTHER THAN SEVEN MILES FROM THE COAST

Maldon's picturesque Hythe Quay is home to the largest collection of active Thames Sailing Barges in the country. From the quay, visitors can take a trip on these historic vessels and discover how cargo was transported around the region at the turn of the twentieth century. At the height of their popularity, there were over two thousand Thames Sailing Barges. Now, there are a handful operating in a different way, taking visitors out on various trips (Topsail Charters and Thames Sailing Barge Trust). Look out for the majestic Hydrogen, Pudge, Thistle and Maldon-built Dawn, launched in 1897.

A forty minute trip aboard the Viking Saga will take you out into the River Blackwater, providing a different view of the area. See if you can spot the beach huts on stilts, the sea lock at Heybridge Basin or the statue of Byrhtnoth. You can also opt for the 'Two Island Cruise' if you'd like a longer trip, this ventures beyond Osea Island, affording views as far away as Bradwell-on-Sea. Expect informative and humorous commentary during the trip, along with a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

Burnham-on-Crouch offers the opportunity to go seal watching and to explore the remote and deserted creeks of the River Crouch. Boat trips depart from the town's quay should you wish to catch a glimpse of wildfowl and numerous species of bird (Charter Discovery Wildlife Trips).

Described as England's forgotten waterway, the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation can be explored via a leisurely trip aboard Basin Pleasure Boats. Enjoy the beautiful scenery and wildlife as the boat winds its way along the tranquil waterway. You can also reserve a place for a two hour sunset cruise to Beeleigh Falls, which is ideal for special occasions or simply relaxing with friends.

The Maldon District is home to over seventeen different sailing and yacht clubs that offer a wide range of activities to visitors as well as members. Regardless of experience, you'll be able to find a club that suits you. If you'd like to learn how to sail more intensely, Essex Outdoors in Bradwell-on-Sea and Fellowship Afloat in Tollesbury, both offer Royal Yachting Association courses.

See page 45 for boat trip listings.

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# GREEN SPACES

NATURE RESERVES, ISLANDS,  
PARKS & GARDENS TO EXPLORE

# GREEN SPACES

With seventy-five miles of Saltmarsh Coast and vast swathes of countryside, there are plenty of green spaces in the Maldon District for you to enjoy. There are numerous parks and nature reserves, as well as open gardens that can be visited during the summer period.

Many of the nature reserves are managed by Essex Wildlife Trust and are home to a wide range of animal and plant species. There are over a hundred species of birds, along with various wildfowl, water vole, insects, and flowering plants. The reserves are ideal for wildlife enthusiasts or anyone who enjoys nature.

The RSPB manage Old Hall Marshes in Tollesbury (p46), a remote and stunning location, as well as Wallasea Island (p47), which is a landmark project that aims to restore the ancient wetland landscape of mudflats and saltmarsh, to provide a haven for wildlife. The Wallasea Island Wild Coast project is the largest of its type in Europe, and can be visited all year round. Take the Burnham Ferry (p45) from the quay at Burnham-on-Crouch to Wallasea Island during the summer months and enjoy the views from the water.

Northey Island (p46) is owned by the National Trust, and its causeway is the oldest recorded battlefield site in England, where the Battle of Maldon took place in 991. The island is an internationally important haven for birds and can be visited by prior appointment with the warden, due to nesting and over wintering birds. Advice can be given about suitable times to visit, due to the island being cut off by the tide.

The Maldon District has a wide range of open gardens, such as Beeleigh Abbey and Ulting Wick, which is famous for its tulips. Each year, individual gardens are open for the National Garden Scheme, British Red Cross and Farleigh Hospice, as well as for many village open garden events over the course of a weekend.

There are also numerous parks and recreation grounds in the Maldon District for you to enjoy throughout the year. Explore Riverside Park in Burnham-on-Crouch and Promenade Park in Maldon. With regular events, funfairs, charity days and open air cinemas, these two parks are popular all year round for both residents and visitors alike. Many parks in the Maldon District have play areas for children, sports facilities, as well as paths where you can go for a walk with friends and family.

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NATURE RESERVES,  
PARKS AND GARDENS



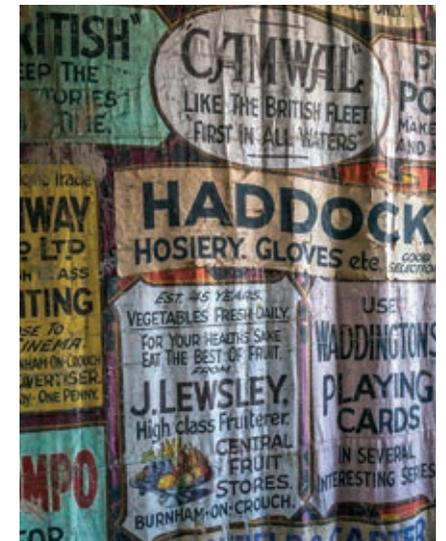
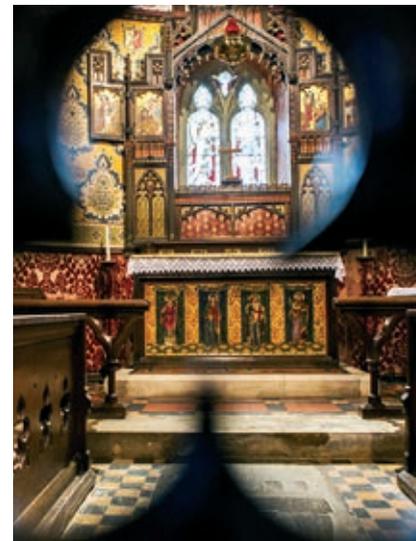
# HISTORY & HERITAGE

From pre-historic cropmarks and Iron Age hillforts, to pillboxes and military defences of the Second World War, the Maldon District has a rich history which spans thousands of years. Experience our unique heritage by visiting some of our listed buildings, including 15 Grade I and over 50 Grade II\*. Learn more about our area by exploring various exhibitions at our excellent local museums.

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 THE SHALLOWEST NAVIGATION IN THE COUNTRY  
 ONE OF THE OLDEST LARGELY INTACT CHURCHES IN ENGLAND  
 THE ONLY FULL TIME HISTORIC CINEMA IN ESSEX



## BOTH MALDON AND BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH HAVE UNIQUE HIGH STREETS

# TIMELESS & INDEPENDENT



Burnham-on-Crouch retains a vintage feel with most of the High Street businesses being small and independent, including the 1930s built Rio Cinema. Burnham-on-Crouch has many specialist shops such as a traditional iron monger, a haberdashery, a boat chandlery, as well as gift and souvenir shops, including the Tourist Information Centre. Tuesday is Market Day in the High Street where fish, bread, fruit and vegetables are on sale, as well as household goods, clothes and pet food. On the third Sunday of every month, there is a Farmer's Market selling local produce and handmade crafts.

Maldon High Street has an array of unusual shops, restaurants, and pubs retaining numerous independent businesses. Some go back many years, 'Wenlocks' recently celebrated their 80th anniversary. Walkways leading off the High Street host a collection of artisan shops, including Bright's Path with shepherd huts and a traditional telephone box which is now a unique pop up shop. Various stores in Maldon specialise in superior quality goods and souvenirs. Antique fairs and flea markets are held monthly, as well as the popular Bank Holiday Monday markets in Promenade Park.

Whether you are just having a coffee or would like to treat yourself to afternoon tea, there are plenty of options in the Maldon District. Many of the venues are independently or family run and often in stunning locations with scenic views. The High Street and riverside areas of both Maldon and Burnham-on-Crouch have a wide selection of places to eat and drink.

Annley House Tea Room at Althorne is a short drive from Burnham-on-Crouch and a good place to rest during a country walk with outside seating. A short walk along the coastal path from Burnham-on-Crouch is Parlour Café at Creeksea Barns, which has a large garden and children's play area. Located in a converted Victorian Sail Loft in the picturesque Tollesbury Marina, is the Loft Tea Room, which is close to the saltwater pool and nature reserve with scenic walks. Combine a day out to the Museum of Power with a visit to its Steam Pump Tea Room situated in a converted machine shop (p43).

Wilkin & Sons have two tea rooms in the District, the Lock Tea Room at Heybridge Basin and the View River Café at Osea Leisure Park. You can enjoy their various products, including lunches, cakes, and scones – not forgetting the jam.

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## VINEYARDS AND WINERIES

The Maldon District has a history of vineyards going back hundreds of years. In recent years there has been resurgence in English wine production, not least in the Maldon District which is gaining a great reputation for its vineyards. The climate between the River Crouch and River Blackwater is hot and dry in the summer and mild in the winter, which is perfect for producing high quality grapes with naturally high sugars. The south facing slope of the Crouch Vale provides excellent frost protection allowing special grape varieties such as Pinot Noir, Pinot Grigio and Chardonnay to grow. A tour of a vineyard is a unique experience and may be arranged by contacting any of the vineyards. There are often sales events and open days and they all have onsite or online shops for purchasing wine.

New Hall Vineyard in Purleigh is one of the largest and oldest in the country with over 100 acres of vines producing high quality grapes with high sugars. Visitors are welcome to walk along the 1km vineyard trail and taste the wines in the Wine Cellar Shop.

Martin's Lane Vineyard, based in the village of Stow Maries, overlooks the Crouch Estuary. Martin's Lane wines are supplied to many prestigious restaurants in the West End of London, Essex and East Anglia.

Clayhill Vineyard situated near the villages of Latchingdon and Althorne, has over 15,300 vines, all planted by hand. Recently a barn has been converted into a wine tasting room, shop and tea room with regular open days for wine and brandy tasting.

Crouch Ridge Vineyard is the newest vineyard in the area, overlooking Althorne Creek, this vineyard covers 10 acres. Crouch Ridge won 2016 Maldon's New Business of the Year Award.

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## BREWERIES AND MICRO-PUBS/TAP ROOMS

The Maldon District has a choice of several breweries with numerous local beers and ciders to enjoy. A visit to a brewery is a great day out. Many local businesses stock their products and there are also micro-pubs and tap-rooms affiliated to the breweries where you can enjoy beverages in a homely atmosphere. Each of the breweries specialises in real ales as well as their regular all year round beers and ciders. They also have different themed 'one offs' and 'specials' each month with a seasonal twist.

Situated in the stable block of Maldon's historic Blue Boar Hotel is the Maldon Brewing Company Ltd. Available in the hotel bar and at Farmers Yard micro-pub and bottle shop, the smallest pub in Maldon and possibly Essex. The micro pub can accommodate 12 standing and 12 seating customers.

Mighty Oak Brewery was founded in 1996 and based in Maldon from 2001; this brewery has won numerous awards from CAMRA. Mighty Oak Tap Room is Maldon's newest small pub, serving Mighty Oak ales and cider from the cask with a traditional pub ambience.

Our breweries are not confined to Maldon, over on the Dengie Peninsula is Wibblers Brewery. Following almost 20 years of home craft brewing, Wibblers became a commercial venture in 2007. Initially housed in a converted barn in the village of Mayland, Wibblers grew to become one of the largest micro-breweries in Essex and moved to larger premises in nearby Southminster. Wibblers brew award winning beers and ciders; provide regular brewery tours, open days and 'Be the Brewer' experience days. Wibblers beer, cider and food are available in Wibblers Tap Room and kitchen attached to the brewery.

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# ART & CULTURE

MALDON DISTRICT IS HOME TO A RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE AS WELL AS A VIBRANT ARTS SCENE WHICH REFLECTS THE STRONG PARTICIPATION AND INTEREST OF MANY OF ITS RESIDENTS. VISITING PERFORMERS BLEND WITH LOCAL TALENT WHICH ENSURES THAT THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING TO SEE OR HEAR, WHATEVER THE TIME OF YEAR

Major events include carnivals in both Maldon and Burnham-on-Crouch, which draw visitors to the towns, as do the Regattas during the sailing season. Carter's Steam Fair is a must for young and old alike, as is the Steampunk Essextraordinaire at the Museum of Power. Summer brings the Essex Outdoor Cinema with a season of films at Promenade Park in Maldon and Riverside Park in Burnham-on-Crouch.

The visual arts are well represented in the Maldon District with private galleries and two thriving Art Trails in the towns of Maldon and Burnham-on-Crouch, which attract many artists who live locally and hundreds of visitors to the numerous unusual venues around the towns. John Doubleday's statue of Byrhtnoth which stands in Promenade Park, commemorates the Battle of Maldon and is a very popular stroll along the waterside for young and old. The Maldon Embroidery in the Maeldune Heritage Centre portrays the famous battle against the Vikings and a thousand years of Maldon's history.

Whether you prefer classical music, of which there are frequent concerts, with performances usually taking place in some of the beautiful and atmospheric churches, or rather rock or blues, in some of the livelier pubs or bars, you will not be disappointed. There is a healthy folk music scene with gigs organised by MAC Theatre at a variety of venues and Maldon has three Morris Dancing groups. Plough Monday each January is one of the few remaining examples of Molly Dancing.

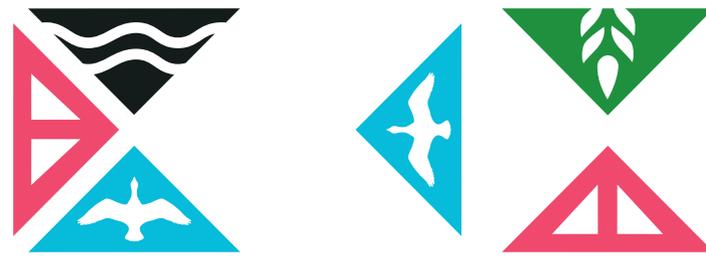
Local theatre groups flourish, such as Latchingdon Arts and Drama Society, whose Tractor Shed venue guarantees a unique evening of entertainment. With local links to H.G.Wells, Bernard Cromwell and Alfred Hitchcock's 'The Birds', there is always something new to discover about the culture of this area.

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MALDON DISTRICT'S  
CHARACTER & CHARM



# TOWNS & VILLAGES

PICTURESQUE WALKS, SCENIC  
TRAILS & ESTUARY VIEWS

ARTISAN CAFES, TEA ROOMS,  
RESTAURANTS & AUTHENTIC PUBS

BOUTIQUES, INDEPENDENT  
SHOPS & GALLERIES



# MALDON

A HISTORIC MARKET TOWN LOCATED  
ON THE BLACKWATER ESTUARY

Thames Barges on Hythe Quay



## MALDON IS THE SECOND OLDEST TOWN IN ESSEX AND WAS AWARDED A ROYAL CHARTER BY HENRY II IN 1171

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Maldon is a historic maritime town, known across the world for its Maldon Sea Salt and for the infamous Mud Race. It is also famous for the Battle of Maldon in 991, where Viking raiders defeated the Saxons on the causeway of Northey Island. This is the oldest recorded battlefield site in England, and the events of the battle are described in an epic poem, which is regarded as one of the finest examples of Old English literature.

You can also see the statue of Byrhtnoth overlooking Northey Island, who was the Alderman of Essex and was defeated at the Battle of Maldon. The 1000th anniversary of the battle is commemorated by a 42ft long embroidery displayed in the Maeldune Heritage Centre. The centre also has historical displays, arts and craft exhibitions, along with a gift shop. Above the heritage centre is the Plume Library. Founded in 1704, it houses Thomas Plume's collection of over 8000 books and pamphlets.

No visit to Maldon is complete without visiting the Hythe Quay, a historic working waterfront that is home to the largest collection of active Thames Sailing Barges. The Promenade Park, known locally as 'the Prom', is located at the end of the quay and is packed with attractions for all the family. The park also boasts Pirates Bay Adventure Golf, a model boating and crabbing lake, wildlife areas, as well as plenty of places to enjoy a picnic. It is also home to the charming Museum in the Park, which houses exhibitions reflecting the industrial, social and domestic history of Maldon.

The Moot Hall is located on the main High Street and was built in the early 15th century. It has been used as a manor house, court room, council chamber and a prison; you can explore this fascinating building on a tour. You will also find a mix of independent retailers on the High Street, as well as pubs and cafes for a drink or bite to eat.

The town is also home to the excellent Combined Military Services Museum, which is one of the country's premier military museums and offers insight into Britain's military history from ancient times to present day. Not forgetting the real life spy collection that inspired Ian Fleming in writing James Bond.

From Maldon, you can walk along the river to Heybridge Basin and see the lock where the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation canal meets the River Blackwater. You can also take a stroll along the River Chelmer and head towards Beeleigh Falls, which is an elaborate system of weirs that controls where both rivers meet the sea.

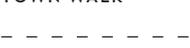
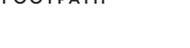
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# MALDON TOWN CENTRE



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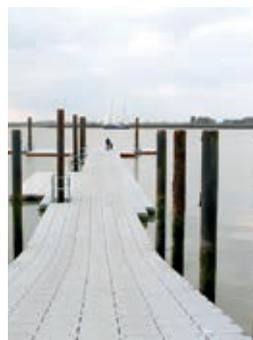
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-  COUNCIL OFFICES
-  GP
-  HOSPITAL
-  HYTHE QUAY & BARGES
-  LIBRARY
-  MAELDUNE HERITAGE CENTRE & PLUME LIBRARY
-  MALDON SALT
-  MOOT HALL
-  MUSEUM
-  PLACE OF WORSHIP
-  PLAY AREA
-  PLUME ACADEMY
-  POLICE STATION
-  POST OFFICE
-  PUBLIC TOILETS
-  SAND PIT
-  TOURIST INFORMATION
-  PARKING
-  MALDON HERITAGE TOWN WALK
-  FOOTPATH

# BURNHAM ON CROUCH

RELAX AND ENJOY THE VIEW  
ACROSS THE RIVER CROUCH

The Quay, Burnham-on-Crouch



THE CHARMING BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH LIES ON THE BANK OF THE RIVER CROUCH, WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED. ONCE AN IMPORTANT PORT FOR LANDING OYSTERS, THE TOWN NOW OFFERS VISITORS MANY CONTRASTS

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Known for the historic charm of its buildings, visitors can uncover the town's heritage at the Burnham-on-Crouch and District Museum, with artefacts covering a period of over three thousand years and why not join in one of the regularly held fossil hunts at Creeksea Cliffs. Of key importance to the town is its maritime heritage, signified by the many remaining oystermen's cottages, the grand oyster merchants' houses and the Art Deco Royal Corinthian Yacht Club.

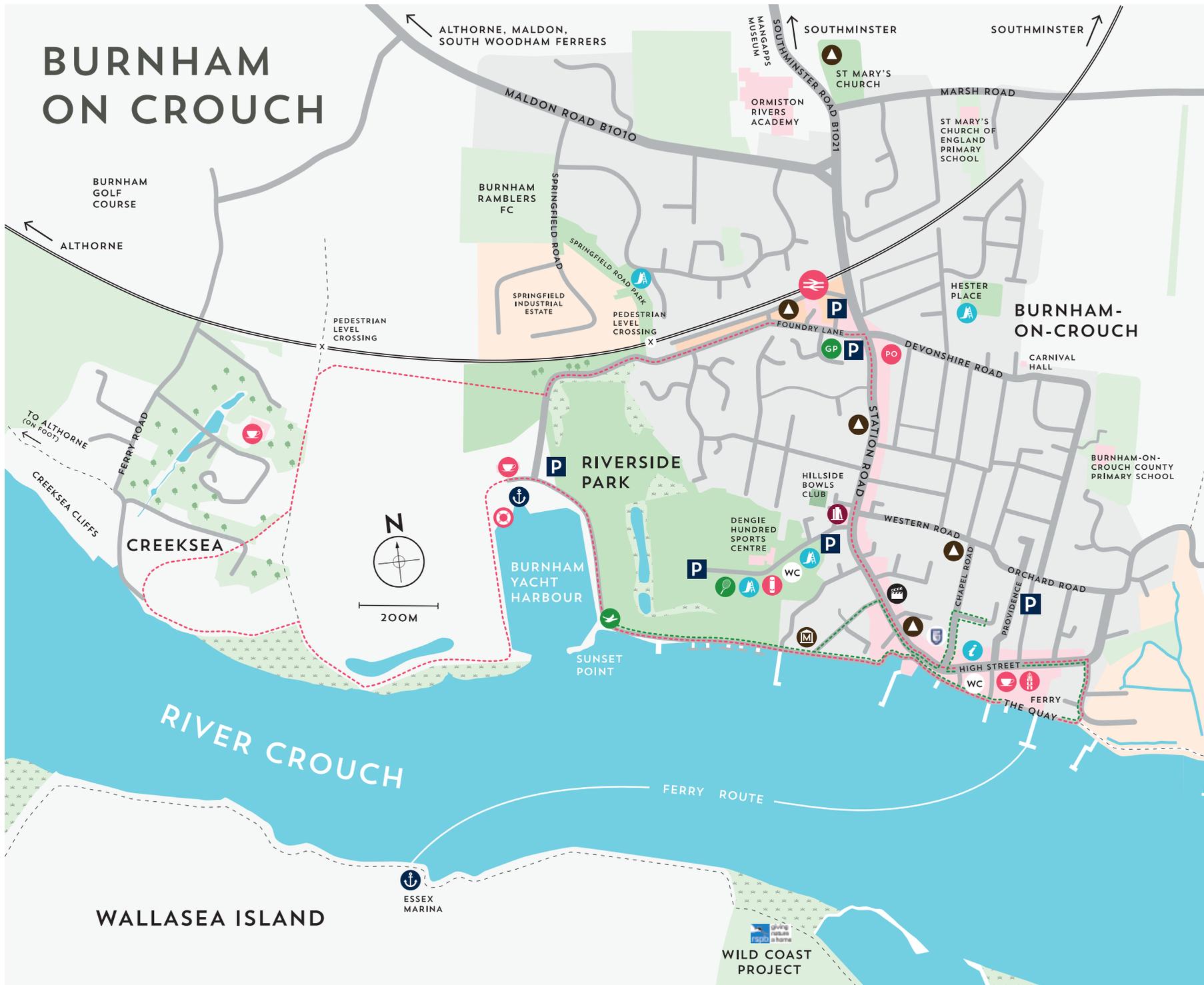
The town's sailing clubs jointly organise the end of season regatta known as Burnham Week, which includes Quay Day on August Bank Holiday Monday, when the inhabitants of the town, the sailing fraternity and visitors alike, enjoy a day of free fun and festivities.

Seal watching boat trips depart from the quay and should be booked in advance to avoid disappointment. For those looking for a physically active day out, the coastal path offers a great opportunity for walking and taking in the sea air. Why not try the circular route around Burnham town taking in the beautiful quay, along the way you can stop at Riverside Park for stunning views of the River Crouch. Always a popular attraction, Mangapps Railway Museum delights enthusiasts for rail travel both young and old with its steam and diesel train rides. And in the evening, why not round the day off with a visit to Burnham's very own independently owned heritage cinema, the Rio.

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# BURNHAM ON CROUCH



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-  CINEMA
-  CLOCK TOWER
-  COUNCIL OFFICES
-  GP
-  LIBRARY
-  MARINA
-  MUSEUM
-  PARKING
-  PLACE OF WORSHIP
-  PLAY AREA
-  POST OFFICE
-  PUBLIC TOILETS
-  REFRESHMENTS
-  RNLI
-  SALTMARSH HUB
-  SKATE PARK
-  TENNIS
-  TOURIST INFORMATION

-  CREEKSEA WALK
-  TOWN WALK
-  FOOTPATH

WALLASEA ISLAND

WILD COAST PROJECT

# NORTH BLACKWATER VILLAGES

SCENIC ESTUARY WALKS  
High Tide at Tollesbury



ABOVE THE BLACKWATER ESTUARY IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE MALDON DISTRICT THERE ARE MANY SMALL VILLAGES, MOST OF WHICH ARE MENTIONED IN THE DOMESDAY BOOK OF 1086

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Much of the northern side of the District comprises of farmland and wooded areas. Closer to the estuary, there are several historic maritime villages which are popular with both visitors and residents for ambling along the sea wall.

## HEYBRIDGE BASIN

This part of the coast is where the river joins the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation canal via a sea lock, making this one of the most popular areas in the Maldon District. Heybridge Basin is a hive of activity, due to its scenic location and two pubs plus Wilkin and Sons Tiptree Jam Tea Room. By the water, there are views across the Blackwater Estuary to Osea Island, narrow boats and quaint cottages. Many hours could be spent watching the tide come and go whilst enjoying a pint, or a scone or two in the process. With its close proximity to Maldon, it is possible to take a stroll along the scenic footpaths between Maldon and Heybridge Basin taking in views of Northey Island and possibly extending the walk to Beeleigh Falls and locks further up the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation. Boat trips from Heybridge Basin are also a great way to enjoy the countryside along the water's edge.

## GOLDHANGER

Once a well used smuggler's haunt because it was just far enough away from the Customs Office in Maldon to avoid attention. Goldhanger's position halfway between Maldon and Tollesbury made its pub, the Chequers an ideal coaching inn. Oyster fishing on the Blackwater Estuary dates back hundreds of years, residents of Fish Street still find oyster shells in their gardens. Salt has played a major role in the history of Goldhanger and Maldon Salt has a modern production plant there. It is possible to park in the village and walk the circular route along the sea wall, whilst admiring the Blackwater Estuary with the Dengie Peninsula on the opposite bank and Osea Island in between, perhaps returning for a spot of lunch in the pub (four legged friends welcome).

## TOLLESBURY

Home to two nature reserves and very popular with bird spotters, due to maze like channels that twist and turn, creating inlets and creeks with miles of coastal footpath walks. The scenic landscape of Tollesbury is stunning with views across to the Dengie Peninsula on one side and Mersea Island on the other side. A red lightship can be seen in the distance, which is now used as a group activity venue (Fellowship Afloat). The Victorian Sail Lofts will be a welcome sight, especially if cake is a mandatory requirement for a day out, as one has been converted into a tea room. One of the last remaining saltwater pools is located in Tollesbury, with a man made beach it is a popular destination for local families. It is still possible to see remnants of the old light railway line, affectionately known as the 'Cockle and Winkle Line' along the paths around Tollesbury.



# VILLAGES OF THE DENGIE



ACTIVITY DAYS  
& RELAXING WALKS  
Bradwell Waterside

THE DENGIE PENINSULA LIES BETWEEN THE BLACKWATER AND CROUCH ESTUARIES AND IS HOME TO A NUMBER OF SMALL HAMLETS AND VILLAGES

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Much of the Dengie Peninsula comprises of marshland and it is still possible to find remote areas where you can walk and enjoy solitude. The villages of the Dengie Peninsula offer visitors a reassuringly warm welcome, as well as some surprising unique insights into life of days gone by.

## PURLEIGH

The picturesque village of Purleigh is first mentioned in a Saxon will of 998 and it reappears in 1086 in the Domesday Book. Between 1635 and 1645, Lawrence Washington, the great-great-grandfather of the first President of the United States of America, George Washington, was the rector of Purleigh. The church where he preached is still open to visitors today, as is the village pub, the Bell, which dates back to the same period.

## TILLINGHAM

Tillingham is a small village located on the road between Burnham-on-Crouch and Bradwell-on-Sea. The St. Peter's Way footpath passes through the village. The Christian movement 'The Peculiar People' opened their chapel here in 1867, which remained active until 2005 and still stands there to this day. Tillingham is a typical Essex village with two churches, two pubs, a village green and several barge-boarded houses. It is perhaps surprising therefore that Tillingham is mentioned in H.G.Wells' "War of the Worlds". It is the place where the narrator's brother arrives at the coast after departing from London during the Martian invasion.

## BRADWELL-ON-SEA

Bradwell-on-Sea is a small village in the north-eastern corner of the Dengie Peninsula. The village has a church and a traditional pub at its centre. A short stroll to the north will take you to the marina and the outdoor activity centre. Walking to the east of the village will bring you to the site of the Roman fort of Othona and the chapel of St. Peter's-on-the-Wall. Bracing itself against the wind from the North Sea, this church, built in 654, stands out against the broad skyline. It remains one of the oldest places of Christian worship still in use in England, with a programme of events including a torch-lit service at Christmas.

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# GETTING AROUND

Transport links into the Maldon District are good with road access linking primarily from the A12. Take the A414 (Junction 18) or the B1019 (Junction 20) for Maldon. From the town, continue your journey onto the Dengie Peninsula on the B1010 or B1018. Once in the Maldon District, the small roads and lanes reflect a slower pace of life where driving and cycling return to being a pleasure with so much to see on the way. Drivers of electric vehicles will find a charge point at Lidl in Maldon (see [www.visitmaldondistrict.com](http://www.visitmaldondistrict.com) for details).

The District benefits from Greater Anglia mainline services from London Liverpool Street. Travel to Chelmsford, Witham and Hatfield Peverel from either London or Ipswich, where local bus services connect these railway stations to Maldon. Alternatively, use the rail link from London Liverpool Street via Wickford, which serves the villages and towns along the Crouch Estuary including Burnham-on-Crouch and Southminster, and will place you quickly in the heart of the Dengie Peninsula.

For cyclists we offer short, easy circular tours or longer itineraries, mostly on quiet country lanes, which allow both the occasional and committed cyclist to enjoy this area to the full. Whether you wish to visit the interesting towns, pretty rural villages or sample some of the excellent village pubs, you will always find something to discover. Maps of routes from all parts of the locality are available to purchase from the Tourist Information Centres.

There are similar ranges of walking guides to enjoy, from short strolls along the quayside in Maldon or Burnham-on-Crouch, to longer walks which lead the enthusiast through picturesque countryside and along coastal paths with fresh sea air. Guided walks can be arranged in advance in the towns of Maldon and Burnham-on-Crouch. There is no shortage of suggestions depending upon your preferences for countryside walks, heritage walks or coastal walks with leaflets covering the whole District. For the intrepid adventurer, there is even The Saltmarsh75, a two day event which involves walking (or running) the entire length of the District's coastline ([www.saltmarsh75.co.uk](http://www.saltmarsh75.co.uk)).

The closest airports to the Maldon District are Stansted Airport and Southend Airport, both of which are less than thirty miles from Maldon. There is an hourly service between both airports via Chelmsford, where local buses provide links into the District.

For detailed information concerning travelling to and within the Maldon District, we recommend that you contact staff in the Tourist Information Centres or visit [www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk](http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk)

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# LISTINGS

# ATTRACTIONS



## BLACKWATER LEISURE CENTRE

Park Drive, Maldon CM9 5UR  
01621 851898 - enquiries@blackwaterleisurecentre.org  
www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/blackwater-leisure-centre

There is a wide range of facilities and activities to choose from at the centre, including swimming, badminton, trampolines, a gym, cycling studio, health suite and more. You can also join numerous workout classes and clubs, which vary from Pilates and gymnastics, to martial arts and rugby.

## ESSEX OUTDOORS: BRADWELL

Bradwell Waterside, Bradwell-on-Sea CM0 7QY  
01621 776256 - essexoutdoors@essexoutdoors.com  
www.essexoutdoors.com

This outdoor education centre in Bradwell-on-Sea is one of four Essex Outdoors centres. It is recognised as a leading provider of sailing, yachting and watersport activities and also offers a purpose-built residential unit with accommodation for up to sixty young people.

## BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH & DISTRICT MUSEUM

Coronation Road, Burnham-on-Crouch CM0 8AH  
01621 782184 - burnhammuseum@outlook.com  
www.burnhammuseum.co.uk

The museum celebrates the history and development of the town and its people, from the Neolithic era to the present day. It showcases an interesting collection of displays, offering insight into oyster fishery and boat-building, and also holds regular events and special exhibitions.

## COMBINED MILITARY SERVICES MUSEUM

Station Road, Maldon CM9 4LQ  
01621 841826 - admin@csm.co.uk  
www.csm.co.uk

As one of the country's premier military museums, the museum offers insight into Britain's military history from ancient times to the present day. The museum offers only original and genuine items with no replicas and houses one of the world's foremost collections of covert operations equipment.

## THE COOKERY SCHOOL AT BRAXTED PARK

Braxted Park Estate, Witham CM8 3EN  
01621 890300 - info@braxtedparkcookery.co.uk  
www.braxtedparkcookery.co.uk

Based in the Braxted Park Estate, the Cookery School offers a fantastic selection of cookery classes to suit both beginners and the more experienced cooks of all ages. Classes include a diverse range of international cuisine and seasonal classes, as well as corporate cookery classes.

## DENGIE HUNDRED SPORTS CENTRE

Millfields, Burnham-on-Crouch CM0 8HS  
01621 784633  
enquiries@dengiehundredsportscentre.org  
www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/dengie-hundred-sports-centre

The centre has both indoor and outdoor facilities for everyone to enjoy and has a range of activities including group cycling, badminton, gymnastics, studio classes and Les Mills classes. The centre also offers children and toddler activities during term time and school holidays.

## FELLOWSHIP AFLOAT

The Sail Lofts, Woodrolfe Road, Tollesbury CM9 8SE  
01621 868113 - info@fact.org.uk  
www.fact.org.uk

The Fellowship Afloat Charitable Trust (FACT) provides exciting outdoor adventure activities for children, individuals and groups. FACT also offers adventure days, multi-activity weeks with accommodation, as well as courses for sailing, powerboating and dinghy sailing.

## HAYLETTS GALLERY

Oakwood House, 2 High Street, Maldon CM9 5PJ  
01621 851669 - sally@haylettsgallery.com  
www.haylettsgallery.com

The gallery promotes the best East Anglian artists and has gained a reputation over the years for showcasing modern British and contemporary fine art. Hayletts Gallery has nine exhibitions each year, showing watercolours, oils, gouaches, photographs, as well as ceramics, glass and sculpture.

## THE HYTHE QUAY

Maldon CM9 5HN  
01621 856503 - tic@maldon.gov.uk

Home to the largest collection of active Thames Sailing Barges, this historic working waterfront is certainly a must-see for visitors. The Hythe was listed as a separate hamlet in the Domesday Book of 1086, serving Maldon as a port, and the Hythe Quay continues to be used as a port today.

## LET'S GO BONKERS

Units 7 & 8, Station Industrial Estate,  
Burnham-on-Crouch CM0 8RW  
01621 782874 - info@letsjobonkers.com  
www.letsjobonkers.com

This indoor children's soft play studio features two multi-level studios, which include Baby Bonkers, a specially designed studio for little ones, and Bigger Bonkers, for children aged three to twelve years. Let's Go Bonkers also offers party packages and will keep children entertained for hours.

## MADISON HEIGHTS

Park Drive, Maldon CM9 5JQ  
01621 850222 - info@madisonheights.info  
www.madisonmaldon.com

This family entertainment centre caters for all the family and consists of 22 Ten Pin Bowling Lanes, a full-sized roller rink, and Monkey Puzzle, an award winning indoor soft play area. Madison Heights also has an all-you-can-eat oriental buffet restaurant, a steakhouse and a tearoom.

## MAELDUNE HERITAGE CENTRE

St Peter's Tower, Market Hill, Maldon CM9 4PZ  
01621 851628 - info@maelduneheritagecentre.co.uk  
www.maelduneheritagecentre.co.uk

The centre celebrates Maldon's history and heritage, and has historical displays, art & craft exhibitions, and a gift shop. The Maeldune Heritage Centre is also home to the Maldon Embroidery, a forty-two foot long masterpiece depicting a thousand years of Maldon's history.

## MALDON STUDIOS

Unit 1, The Old Builders Yard  
Tenterfield Road, Maldon CM9 5EW  
01621 927071  
www.maldonstudios.com

Visitors by appointment

Angelique is a painter with unique style and technique, working in a studio behind the High Street. Her paintings involve "dripping, spilling and throwing paint in layers" local scenes and landscapes are amongst her collection.

## MANGAPPS RAILWAY MUSEUM

Southminster Road,  
Burnham-on-Crouch CM0 8QG  
01621 784898 - mangapps@tiscali.co.uk  
www.mangapps.co.uk

The museum houses the largest and most comprehensive collection of railway relics in the eastern counties. Mangapps Railway Museum also features a one mile long standard gauge line with restored stations and original railway buildings, as well as eighteen steam and diesel locomotives.

## THE MOOT HALL

High Street, Maldon CM9 5PF  
01621 856503 - tic@maldon.gov.uk  
www.themoothall.co.uk

This 15th century building has a fascinating history and has been used as a manor house, court room, council chamber, and a prison. Today, the Moot Hall is open for tours, where you can learn more about its past and also enjoy the panoramic views of Maldon & beyond from its rooftop.

## MUSEUM IN THE PARK

47 Mill Road, Maldon CM9 5HX  
01621 853699 - enquiries@maldonmuseum.co.uk  
www.maldonmuseum.org.uk

Located in the former Park Keeper's Lodge, Maldon Museum, also known as 'Museum in the Park', showcases over two hundred years of the town's history. The museum houses exhibitions reflecting the industrial, social and domestic history of Maldon and its surrounding district.

## MUSEUM OF POWER

Steam Pumping Station, Hatfield Road, Langford CM9 6QA  
01621 843183 - enquiries@museumofpower.org.uk  
www.museumofpower.org.uk

Housed in a former water pumping station, the museum houses a fascinating collection of power-related exhibitions. The Museum of Power has a model village, the miniature railway, a picnic area, riverside walks, a tea room and also hosts a range of events throughout the year.



# ATTRACTIONS

## PIRATES BAY ADVENTURE GOLF

Promenade Park, Park Drive, Maldon CM9 5JQ  
01621 854095 - [Info@piratesbaymaldon.co.uk](mailto:Info@piratesbaymaldon.co.uk)  
[www.piratesbaymaldon.co.uk](http://www.piratesbaymaldon.co.uk)

This Florida-style adventure golf is fantastic fun for all the family as you navigate the challenging nineteen hole course. Located at the Promenade Park, the Pirates Bay Adventure Golf consists of many exciting features, including water explosions, cannons, talking pirates, and a huge pirate ship.

## PLUME LIBRARY

Plume Building, Market Hill, Maldon CM9 4PZ  
01621 854850 - [info@thomasplumeslibrary.co.uk](mailto:info@thomasplumeslibrary.co.uk)  
[www.thomasplumeslibrary.co.uk](http://www.thomasplumeslibrary.co.uk)

The Plume Library was founded in 1704 and houses Thomas Plume's collection of over eight thousand books and pamphlets. The library welcomes visitors, and groups by appointment, and it also has an online catalogue for you to explore on their website.

## PROMENADE PARK

Park Drive, Maldon CM9 5JQ  
01621 856503 - [tic@maldon.gov.uk](mailto:tic@maldon.gov.uk)

With over half a million visitors a year, the park is one of the most popular attractions in the Maldon District. Promenade Park is home to numerous attractions and also hosts events throughout the year, ranging from open air cinemas and car shows, to fireworks displays and food festivals.

## RIO CINEMA

31 High Street, Burnham-on-Crouch CM0 8HJ  
01621 783783 - [www.burnhamrio.co.uk](http://www.burnhamrio.co.uk)

The Rio Cinema is the only full time historic cinema in Essex and was built in 1931. This independently-owned cinema has two screens which show the latest films. You can enjoy historically low ticket prices at the Rio Cinema, and you can also enjoy its unique surroundings.

## RIVERSIDE PARK

Millfields, Burnham-on-Crouch CM0 8HS  
01621 784785 - [tic@maldon.gov.uk](mailto:tic@maldon.gov.uk)

The park has won numerous Green Flag Awards and has a naturalised area with several pathways to explore. Riverside Park also has wide open spaces for children to play, as well as for picnics, and also has play areas, outdoor sports facilities and the Dengie Hundred Sports Centre.

## SPLASH PARK

Promenade Park, Park Drive, Maldon CM9 5JQ  
01621 856503 - [tic@maldon.gov.uk](mailto:tic@maldon.gov.uk)

This fantastic children's water park is located at the centre of Promenade Park and is one of the most popular children's attractions in the Maldon District. This colourful water park has numerous interactive water features and is the perfect way to cool down during the summer heat.

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Vicarage Lane, Mundon CM9 6PA  
01621 740920  
[christinemcdonaldnorthey@btinternet.com](mailto:christinemcdonaldnorthey@btinternet.com)  
[friendsoffriendlesschurches.org.uk/mundon](http://friendsoffriendlesschurches.org.uk/mundon)

Cared for by the Friends of Friendless Churches, this church is now conserved as a Grade I listed medieval church. Behind St. Mary's Church, you can walk along a public path to view the ancient remains of an oak forest, known as the Mundon Oaks.

## ST. PETER'S ON THE WALL

East End Road, Bradwell-on-Sea CM0 7PW  
01621 776846 - [bradwellchurch@btinternet.com](mailto:bradwellchurch@btinternet.com)  
[www.bradwellchapel.org](http://www.bradwellchapel.org)

Built in 654, St. Peter's on the Wall is one of the oldest largely intact churches in England. The chapel is Grade I listed and was built with the remains of a Roman fort named Othona. St. Peter's Chapel continues to be used today and is always open for visitors.

## STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME

Hackman's Lane, Purleigh CM3 6RJ  
01245 329358 - [info@stowmaries.org.uk](mailto:info@stowmaries.org.uk)  
[www.stowmaries.org.uk](http://www.stowmaries.org.uk)

In use from 1916 to 1919 as a home defence station, Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome is Europe's largest surviving WWI aerodrome. It has many of its original buildings, as well as numerous exhibits and displays, and the aerodrome also hosts events throughout the year, including fly-ins.

## WOODHAM MORTIMER PITCH & PUTT

Burnham Road, Woodham Mortimer, Maldon CM9 6SR  
01245 222276 - [ian.moss@btconnect.com](mailto:ian.moss@btconnect.com)  
[www.wmgr.co.uk](http://www.wmgr.co.uk)

This pitch and putt course was built in the seventies and now has a mature tree-lined picturesque fairway. Distances range between fifty and seventy yards, and club hire is available. Woodham Mortimer Pitch & Putt is open all year round, and is open to all ages.



## BOAT TRIPS

### BASIN PLEASURE BOATS

Daisy Meadow Car Park,  
Heybridge Basin, Maldon CM9 4RR  
07835 657462

Experience an hour cruise aboard 'the Elver' which takes you along the historic Chelmer & Blackwater Navigation. Gently winding along the canal at a leisurely four knots gives you ample time to take in the scenery and wildlife. You can also enjoy a two hour sunset cruise.

### BURNHAM FERRY

(operates between Burnham Quayside and Wallsea Island)  
Burnham-on-Crouch CM0 8AR  
07704 060482 - [burnhamferry@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:burnhamferry@hotmail.co.uk)  
[www.burnhamferry.co.uk](http://www.burnhamferry.co.uk)

This ferry is the sole authorised ferry between Burnham-on-Crouch Town Quay and Essex Marina at Wallsea Island. Running from Easter until the end of September, the Burnham Ferry allows foot passengers and cyclists to cross the River Crouch.

### CHARTER DISCOVERY

Trips from The Quayside,  
Burnham on Crouch Essex Marina, Wallsea Island SS4 2HF  
07748 653900 - [charterdiscovery@gmail.com](mailto:charterdiscovery@gmail.com)  
[www.charterdiscovery.co.uk](http://www.charterdiscovery.co.uk)

Charter Discovery offer seal watching wildlife trips and fishing trips which leave from the Quay at Burnham-on-Crouch and Essex Marina. These trips give you the chance to get up close to nature and explore the deserted creeks and inlets of the Crouch and Roach estuaries.

## MARIGOLD CHARTERS

Downs Road Boatyard,  
19a Downs Road, Maldon CM9 5HG  
07801 364 135  
[info@marigoldcharters.co.uk](mailto:info@marigoldcharters.co.uk)  
[marigoldcharters.co.uk](http://marigoldcharters.co.uk)

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Marigold offers a variety of adventures on the River Blackwater where you can decide how you'd like to spend your time aboard. Available for charter throughout the year, you can also book individual places aboard Marigold and you are invited to get involved with the sailing.

## THAMES SAILING BARGE TRUST

Hythe Quay, Maldon CM9 5HN  
07840 862685 - [crewing@bargetrust.org](mailto:crewing@bargetrust.org)  
[www.bargetrust.org](http://www.bargetrust.org)

Sail on the historic Thames Sailing Barges with others as part of a crew of twelve, or charter the barge for your own group. The Thames Sailing Barge Trust offer day trips and multi-day trips from March to October, aboard Pudge, built in 1922, and Centaur, built in 1895.

## TOPSAIL CHARTERS

Cooks Barge Yard, The Hythe, Maldon CM9 5HN  
01621 857567 - [info@top-sail.co.uk](mailto:info@top-sail.co.uk)  
[www.top-sail.co.uk](http://www.top-sail.co.uk)

Take a trip aboard the iconic Thames Sailing Barges from the Hythe Quay in Maldon. Topsail Charters offer a variety of trips for you to enjoy, including afternoon tea sails, brunch and lunch sails, as well as weekend trips away and birdwatching cruises.

## VIKING SAGA

(moored at The Little Blue Jetty on The Hythe)  
Landbreach Ltd, Downs Road, Maldon CM9 5HT  
01621 843334 - 07836 715685  
[www.vikingsaga.co.uk](http://www.vikingsaga.co.uk)

This traditional pleasure boat offers trips along the Blackwater Estuary with full commentary from a knowledgeable skipper. You can enjoy a forty minute cruise aboard the Viking Saga or a longer two island cruise, which offers extensive views of the estuary and creeks.



# ATTRACTIONS

## NATURE RESERVES/GARDENS

### BEELEIGH ABBEY GARDENS

Abbey Turning, London Road,  
Maldon CM9 6LL  
07779 223321

The gardens are comprised of three acres of grounds, set by the private residence of Beeleigh Abbey, which dates back to the 12th century. Open for a few days during the warmer months, the gardens are certainly a delight to visit throughout spring and summer.

### BLUE HOUSE FARM NATURE RESERVE

Fambridge Road, North Fambridge CM3 6NA  
01621 862960 - [www.essexwt.org.uk](http://www.essexwt.org.uk)

This 600 acre reserve is a working farm, consisting mainly of coastal grazing marsh with an area in arable production. Originally saltmarsh, Blue House Farm is now used as grazing pasture and is also home to diverse wildlife, including huge numbers of wildfowl and wading birds.

### BRADWELL SHELL BANK

Southminster CM0 7PW  
01621 862960 - [admin@essexwt.org.uk](mailto:admin@essexwt.org.uk)  
[www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/bradwell-shell-bank](http://www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/bradwell-shell-bank)

The reserve consists of thirty acres of shell bank with extensive saltmarsh and is also known as Bradwell Cackle Spit. The spit has been built up by tidal currents and is mainly cockle and oyster shells. Bradwell Shell Bank is home to a wide variety of species, including overwintering waders.

### CHIGBOROUGH LAKES

Maldon CM9 4RE  
01621 862960 - [admin@essexwt.org.uk](mailto:admin@essexwt.org.uk)  
[www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/chigborough-lakes](http://www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/chigborough-lakes)

This diverse 46 acre site consists of flooded gravel pits, and has a wide range of habitats. Over 120 species of bird have been recorded at the reserve, and it is also home to interesting flowers and trees, Grass Snakes, and signs of otters have recently been found.

### FRIARY WALLED GARDEN

Maldon CM9 5FW  
01621 855902 - [lindalister96@googlemail.com](mailto:lindalister96@googlemail.com)  
[www.friarywalledgarden.wordpress.com](http://www.friarywalledgarden.wordpress.com)

This unexpected green oasis hides behind the ancient red-brick walls adjacent to Maldon Library. Many of the plants found at this lovingly restored garden can be attributed more to the gardeners of the nineteenth century, who grew fruit, vegetables and medicinal herbs.

### LAURISTON FARM

Goldhanger CM9 8AH  
01621 788348 - [spencer@lauristonfarm.co.uk](mailto:spencer@lauristonfarm.co.uk)  
[www.lauristonfarm.co.uk](http://www.lauristonfarm.co.uk)

The farm is managed by using biodynamic techniques and is home to rare breed cattle and sheep, bee hives, laying hens, vegetables, and woodland. Lauriston Farm also produces Demeter certified beef and lamb, as well as organically certified knitting yarn, sheepskin rugs and throws.

### MALDON WICK MEADOW

Maldon CM9 6GG  
01621 862960 - [admin@essexwt.org.uk](mailto:admin@essexwt.org.uk)  
[www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/maldon-wick](http://www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/maldon-wick)

This fifteen acre reserve consists of a 1.5 miles of the former Maldon-Woodham Ferrers railway line. The reserve has earned a reputation for its butterflies, with twenty-eight different species recorded and it is also home to flowering plants, glow worms and numerous species of dragonflies.

### NORTHEY ISLAND

Maldon CM9 6PP  
01621 853142 - [northeyisland@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:northeyisland@nationaltrust.org.uk)  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/northey-island](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/northey-island)

Owned by the National Trust, Northey Island is an internationally important haven for birds and can be visited by arrangement with the warden. Its causeway is the oldest recorded battlefield site in England, and is where the Battle of Maldon 991 took place.

### OLD HALL MARSHES

9 Old Hall Lane, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Maldon CM9 8TP  
01621 869015 - [oldhallmarshes@rspb.org.uk](mailto:oldhallmarshes@rspb.org.uk)  
[www.rspb.org.uk/oldhallmarshes](http://www.rspb.org.uk/oldhallmarshes)

This reserve comprises of extensive grazing marshes with brackish water fleets, reedbeds, saltmarsh and two off-shore islands. Covering 1560 acres, Old Hall Marshes is home to vibrant wildlife, including overwintering birds and breeding birds such as brent geese, avocets and wigeons.

### OXLEY MEADOW

Park Lane, Tolleshunt Knights, Maldon CM9 8HB  
01621 862960 - [admin@essexwt.org.uk](mailto:admin@essexwt.org.uk)  
[www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/oxley-meadow](http://www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/oxley-meadow)

The eight acre reserve consists of two flower-rich meadows surrounded by dense and mature hedgerows with a number of mature oaks. Oxley Meadow is renowned for its large numbers of Green-Winged orchids and Adders-tongue fern during the springtime.

### RHS GARDEN HYDE HALL

Creep hedge Lane, Rettendon,  
Chelmsford CM3 8ET  
0845 265 8071 - [hydehall@rhs.org.uk](mailto:hydehall@rhs.org.uk)  
[www.rhs.org.uk/hydehall](http://www.rhs.org.uk/hydehall)

Open all year round, you can enjoy the peace and tranquility of this garden with its eclectic mix of style from traditional to modern. Hyde Hall hosts numerous exhibitions, craft fairs and other events throughout the year and has a café, restaurant and the RHS Shop and Plant Centre.

### SHUT HEATH WOOD

Great Totham CM8 3ED  
01621 862960 - [admin@essexwt.org.uk](mailto:admin@essexwt.org.uk)  
[www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/shut-heath-wood](http://www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/shut-heath-wood)

This fifty acre reserve is just below the crest of the Great Totham Ridge and consists of twenty-three acres of ancient woodland and twenty-seven acres of arable land. Shut Heath Wood is known for its wonderful carpet of bluebells in the springtime.

### STOW MARIES HALT

Chelmsford CM3 6SJ  
01621 862960 - [admin@essexwt.org.uk](mailto:admin@essexwt.org.uk)  
[www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/stow-maries-halt](http://www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/stow-maries-halt)

The 5.5 acre reserve consists of the former Stow Maries Halt on the disused Maldon to South Woodham Ferrers railway line, along with an adjoining four acre meadow acquired later. The remains of the platform are still visible by the entrance to the reserve.

### TOLLESBURY WICK MARSHES

Off Mell Road, Tollesbury, Maldon CM9 8SE  
01621 862960 - [admin@essexwt.org.uk](mailto:admin@essexwt.org.uk)  
[www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/tollesbury-wick](http://www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/tollesbury-wick)

The 600 acre reserve is made up of rough pasture, sea walls, wet flushes, pools and saltmarsh. Tollesbury Wick Marshes is a rare example of an Essex fresh water grazing marsh, worked for decades by traditional methods and is home to an abundance of wildlife.

### ULTING WICK

Ulting, Maldon CM9 6QX  
01245 380216  
[philippa.burrough@btinternet.com](mailto:philippa.burrough@btinternet.com)  
[www.ultingwickgarden.co.uk](http://www.ultingwickgarden.co.uk)

A dynamic and colourful garden that has featured in all major gardening magazines in the UK and also some abroad. It has also featured on BBC Gardeners World. There are 4 ½ acres of formal garden including a kitchen garden, many herbaceous borders, 2 greenhouses, a white and a pink garden and dramatic Old farmyard garden. There is also a perennial wildflower meadow, woodland and a large pond. The garden is dynamic and constantly evolving and changing and is especially known for its use of colour set against 4 listed Black Essex barns.

### WALLASEA ISLAND

Grappells Farm, Creeksea Ferry Road,  
Rochford SS4 2HD  
01268 498620 - [southessex@rspb.org.uk](mailto:southessex@rspb.org.uk)  
[www.rspb.org.uk/wallaseaisland](http://www.rspb.org.uk/wallaseaisland)

The aim of this project is to combat the threats from climate change and coastal flooding by recreating the ancient wetland landscape of mudflats and saltmarsh, lagoons and pasture. It will also help to compensate for the loss of such tidal habitats elsewhere in England. Once completed, this will provide a haven for a wonderful array of nationally and internationally important wildlife and an amazing place for the local community, and those from further afield, to come and enjoy.

### WOODHAM WALTER COMMON

Common Lane, Woodham Walter CM9 6NF

This site is part of a large network of nature reserves that make up the Danbury Ridge Complex. Woodham Walter Common is mainly secondary woodland with a few open areas where heather grows. There is a network of paths with good links to Danbury, Woodham Walter and Little Baddow. There are numerous pedestrian access points including Common Lane, Green Lane and Twitty Fee Lane. However, the nearest parking is in Runsell Lane, Danbury.



# FOOD & DRINK

## PUBS

### THE CHEQUERS

The Square, Goldhanger CM9 8AS  
01621 788203  
[www.thechequersgoldhanger.co.uk](http://www.thechequersgoldhanger.co.uk)

14th Century Inn, with original period features including billiards room and open fires. Modern and traditional pub food including local sourced ingredients. Dogs welcome except in the restaurant area.

### THE QUEEN'S HEAD

Hythe Quay, Maldon CM9 5HN  
01621 854112  
[www.queensheadmaldon.co.uk](http://www.queensheadmaldon.co.uk)

Riverside pub with outside seating area next to Thames Barges. Brunch, Lunch, Dinner, Children's Menu.

### CARPENTERS ARMS

33 Gate Street, Maldon CM9 5QF  
01621 859896  
[www.grayandsons.co.uk/Carpenters](http://www.grayandsons.co.uk/Carpenters)

15th Century, town centre pub specialising in Real Ales. Annual Beer and Cider Festivals. Lunchtime bar snacks.

### THE SUNNY SAILOR

1 Fullbridge, Maldon CM9 4LE  
01621 858704  
[www.thesunnysailor.co.uk](http://www.thesunnysailor.co.uk)

Historical, riverside, listed building between Maldon & Heybridge. Open fire. Real Ales. Regular Live Music Events. Lunch. Decking with seats overlooking River Chelmer.

### THE SHIP INN

52 High Street, Burnham on Crouch CM0 8AA  
01621 785057  
[www.theshipinnburnham.co.uk](http://www.theshipinnburnham.co.uk)

Town Centre pub serving Real Ales & Cocktails. Lunch, Dinner, Sunday Roast Children's Menu.

### THREE HORSESHOES

Burnham Road, Althorne CM3 6DP  
01621 740307

Countryside pub, short drive from Burnham on Crouch. Outdoor Seating Area. River Views. Lunch, Dinner & Sunday Roast. Vegetarian and Gluten Free Options. Closed on Mondays except Bank Holidays.

### YE OLDE WHITE HARTE

The Quay, Burnham on Crouch CM0 8AS  
01621 782106  
[www.whiteharteburnham.co.uk](http://www.whiteharteburnham.co.uk)

Historical, Quayside Pub. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & Sunday Roast. Accommodation. Carpark.

### THE QUEEN'S HEAD

Providence, Burnham on Crouch CM0 8JU  
01621 784825  
[www.grayandsons.co.uk/queensburnham.htm](http://www.grayandsons.co.uk/queensburnham.htm)

Town centre pub serving Real Ale. Homemade Food. Beer Garden. Regular Live Music. Pub Games. Beer Festival in August. Next to Free Carpark.

### THE BELL

The Street, Purleigh CM3 6QJ  
01621 828348  
[www.purleighbell.co.uk](http://www.purleighbell.co.uk)

Historical Village Pub serving Real Ales, New Hall Wines, Lunch & Dinner. Hilltop Location with Countryside Views. Included in Good Beer Guide. Children, Walkers & Dogs Welcome. On St Peter's Walk and Three Dengie Pub Walk. Closed on Mondays except Bank Holidays.

### THE BELL

The Street, Woodham Walter CM9 6RF  
01245 223437  
[www.thebellpub.biz](http://www.thebellpub.biz)

Historical 16th Century Village Pub serving Real Ales, Lunch, Dinner & Sunday Roast. Open Fires & Beer Garden. Local Countryside Walks. Closed on Mondays.

### THE PRINCE OF WALES

Woodham Road, Stow Maries CM3 6SA  
01621 828971  
[www.prince-stowmaries.net](http://www.prince-stowmaries.net)

Historical Village Pub serving Real Ales & Homemade Food including Home Smoked Fish and Meat. Open Fires. Accommodation. Close To Stow Maries WW1 Airfield, Battlesbridge Antique Centre and Hyde Hall.

### THE WHITE HORSE

Main Road, Mundon CM9 6PB  
01621 740276

Traditional Village Pub serving Real Ales, Lunch, Dinner & Sunday Roast. Garden. Live Music Events. Close to Mundon Creek Walk and Petrified Oaks. Short Drive From Maldon.

### THE GREEN MAN

Waterside Road, Bradwell on Sea CM0 7QX  
01621 776226  
[www.greenmanbradwellonseaco.uk](http://www.greenmanbradwellonseaco.uk)

16th Century, Waterside, Village Pub (once a Smugglers Inn). Lunch & Dinner specialising in Fresh Fish. Vegetarian Options, Children's Menu & Family Room. Open Fire. Beer Garden. Accommodation. Adjacent to Blackwater Estuary and Marina. Walk to St Peter's Chapel and RAF War Memorial.

### THE SWAN

School Road, Little Totham CM9 8LB  
01621 331713  
[www.yell.com/biz/the-swan-maldon-8103059](http://www.yell.com/biz/the-swan-maldon-8103059)

Historical, Traditional Countryside Village Pub serving Real Ales, Brunch, Lunch & Dinner. Open Fire. Outdoor Seating. Children, Dogs and Walkers Welcome. CAMRA Award Winners. Beer Festivals. Live Music. Pub Games. Local Footpath Walks.

## RESTAURANTS

### EL GUACA MEXICAN GRILL

122 High Street, Maldon CM9 5ET  
01621 852009  
[www.elguaca.co.uk](http://www.elguaca.co.uk)

Mexican dishes. Family friendly.

### MALDON TANDOORI

191 - 193 High Street, Maldon CM9 5BU  
01621 850985  
[www.maldontandoori.co.uk](http://www.maldontandoori.co.uk)

Indian/Bangladeshi Restaurant and Takeaway. Vegetarian & Gluten Free Options.

### THE FRIENDLY FRIER

13 High Street, Maldon CM9 5PB  
01621 853647

Fish & Chip Restaurant & Takeaway. Gluten Free Options.

### LE BOUCHON

Holloway Road, Heybridge CM9 4LT  
01621 856511  
[www.lebouchon.co.uk](http://www.lebouchon.co.uk)

Restaurant, Hotel, Tea Room & Cocktails. Boat trip from Heybridge Basin.

### RUBINO KITCHEN @ CHIGBOROUGH LODGE

Chigborough Farm, Chigborough Road, Heybridge CM9 4RE  
01621 855579  
[www.rubinokitchen.co.uk](http://www.rubinokitchen.co.uk)

Breakfast, Lunch, Tea, Dinner & Sunday Roast.

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### HARBOUR VIEW BISTRO & BAR

Tollesbury Marina Cruising Club, Woodrolfe Road, Tollesbury CM9 8SE  
01621 869561  
[www.theharbourview.co.uk](http://www.theharbourview.co.uk)

Vegetarian & Gluten Free options.

### BELLA'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

80 High Street, Burnham on Crouch CM0 8AA  
01621 782686  
[www.bellas-bistro.com](http://www.bellas-bistro.com)

Authentic Italian cuisine.

### SGT. PEPPER'S

3 High Street, Burnham on Crouch CM0 8AG  
01621 786500  
[www.home.btconnect.com/sgtpeppers](http://www.home.btconnect.com/sgtpeppers)

Restaurant, Cocktail Bar & Takeaway. Lunch, Dinner, Sunday Roast & Children's Menu.

### THE POLASH

169 Station Road, Burnham on Crouch CM0 8HJ  
01621 782233

Indian/Bangladeshi/Balti Restaurant and Takeaway.

### JASMIN ORIENTAL

17 High Street, Southminster CM0 7AY  
01621 774222  
Vegetarian & Gluten Free Options.

### HARDY'S BAR AND GRILL

36 Imperial Avenue, Mayland CM3 6AH  
01621 740791  
[www.hardys-mayland.com](http://www.hardys-mayland.com)

Lunch & Dinner. Children's Menu & Vegetarian Options.

### HOLLY'S DINER

Burnham Road, Latchingdon CM3 6EX  
01621 782233

American Style Family Restaurant.



# FOOD & DRINK

## CAFÉS & TEA ROOMS

### THE BARGE TEAROOMS & CAFÉ

Cooks Barge Yard, The Hythe, Maldon CM9 5HN  
01621 857567  
[www.top-sail.co.uk/food/barge-tea-rooms](http://www.top-sail.co.uk/food/barge-tea-rooms)  
Open Winter / early Spring only.

### TALL GREEN HOUSE CAFÉ & TEA ROOM

22 High Street, Burnham on Crouch CM0 8AA  
01621 928010  
[www.tallgreenhouse.co.uk](http://www.tallgreenhouse.co.uk)

### THE QUAYSIDE CAFÉ

The Quay, Burnham on Crouch CM0 8AT  
01621 783350  
[www.quaysiderestaurant.co.uk](http://www.quaysiderestaurant.co.uk)

### HARBOUR ANTIQUES AND GEORGIAN TEA GARDEN

7 High Street, Burnham on Crouch CM0 8AG  
01621 786412  
Open Summer months only.

### ANNLEY HOUSE TEA ROOM & CAFÉ

Burnham Road, Althorne CM3 6BL  
01621 740911

### PARLOUR CAFÉ AT CREEKSEA BARNES

Creeksea Place Farm, Ferry Road, Creeksea CM0 8PG  
01621 785292  
[www.parlour-cafe.com](http://www.parlour-cafe.com)

### THE LOCK TEAROOM

Basin Road, Heybridge Basin CM9 4RS  
01621 854466

### THE LOFT TEA ROOM

Woodrolfe Road, Tollesbury CM9 8SE  
01621 869063

### THE BRAXTED BAKERY & TEA ROOM

Homefield House, Witham Road, Little Braxted CM8 3ET  
07740 117688  
[www.thebraxtedbakery.co.uk](http://www.thebraxtedbakery.co.uk)

### STEAM PUMP TEA ROOM & CAFÉ

Museum of Power, Hatfield Road, Langford CM9 6QA  
01621 843183  
[www.museumofpower.org.uk/Tearoom](http://www.museumofpower.org.uk/Tearoom)

## BREWERIES & TAP ROOMS

### THE MALDON BREWING COMPANY LTD

The Blue Boar Stable Yard, Silver Street, Maldon CM9 4QE  
01621 851000  
[www.maldonbrewing.co.uk](http://www.maldonbrewing.co.uk)

### FARMERS YARD MICRO-PUB AND BOTTLE SHOP FROM MALDON BREWING COMPANY

140 High Street, Maldon CM9 5BX 01621 854202  
[www.maldonmicropub.co.uk](http://www.maldonmicropub.co.uk)

### MIGHTY OAK BREWERY

Unit 14B West Station Yard, Maldon CM9 6TW  
01621 843713  
[www.mightyoakbrewing.co.uk](http://www.mightyoakbrewing.co.uk)

### MIGHTY OAK TAP ROOM

10 High Street, Maldon CM9 5PJ  
01621 853892

### WIBBLERS BREWERY, TAP ROOM AND KITCHEN

Goldsands Road, Southminster CM0 7JW  
01621 772044  
[www.wibblers.co.uk](http://www.wibblers.co.uk)



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## VINEYARDS & WINERIES

### NEW HALL VINEYARD

Chelmsford Road, Purleigh CM3 6PN  
01621 828343  
[www.newhallwines.com](http://www.newhallwines.com)

### MARTIN'S LANE ESTATES (STOW MARIES) LLP

Scarr Cottage, Woodham Road, Stow Maries CM3 6SB  
01621 828903  
[www.martinslane.co.uk](http://www.martinslane.co.uk)

### CLAYHILL VINEYARD

Lower Burnham Road, Latchingdon CM3 6HF  
07771 995460  
[www.clayhillvineyard.co.uk](http://www.clayhillvineyard.co.uk)

### CROUCH RIDGE VINEYARD

Althorne Hall farm, Fambridge Road, Althorne CM3 6BZ  
07970527892  
[www.crouchridge.com](http://www.crouchridge.com)

*For more places to eat and drink please see [visitmaldondistrict.co.uk](http://visitmaldondistrict.co.uk)*



# ACCOMMODATION

## B&BS & GUESTHOUSES

### 32 THE HYPHE

32 The Hythe, Maldon CM9 5HN  
01621 859435 / 07753 135108

Family-run B&B overlooking Hythe Quay with Thames Barges moored opposite and easy access to Promenade Park.

[gibbsie@live.co.uk](mailto:gibbsie@live.co.uk)  
[www.thehythemaldon.co.uk](http://www.thehythemaldon.co.uk)  
£80.00 to £100.00 per room per night

### HANSON HOUSE

58 Holloway Road, Heybridge, Maldon CM9 4SQ  
01621 857788 / 07932 613835

A purpose built 2 bedroom annex in the gardens of a cottage in a semi rural location in Heybridge.

[johnhanson2@btconnect.com](mailto:johnhanson2@btconnect.com)  
[www.hansonhouse.co.uk](http://www.hansonhouse.co.uk)  
£45.00 to £77.00 per room per night for bed & breakfast

### PRINCE OF WALES

Stow Maries CM3 6SA  
01621 828971

A traditional village pub with a unique character located in Stow Maries, with a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

[www.prince-stowmaries.net](http://www.prince-stowmaries.net)  
£75.00 to £95.00 per room per night

### PURLEIGH BARN

Cold Norton Road, Latchingdon CM3 6NS  
01621 741274 / 07710 495415

Modern farmhouse in a rural setting benefitting from space, peace and quiet and plenty of parking.

[chartantilly@aol.com](mailto:chartantilly@aol.com)  
[www.purleighbarnsbandbmaldon](http://www.purleighbarnsbandbmaldon)  
£30.00 to £40.00 per person per night for bed & breakfast for normal occupancy

### TATOI BED AND BREAKFAST

4\* Quality rating

31 Acacia Drive, Maldon CM9 6AW  
01621 853841 / 07860 162328

Detached family house in a quiet residential area within walking distance of the town and Hythe Quay.

[bookings@tatoiBedAndBreakfast.com](mailto:bookings@tatoiBedAndBreakfast.com)  
[www.tatoiBedAndBreakfast.com](http://www.tatoiBedAndBreakfast.com)  
£28.00 to £50.00 per room per night for bed & breakfast

### THE LIMES GUESTHOUSE

4\* Quality rating

21 Market Hill, Maldon CM9 4PZ  
01621 850350

Beautiful grade two listed building with sumptuous rooms decorated to a high standard, providing comfortable accommodation for business or social occasions.

[info@limes-maldon.uk](mailto:info@limes-maldon.uk)  
[www.limes-maldon.uk](http://www.limes-maldon.uk)  
£80.00 to £130.00 per room per night for bed & breakfast

### THE OYSTER SMACK INN

4\* Quality rating

112 Station Road, Burnham-on-Crouch CM0 8HR  
01621 782141

Contemporary independent restaurant offering elegantly decorated rooms a short walk from the River Crouch.

[info@theoystersmackinn.co.uk](mailto:info@theoystersmackinn.co.uk)  
[www.theoystersmackinn.co.uk](http://www.theoystersmackinn.co.uk)  
£110.00 to £140.00 per room per night  
£80.00 to £120.00 per room per night for bed & breakfast

### THE STAR INN, STEEPLE

The Street, Steeple CM0 7LF  
01621 772646

Bedrooms located next to traditional public house on Dengie Peninsula. Great for away from it all breaks.

[info@starsteeple.co.uk](mailto:info@starsteeple.co.uk)  
£35.00 to £55.00 per room per night

### WHITE HORSE PUBLIC HOUSE

26 High Street, Maldon CM9 5PJ  
01621 840308

Traditional pub with restaurant offering newly refurbished rooms overlooking the town centre.

[info@whitehorsemaldon.co.uk](mailto:info@whitehorsemaldon.co.uk)  
[www.shepherdneame.co.uk/pubs/maldon/white-horse](http://www.shepherdneame.co.uk/pubs/maldon/white-horse)

### THE BULL GREAT TOTHAM

2 Maldon Road, Great Totham, Maldon CM9 8NH  
01621 893385

The delightful cottage set in the grounds has been tastefully renovated to provide four beautifully appointed double en-suite bedrooms.

[reservations@thebullatgreattotham.co.uk](mailto:reservations@thebullatgreattotham.co.uk)  
[www.thebullatgreattotham.co.uk](http://www.thebullatgreattotham.co.uk)



## HOTELS

### LE BOUCHON HOTEL & BRASSERIE

The Square, Holloway Road, Heybridge CM9 4LT  
01621 856511

A grade II listed, 300 year old Georgian building in the small village of Heybridge, close to Maldon.

[enquiries@lebouchon.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@lebouchon.co.uk)  
[www.lebouchon.co.uk](http://www.lebouchon.co.uk)

### CROWNE PLAZA COLCHESTER FIVE LAKES

AA 4 STAR HOTEL

Colchester Road, Tolleshunt Knights, Maldon CM9 8HX  
01621 868888

Set in 320 acres of countryside, the newly refurbished resort offers leisure facilities, two magnificent 18-hole golf courses, an on-site Spa and two restaurants.

[enquiries@cpcolchester.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@cpcolchester.co.uk)  
[www.cpcolchester.co.uk](http://www.cpcolchester.co.uk)  
£65.00 to £175.00 per room per night for bed & breakfast

### OSEA ISLAND RESORT

Maldon CM9 8UH - 020 73846403

A private island with an array of accommodation, from the charming Manor House, a grand Edwardian seaside residence, sleeping up to 20 to a small hamlet of 10 beautifully appointed period cottages offering rustic chic.

[info@oseaisland.co.uk](mailto:info@oseaisland.co.uk)  
[www.oseaisland.co.uk](http://www.oseaisland.co.uk)  
£300 - £6700 pupw sleeps 2-20

## SELF CATERING

### BEEHIVE COTTAGE NO.10

Fish Street, Goldhanger CM9 8AT  
01621 788488

This quaint cottage was once one of twelve Ale Houses in the village of Goldhanger. It has a large fireplace and wood burner to keep you cosy in the lounge/diner and the modern kitchen is well equipped with everything you may need. With 1 double and 1 single bedroom and a modern shower room it accommodates 2 or 3 people.

[info@beehivecottages.co.uk](mailto:info@beehivecottages.co.uk)  
[www.beehivecottages.co.uk](http://www.beehivecottages.co.uk)

### BEELEIGH FALLS

The Garden Annexe, Maldon CM9 6LL  
01621 857722 / 07703 344205

Ground floor riverside property in extremely rural location. Fully furnished to provide every comfort.

[sue@beeleigh.com](mailto:sue@beeleigh.com)  
Self-catering with 1 unit, £420-£455 pupw sleeps 1-4

### CREEKSEA PLACE BARN

Ferry Road, Burnham On Crouch CM0 8PJ  
01621 786503 / 07725 082885

Luxury holiday accommodation set on a picturesque farm in beautiful countryside, in a lovingly restored historic Essex barn.

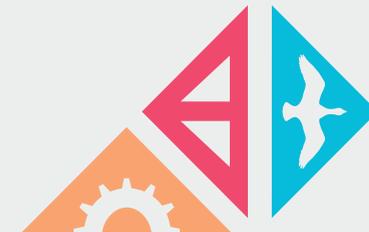
[info@creekseaplacebarns.co.uk](mailto:info@creekseaplacebarns.co.uk)  
[www.creekseaplacebarns.com](http://www.creekseaplacebarns.com)  
Self-catering with 15 units, £70-£1995 pupw sleeps 1-30

### CURRY FARM

Mill End, Bradwell on Sea CM0 7HL  
01621 776547 / 07979 780159

Close to the Essex coast and situated in 65 acres of private nature reserve.

[jeanmillend@btinternet.com](mailto:jeanmillend@btinternet.com)  
[www.curryfarm.co.uk](http://www.curryfarm.co.uk)  
Self-catering with 1 unit, £400 pupw sleeps 1-4



# ACCOMMODATION

## SELF CATERING (CONTINUED)

### EAST WARE FARM HOLIDAY COTTAGES

Bridgewick Road, Tillingham, Southminster CM0 7UN  
01621 786846 / 07787 100588

Old barns converted into luxury 4 star holiday cottages with games room and courtyard in a peaceful setting.

lyn@ponder.eclipse.co.uk  
www.eastwarefarm.co.uk

Self-catering with 3 units, £270-£470 pupw sleeps 4-6

### HALL FARM COTTAGES

Fambridge Road, Althorne, Essex CM3 6BZ  
07522 106539

Hall Farm Cottages are luxurious self-catering flats, constructed in 2005-06 from a Barn conversion offering ideal accommodation for anyone looking for self-catering in the Maldon area in Essex.

info@hall-farm-cottages.co.uk  
Self-catering with 5 units, £460-£580 pupw sleeps 1-6

### MEADOWS BARN

4\* Quality rating

Assets Lane, Woodham Walter, Essex, CM3 4BZ  
01787 210040 / 07594 425443

New barn converted into luxury apartments in the peace and tranquillity of picturesque countryside.

info@meadowsbarn.co.uk  
www.meadowsbarn.co.uk

Self-catering with 4 units, £630-£980 pupw sleeps 1-12

### SHIP AHOY COTTAGES

Old Hall Farm, Old Hall Lane, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Maldon, Essex CM9 8TP  
01621 869190

Ideal base for a family holiday or short break with access to fantastic walks around the saltmarsh coast.

info@ship-ahoy.co.uk  
www.ship-ahoy.co.uk

Self-catering with 3 units, £320-£490 pupw sleeps 1-2

### THATCHED COTTAGES

4\* Quality Rating

1 & 3 Mill Road, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex CM0 8PZ  
07767 807156

Award winning thatched cottages set in own private gardens. Easy access to the town, station, river & yacht clubs.

fiona@thethatchedcottages.co.uk  
www.thethatchedcottages.co.uk

Self-catering with 2 units, £400-£550 pupw sleeps 1-4

## HOLIDAY VILLAGES AND PARKS

### EASTLAND MEADOWS COUNTRY PARK

East End Road, Bradwell-on-Sea, Essex CM0 7PP  
01621 776800 / 07734 080410

Small privately owned park, very select in the heart of the countryside. Country Club, laundrette and cafe/shop.

enquiries@eastlandmeadows.co.uk  
www.eastlandmeadows.co.uk

Holiday Park with 10 units, £125-£375 pupw sleeps 1-6

### OSEA LEISURE PARK

4\* quality rating

Goldhanger Road, Heybridge, Essex CM9 4SA  
01621 854695

A quiet, family owned and run park on the banks of the Blackwater Estuary, offering camping, glamping and holiday home ownership.

info@osealeisure.com  
www.osealeisure.com

Holiday Park with 49 units, £15-£80 pupw sleeps 1-8

### ST LAWRENCE HOLIDAY PARK

3\* Quality rating

10 Main Road, St. Lawrence Bay, Southminster, Essex CM0 7LY - 01621 779434

Family run park since 1948 situated on River Blackwater. Quiet, cosy and friendly. Water sports, sailing, skiing and fishing available.

enquiries@slcaravans.co.uk  
www.slcaravans.co.uk

Holiday Park with 215 units, £140 pupw sleeps 2

## CARAVAN PARKS

### BURNHAM WICK FARM

Wick Road, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex CM0 8LU  
01621 782128

Medium-sized arable farm adjoining the River Crouch near Burnham-on-Crouch with pitches for Caravan Club members.

zimsmiths@yahoo.co.uk  
www.burnhamwickfarm.co.uk  
Touring & Camping Park with 6 pitches

### CHIGBOROUGH CAMPSITE

Chigborough Farm, Chigborough Road, Heybridge, Maldon CM9 4RE  
01621 852113 / 07702 24440

Touring and camping area, a short walk from the sea, nestled in unspoilt countryside with fishing lakes and many facilities.

chigborofisheries@googlemail.com  
Touring & Camping Park with 15 pitches, £15-£25 ptpn

### SILVER ROAD CARAVAN PARK

5 Silver Road, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex CM0 8LA  
01621 782934

This quiet site at the end of Burnham-on-Crouch High Street has 60 large, level, grass pitches, each with an electric hook-up.

silverroadcaravanpark@gmail.com  
Holiday & Touring Park with 60 pitches

## STEEPLE BAY HOLIDAY PARK

Holiday Village, Essex CM0 7RS  
01621 773991

Ideal park for those who want to escape life's hustle and bustle. With private slipway for boating and fishing, a heated leisure pool, children's paddling pool and live entertainment at the Riverside Centre.

steeple@parkholidays.com  
www.parkholidays.com  
Holiday, Touring & Camping Park with 60 pitches

## WATERSIDE HOLIDAY PARK

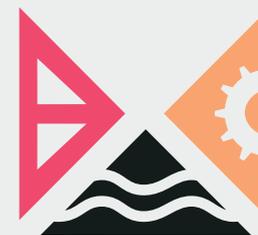
3\* Quality rating

Main Road, St. Lawrence Bay, Southminster, Essex CM0 7LY  
0344 3353754

Ideal for a leisurely getaway, set on the back shores of the Blackwater Estuary.

waterside@park-resorts.com  
www.park-resorts.com/holiday-parks/essex/waterside/  
Holiday & Touring Park with 83 pitches, £7-£32 ptpn

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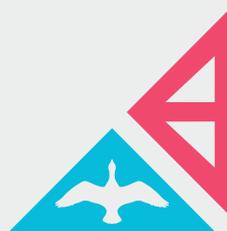


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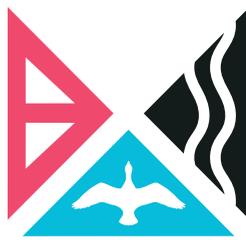
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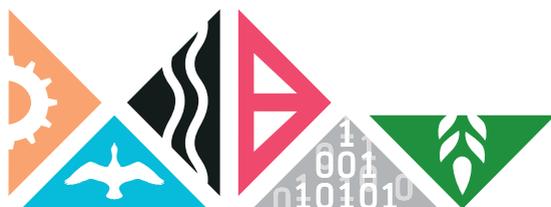
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