Picture-perfect villages
Coggeshall, Finchingfield and the Hedinghams routes

Total distance of main route is 87km/54miles

Short rides
A 30.6km/19.1miles
B 12.7km/8miles
C 12.2km/7.6miles
D 14.7km/9.2miles
E 19.8km/12.3miles
F 33.7km/21.1miles
G 31.6km/19.7miles
H 19.7km/12.3miles

Attractions along this route
1 Marks Hall Gardens and Ashwell
2 Coggeshall Museum & Heritage Centre
3 West Street Vineyard
4 Paycocke’s House & Garden
5 Coggeshall Grange Barn
6 Finchingfield Windmill
7 Colne Valley Railway
8 Cressing Temple
9 Paycocke’s House & Garden
10 East Anglian Railway Museum
11 R. Stour

Accommodation
1 Claverings Farm Holiday Lodges
2 Golden Grove
3 The Suites @ Pannells Ash
4 Greenlands Farm

Places to eat
1 Baumann’s Brasserie
Tel: 01371 565165
www.baumannsbrasserie.co.uk
2 West Street Vineyard
Tel: 01371 563320
www.weststreetvineyard.co.uk
3 The Compasses at Pattiswick
Tel: 01376 563322
www.thecompassesatpattiswick.co.uk
4 Greenlands Farm

Key
- Cycle Route 3
- Short rides
- Public House
- Restaurant
- National Rail
- Telephone in rural area
- Public House
- Accommodation
There is plenty to see and do including the medieval barns of the Knights Templar, jousting knights at a Norman Keep, steam railways, magnificent houses with stunning gardens and listed windmills.

**Coggeshall**
Coggeshall is a lovely little ‘ideals’ village town with a lot to offer. Coggeshall Museum is an exceptional example of a 17th century weavers’ house, dating from the time of the town in the area. Coggeshall has a wool and cloth trade and has subsequently industrialised in silk and wool weaving, tambour lace making and brewing. Visit Coggeshall Museum and Heritage Centre and discover more about the town’s history.

**Finchingfield**
A fantastic example of the traditional English village. Finchingfield is described as ‘the most photogenic village in England’. Finchingfield has won awards for its traditional picturesque setting. The combination of duck pond, village green, church and bricked and pebble overlocked by cobble-worked cobble, a windmill and a medieval church, give it an unbroken line of views which are often found on calendars, chocolate boxes, tea towels, postcards and jigsaws.

**Castle Hedingham**
Castle Hedingham’s ‘real’ history begins with the Normans. The village was granted one of William’s Duke of Norfolk’s lords, one Aubrey de Vere. Although he and his descendants built a number of castles at various locations in their extensive lordships, this handsome Hedingham manor is said to date from around 1100. The first Aubrey de Vere had built the stone keep that has been superbly preserved to this day.

**Hedingham Castle**
A 900-year-old Norman Keep in 160 feet tall, cut from the flinty chalk of the local area. Much improved by Edward Bingham in the 17th century, its 160 feet to the top. It is the largest, with a selection of shops and a visitor centre, the perfect place to stop for lunching.

**10. Hedingham Castle**

**11. Alderford Watermill**
A small 18th century Post Mill with one pair of stones and tailpole winding, extensively restored. Visitors may climb up to the first floor and see how the mill operated and learn about the watermill trade.

**7. Gallery in the Garden**
A selection of paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, ceramics, glass, furniture and silver.

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1. Marks Hall Gardens and Arboretum
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**6. West Street Vineyard**

**Tourist Information**

**Visitors Centre**
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**11. Alderford Watermill**
A classic rural watermill with partly restored original Victorian buildings has a unique purpose-built building, overlooking West Street. Visitors may climb the internal staircase to the millstones.

**3. West Street Vineyard**
With its winery and café-bar, West Street Vineyard offers a relaxed environment to sample quality wines and learn about wine making in an idyllic setting. The vineyard offers a range of facilities including a visitor centre, café-bar, shop, outdoor seating and events throughout the year.

**www.weststreetvineyard.co.uk**

**12. East Anglian Railway Museum**
The East Anglian Railway Museum is a long established attraction with a fascinating collection of steam locomotives andgons. It is the perfect place to visit for anyone interested in railway history.

**www.eastrailwaymuseum.co.uk**

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