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# Essex Federation Summer Walks 2018

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# Welcome to the WEA

The programme of walks for 2018 is listed below. Please note that all walks MUST be booked in advance as places are limited. Please note the length of the walk. Sensible footwear is recommended especially for the Wildlife walk.

## 11th April – Manningtree & Mistley

Explore the villages and walk by the beautiful River Stour to uncover the terrible tale of Matthew Hopkins, the notorious Witchfinder General. Walkers should meet at The Walls, at the junction with Manningtree High Street at 10.30am. The walk will be approx.

**How long:** 1½ hrs. **Cost:** £5.00

## 16th May – Maldon

Starting with the Battle of Maldon in AD991, through it's more recent history tied to the Blackwater and the estuary. Meet at the Jolly Sailor, overlooking the Hythe at Maldon, at 10.30am. The walk lasts approx.

**How long:** 1½ hrs. **Cost:** £5.00

## 30th May – Heybridge Basin & Blackwater Estuary- wildlife walk

We will explore the Heybridge side of the Blackwater Estuary looking for a wide range of Wading Birds, Ducks and Geese and also look around the Gravel Pit at Heybridge basin in the hope of seeing Reed Warblers, Cetti's Warbler, Blackcap, Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, Bearded Tit, Cuckoo and wading birds such as Avocet, Redshank, Dunlin, Curlew and Black Tailed Godwit. Meet at the Jolly Sailor, Heybridge basin, CM9 4RS at 10am.

Tour ends at approximately 12.30pm

**Cost:** £8.50 (includes homemade Cake!)

## 13th June – Lavenham

Discover this beautiful Suffolk wool village full of timber framed buildings, attractive lanes and a glorious wool church. Meet at the Public car park, by the Cock Inn at 10.30am.

**How long:** Approximately 2 hrs. **Cost:** £5.00

## 20th June – Goldhanger

A walk through the conservation area of the village during which the guide will describe the buildings and history using old photographs, to show how some of the buildings and shops once appeared, ending in the churchyard with the view across the Blackwater Estuary and a description of how the proximity to the Estuary shaped village activities in the past. We then enter the 12th century church to learn how it has developed and changed over the centuries. Meet at the Village Square close to the Church and Chequers Inn at 10.30am.

**How long:** Approximately 2 hrs. **Cost:** £5.00

## 12th September – The Essex Serpent & other Colchester Literary Connections

From Boudicca to the Essex Serpent, discover how the town has appeared in literature throughout the centuries. Meet at the Colchester War Memorial at 10.30am.

**How long:** Approximately 1½ – 2hrs. Suggest parking at the Park and Ride just off A12 (junction 28).

**Cost:** £5.00

### For more information

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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  
Confirmation will be sent by email unless a SAE is enclosed.

Name/s:	Phone:
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<b>Please book places on the following walks:</b>	
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<b>I enclose a cheque (payable to WEA Essex Federation) for:</b>	£ _____

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