



Eastern Region WEA **Festival of Learning**

Essex Federation Summer Walks 2017

The new programme of walks for 2017 is listed below. Please note that all walks **MUST** be booked in advance as places are limited. Please note the length of walk. Sensible footwear is recommended, especially for the longer Colchester walk.

6th May – Silver End

Silver End is a Model Village, built by Francis Crittall for his workers in 1925. The walk will be led by a former member of the Silver End Heritage Society.

Length of walk is approximately 2 hours dependent on how many churches can be opened and time spent at the Heritage Centre.

Walkers should meet at the Western Arms pub (where there is plenty of parking) at 10.30 a.m.

Cost £5

18th May – Sudbury ‘Silk’ walk

The streets and buildings of Sudbury are steeped in ‘silk’ history. Find out why Sudbury’s weavers turned from wool to weaving silk and why today Sudbury can proudly claim to be the silk weaving capital of England.

Walkers should meet at the Tourist Information Centre in the Library, Market Hill, at 11 a.m.

Length of walk is approximately 1½ hours. Parking is free for the first three hours in car parks near North Street (Inkerman Row) but a ticket **MUST** be displayed. If planning to stay longer then park at the Kingfisher Leisure Centre or station car park.

Cost £5

1st June – Braintree

Grains, textiles and steel, an exploration of the small Roman town that developed through its medieval market to become the industrial heart of Essex.

Walkers should meet at Braintree District Museum, Manor Street at 10.30 a.m.

Length of walk is approximately 1½ hours.

There is parking opposite the Museum and also in the multi-storey which is quite close.

Cost £5

15th June – Colchester (1)

Discover Historic Colchester, including the Dutch Quarter – Where are the remains of a Roman Theatre? Who wrote Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star and what is the story about the statue on top of the Town Hall? Walkers should meet at the War Memorial outside the castle at 10.30 a.m.

Length of walk approximately 1½-2 hours.

Parking is recommended at the Park and Ride just off the A12 (junction 28) by the football stadium. The bus drops you in the High Street not far from the Castle.

Cost £5

28th June – Colchester (2)

A walk that will take you away from the town centre, along the side of the river Colne to the ancient port of The Hythe; along unmade lanes, past mill ponds and the National Trust-owned Bourne Mill; then across Abbey Fields, still owned by the Army, taking in the only known Roman Circus in the country, and then back to the town centre via St John's Abbey.

Please note this walk is approx. 2-2½ hours and finishes at the Roman Circus (where there is a café) before the ½ hour walk back to the town centre.

Walkers should meet at the War Memorial outside the castle at 10.30 a.m.

Parking is recommended at the Park and Ride just off the A12 (junction 28).

Cost £6

26th July – Lavenham

Considered to be one of the most beautiful medieval villages in the country: this a great opportunity to discover some of the many listed buildings and beautiful views in this wonderful Suffolk village.

Meet at 10.30 a.m. at the car park by the Cock Horse, 37 Church Street, Lavenham (free with public toilets next door).

Length of walk approximately 2 hours.

Cost £5

13th September – Maldon

Starting from the Hythe, where the Thames barges moor, with a chance to visit the statue of Byrhtnoth, followed by a walk up the hill towards the town centre with its historic lanes and timber framed buildings. Walkers should meet at The Jolly Sailor, The Hythe, Maldon, at 10.30 a.m. There is a large car park near the river.

Length of walk is approximately 2 hours.

Cost £5

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Booking Form

To book a place on any of these walks please complete the form below and send to Joan Black, 23 Highfield Road, Chelmsford, CM1 2NF.

No confirmations will be sent unless a SAE is enclosed or email address given.

Name/s.....

Address

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Phone Number.....

Email.....

Please book places for me on the following walks:

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I enclose a cheque (payable to WEA Essex Federation) for £.....