

East Bergholt Lodge Local Attractions

Colchester Zoo

Where? Maldon Road Stanway Colchester Essex CO3 0SL. It's 17.5 miles 26 minutes via A12/ 14.7miles, 35 minutes on the A137.

One of the best and most popular zoos in Europe, Colchester Zoo holds over 260 species of animal within 60 acres of parkland and lakes. There are also 4 adventure play areas, and an undercover soft-play area, for when the kids get tired of walking around...

There are numerous restaurants and cafes on site, as well as a picnic area and gift shop; accessible

Open 9.30am.

East Anglian Railway Museum

Where? Chappel Station, Wakes Colne, Essex, CO6 2DS. It's 16.5 miles, 23 minutes via the A12/ 17.8 miles, 39 minutes via the B1068/ 17.1 miles 38 minutes via the B1068 and B1087

Based at Chappel railway station, the museum tells the story of the trains, and people living nearby from the 1840s to the present day.

Opens 10am-4pm

Prices:

Adults: £5.00

Seniors: £4.25

Children: £2.50 (Child admission is charged from ages 4-15)

There is a gift shop at reception. Parking is situated on the approach drive to the museum. During events, the front fields provide additional parking spaces.

Disabled parking is located in the museum yard. If you require it please ask at reception when you arrive. Disabled toilets are available in reception. Everywhere but the footbridge between platforms 1 and 2 is accessible.

Gnome Magic

Where? Old Ipswich Road, Ardleigh, Colchester, Essex, CO7 6HU. It's 7.6 miles, 12 minutes via A12/ 9.6 miles, 22 minutes via A137.

Open 10am-5pm. Prices: Adults £5.00, Senior Citizen £4.50, Children (5-16) £3.00, children under 3 go free.

An unusual treat for all the family, with a delightful exhibition of gnomes and friends hidden away in amazing gardens and a mysterious wood.

A private car park is available, and a tearoom.

Flatford: Bridge Cottage

Where? Flatford, East Bergholt, CO7 6UL. It's 2 miles, 5 minutes via Straight and Gandish Road/ 2.2 minutes and 6 miles via Straight Road.

In the heart of Dedham Vale lies the quaint little hamlet of Flatford, the place that inspired most of John Constable's paintings. There are lots to do, including guided tours, hiring rowing boats and nature trails for children.

Opens 9.30am-5pm.

Mistley Place Park

Where? New Road, Mistley, Manningtree, Essex, CO11 1ER. It's 4.8 miles and 12 minutes via B1070.

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| Tuesday | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm |
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| Thursday | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm |
| Friday | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm |
| Saturday | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm |
| Sunday | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm |

Admission prices:

Adults £4.00

Children £3.00

Over 60s £3.50

Mistley Place Park is home to almost 2,000 rescued animals (and counting!), including geese, guinea pigs, chickens, rabbits, peacocks and alpacas, all waiting for you to come and see them.

There are also some lovely tearooms outside of the park, selling sandwiches and afternoon -tea, as well as roast dinners on Wednesday and Sundays. Fish and chips is the special dish for Fridays.

Open 10am until dusk – the Park is closed on Mondays except in the school holidays.

Walton Pier

Where? Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex, CO14 8ES. It's 19.1 miles and 41 minutes via B1035.

There's so much to do at Walton Pier – ten-pin bowling, fishing, visiting the funfair, and scoffing as many doughnuts as possible (not necessarily in that order!).

1 HOURS BOWLING

Monday-Friday £16.95

Weekends and school/bank holidays £18.95

£2.95 PER GAME

Monday-Friday (per person) Adult and Juniors

£3.95 PER GAME

Weekends and school/bank holidays (per person) Adult and Juniors

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

Burger & Bowl

2 games + Burger & Chips

£5.95 per person!

To find out more or to make a booking, please telephone 01255 675646

Tenpin Bowling is open 7 days a week
from 10am.

Amusements open daily
10am peak / 11am off peak.

Funfair Rides - please telephone
01255 672288 for opening dates and times before your visit.

Colchester Castle

Where? Castle Park, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1TJ. It's 11.7 miles, 22 minutes on the A12.

Due to reopen in spring 2014 following some refurbishments! Explore over 2000 years of British history in this majestic castle. Experience the rise and fall of Colchester's past through stories and its many artefacts.

It's ideal for children to roam around and get a taste of things: trying on Roman armour and medieval costumes, check out the galleries and touch real Roman pottery!

Seaquarium at Clacton Pier

Where? Clacton Pier, 1 North Sea, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO15 1QX. It's 23.7 miles and 37 minutes via the A133.

Much of the species of marine life found in and around Clacton shore can be seen, up close, at Clacton Pier's 'Seaquarium'. This brings a unique opportunity to the young and old alike, to appreciate and observe some of the fascinating creatures living in the coastal area.

Closed for refurbishments in the winter.