Cultural sites and Constable Country
Colchester and Dedham routes

Total distance of main route is 76km/47miles

Short rides
A 18.4km/11.5miles
B 14.2km/8.9miles
C 17.4km/10.9miles
D 37.8km/23.9miles
E 31km/19.4miles
F 16.9km/10.8miles

Attractions along this route
- Colchester Castle Museum
- Mercury Theatre
- Natural History Museum
- Hollytrees Museum
- Tye Museum
- Sutton Hoo
- Colchester Zoo
- Sir Alfred Munnings Art Museum
- St Albans Munnings Art Museum
- St Mary the Virgin Church
- Green Island Gardens
- Beth Chatto

Accommodation
- The Rose & Crown
- Oak Apple Farm
- Muses
- Molton Tabbooth
- Wivenhoe House Hotel

Places to eat
- The Lemon Tree
  Tel: 01206 323153
  www.thelemon-tree.com
- The Old Courthouse Inn
  Tel: 01206 250322
  www.theoldcourthouseinn.co.uk
- The Food Company
  www.thefoodcompany.co.uk
- The Rose & Crown
  www.theroseandcrown.co.uk
- Maison Talbooth
  www.maison-talbooth.com

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Key:
- Cycle Route
- Short rides
- Traffic-free section
- Place of worship
- Telephone in rural area
- Public toilet
- National Trail

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There is good access to Colchester from all directions. Colchester North Railway Station is the place to find out all about the natural heritage of international importance. Its sublime gently rolling landscape, through the salt marshes, has plenty of open spaces and nature rides and wildlife is in abundance.

Visit the new firstsite gallery opening in late 2010. The new visual arts space will host a 21st century dimension to Colchester’s span of architectural gems through the ages. Families will have a 200 seat auditorium, shops, café and new0

Colchester “Clyde town” for many years Colchester has celebrated its status as Britain’s oldest recorded town documented since it was the Celtic stronghold of Camulodunum. Today it is a place which affords a happy blend of heritage of international importance together with a strong contemporary atmosphere including small specialist shops, cafés, restaurants and galleries. The picturesque castle, built by the Normans on top of the Roman Temple of Claudius so despised by Queen Boudica in AD60 is now home to the acclaimed Museum Castle Museum. The castle is set in a classic Victorian park, just off the High Street, which is a great place to relax after shopping in the town’s quaint lines of small specialist shops. In fact, Colchester is home to William & Maths, featuring independent design stores, so finding that special treat should not be difficult.

Getting to Colchester
Arriving by Road
There is good access to Colchester from all parts of the country via the A12, M25 and A11. For detailed travel information call 0871 202 2223 or visit www.traveline.org.uk

Arriving by Train
Colchester is served by a regular service by National Express East Anglia. TEL: 0845 600 2460

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6. Rollerworld/Quasar
Internationally recognised as one of the finest roller-skating rinks in Europe, Rollerworld has got the lot! Everyone can enjoy the fun of Rollerworld from absolute beginner to world champion. Tel: 01206 416586 www.rollerworld.co.uk

7. Colchester Zoo
Award winning zoo - one of Europe’s finest. Setting itself apart from the rest, Colchester Zoo is one of the county’s most popular attractions. The north-east, the East Anglian Taster. Colchester Zoo welcomes lovers of steam and the nearby Chappel Viaduct is another must for the photo album. Colchester Zoo has plenty of open spaces and nature walks.

8. Wivenhoe House Hotel
Wivenhoe, Colchester. A fine Georgian house, once home of William & Maths, featuring independent design stores, so finding that special treat should not be difficult.

9. St Mary the Virgin Church
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10. In All Marmite Museum
Castle House, the home, studios and galleries of one of the finest in the Roman Empire. Must have been a place which affords a happy blend of heritage of international importance due to its cultural importance. Its sublime gently rolling agricultural landscape broken by Dedham Church and the ride down to the river Waveney. It was in 1659 that the town was made famous by its status as Britain’s oldest recorded town documented since it was the Celtic stronghold of Camulodunum. The tower of the parish church of Dedham is familiar to many who have never visited. The tower of the parish church of Dedham is familiar to many who have never visited. The tower of the parish church of Dedham is familiar to many who have never visited.

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1. Colchester Castle Museum
The large Norman keep stands in European, Tudor and Jacobean style, landscaped gardens. Wonderful landscaped gardens with many unusual plants grown in a variety of themed beds. Wonderful landscaped gardens with many unusual plants grown in a variety of themed beds.

2. Castle Park
A fascinating city, with a distinctive cupola on top of the town, where Sir Alfred Munnings lived for many years. The town is now home to the award-winning Garden Centre. The town is now home to the award-winning Garden Centre.

3. Natural History Museum
Housed in the unique setting of the former All Saints Church in 1967, the Museum focuses on the rich natural heritage of north-east Essex. Travel from the open landscape, through the salt marshes, has plenty of open spaces and nature rides and wildlife is in abundance.

4. Mercury Theatre
The Mercury stages an exciting and varied programme for all ages and tastes, including nationally acclaimed productions by the Mercury Theatre Company. It has recently won the Theatre’s Stage Award for Special Achievement in Regional Theatre.

5. Thaxted Clock Museum
Enjoy this beautiful 17th century timber-framed house, once home of William & Maths, featuring independent design stores, so finding that special treat should not be difficult.

11. Dedham Art & Craft Centre
The town is located on an imaginatively converted church in the heart of “Constable Country”. There are many unusual plants grown in a variety of themed beds. Wonderful landscaped gardens with many unusual plants grown in a variety of themed beds.

13. Green Island Gardens
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