Designer shopping and country living
Braintree and Great Dunmow routes

Total distance of main route is 87km/54miles

Short rides
A 9.5m/5.9miles
B 32.8km/20.5miles
C 8.9km/5.5miles
D 23.3km/14.4miles
E 20km/12.5miles
F 12.8km/8miles
G 13.8km/8.6miles
H 32.4km/20.2miles

Attractions along this route
- Gallery in the Garden
- Blake House Craft Centre
- The Ritch Way
- Great Notley Country Park & Discovery Centre
- Great Notley District Museum
- Braintree District Museum
- Warner Textile Archive Gallery
- Freeport
- Cressing Temple
- Watfield Rose
- The Gardens of Easton Lodge
- Great Dunmow Maltings and Museum

Accommodation
For details see overleaf
- Garden Grove
- The Old House
- Pullocks Farm B&B

Places to eat
- Two Restaurants
  Tel: 01371 876321
  www.tworestaurants.co.uk
- Timbers Restaurant
  Tel: 01376 342593
  www.timbersrestaurant.co.uk
- La Piazza
  Tel: 01371 342593
  www.lapizzarestaurant.co.uk

Cycle Route 2
- Short rides
- Cycle Hire
- Accommodation
- Restaurants
- Telephone in rural area
- Public House
- National Trail
- Traffic-free section
- Place of worship
- Place of worship

This map is intended as a guide only. Please refer to relevant OS Explorer maps for specific details.
Charter Way, Chapel Hill, Braintree, CM77 8YH
Braintree Freeport Tourist Information Centre
Tourist information

With colourful, bustling market towns and picturesque villages set in the most beautiful rolling countryside showing North Essex at its best, look no further to get away from it all...

Arriving by Road
Travel on the M11 from your departure point, join the A12 and take the A138 towards Colchester and take the B1389 to Witham and the B1018 to Braintree. If travelling from the south, exit at junction 8 and take the A12. Travel on the M11 if travelling from London or arrive via the M11 taking the A120 from the south. Exit at junction 8 and take the A120. Alternatively take the A12 from the M25, exit at Junction 8 and take the A120 to Braintree. If travelling from the north, join the A12 taking the A120 from the north. For further travel information call 01376 348275 or visit www.braintree.gov.uk

Arriving by Train
Braintree is served by a regular service by Abellio Greater Anglia departing from London Liverpool Street or writing to Abellio Greater Anglia

Accommodation
1. Golden Grove

2. The Old House

3. Pottwell Farm B&B

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Braintree Freeport Tourist Information Centre
Charter Way, Chapel Hill, Braintree, CM7 9RH
Telephone: 01376 348275
www.visitparks.co.uk/flitch-way

8. Freeport
Set in a relaxing village environment, Freeport Braintree offers an escape from the stresses of city shopping. Everything you need is right here, from great places to eat to fantastic offers and events from more than 85 stores!

9. Great Dunmow
Great Dunmow has a long and fascinating history – emerging from a Borae Anglia valley settlement as an important and flourishing market town located at the crossroads of two Roman roads. The 1st century wooden track has brought prosperity to the area leaving a legacy of fine architecture and listed buildings whilst the 18th century heralded the arrival of silk weaving and the famous Huguenot name of Courtauld. Generations of this generous family not only provided the increasing population with work and housing but also donated many public buildings including the magnificent former Town Hall. The great central tower with clockdominates the Market Square, whilst inside murals by Maurice Greiffenbrug depict scenes from Braintree's history. A bronze fountain of a young boy with shell and fish, designed by John Hodgson, standing alongside St Michael's Church was yet another gift to the people of Braintree. By the mid 19th century the opening of a railway line offered the opportunity to transport bulk materials, which led to the establishment of large engineering firms such as Crittall's Metal Window Company and Lake & Ball iron foundry. A full story of Braintree's diverse industrial heritage and history is told at the District Museum in the town centre. In 1991 King John granted the town a charter to hold a weekly market. Today the market is held twice a week on Wednesdays and Saturdays, when the streets abound with colourful stalls and friendly faces. Discerning shoppers are attracted to this town throughout the year by the traditional and specialist market shops whilst bargain hunters are well served by the discounted designer outlet village on the outskirts of the town of Freeport.

4. Great Notley Country Park & Discovery Centre
A 100-acre country park providing beautiful walks around lakes, meadows and woods. Full educational package for schools. Conferences, school trips, café and gift shop. Adventure play trails for toddlers and family trails for older children. 4. Great Notley Country Park & Discovery Centre

2. Bike House Craft Centre
One of the country's prettiest craft centres, Bike House has a host of individual and specialist shops set in listed and renovated buildings in the picturesque Essex countryside. There is also a restaurant, gift shop, café and craft and gift shop.

5. Slamseys Art

3. The Hitch Way
Rides of former railway lines for walkers, cyclists and horse-riders. Pick up a tail guide of the centre. Surface accessible for most user groups. Green Flag Award winning site.

1. Golden Grove

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9. Great Dunmow Museum and Mill

10. Hadleigh Forest
Hadleigh Forest is a site of special interest (SSI) in Hadleigh Park designed in 1902 by H. Peto for the Earl of Essex and includes a stretch of the river Stour. It is a haven for walkers and dog walkers alike. The forest is home to over 100 species of trees and shrubs, including ancient oaks, hazel, holly, yew, sycamore and birch. There are nature trails, picnic spots and a children’s play area. A 100-acre country park providing beautiful walks around lakes, meadows and woods. Full educational package for schools. Conferences, school trips, café and gift shop. Adventure play trails for toddlers and family trails for older children.

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