Colchester Museums

Heritage Open Days
13 - 22 September 2019

Discover Colchester’s heritage in the annual celebration of historic buildings and sites

New for 2019, Visit Colchester’s Family Heritage Treasure Trail gives you the chance to explore Colchester’s history and heritage by completing a fun trail for the chance to win a small prize! A truly family-friendly event! Pick up your copy in the Visitor Information Centre or download at www.visitcolchester.com/colchesterforfree

Do you Love Colchester Castle? If you live within the Borough of Colchester and therefore pay Colchester Borough Council Tax, you are entitled to buy a Resident Pass which enables you to visit as many times as you like during the next calendar year for free.
A Resident Pass costs just £10 and is available from the Castle’s reception. Terms and conditions apply.
Find out more at cimuseums.org.uk/residentpass

Disclaimer: Every effort has been made to ensure that the information in this leaflet is correct. However sometimes changes to published openings become necessary and participants should check our website for updates before travelling.

Please note: The only free day at Colchester Castle is Saturday 14th September.

www.visitcolchester.com/HODS2019
Heritage Open Days 2019 Properties

Properties Open
1. The Minories
2. Roman Circus Centre
3. St. Helen’s Chapel
4. St James the Great Church
5. Quaker Meeting House
6. Mersea Barrow
7. Roman Theatre
8. Colchester Castle
9. Town Hall
10. Sparlings Solicitors
11. Audley Chapel
12. Sherman’s House
13. Tymerleys
14. Wivenhoe
15. St. James the Less & St. Helen’s Church
16. Holy Trinity
17. Peake’s House
18. St John’s Abbey Gatehouse
19. War Memorial
20. St Botolph’s Priory
21. St Mary at the Walls (Arts Centre)
22. Claudius Gateway
23. Lepra Museum
24. St. Peter’s Church
25. St John’s Orthodox Church (former Garrison church)
26. Firstsite
27. Boxted Airfield Museum
28. Hollytrees Museum
29. St Leonard’s at the Hythe Church
30. Grey Friars (GreyFriars Luxury Hotel & Restaurant)
31. Bourne Mill
32. Trinity Street
33. Headgate Theatre

Enjoy your visit with great value parking and cashless phone or online payment at these easy-access car parks across the town. Part-day deals available from £2.50, or stay all day on Friday and Saturday from £3.50 and from £1.00 on Sunday.

Visit www.colchester.gov.uk/parking for all deals and locations.
Friday 13th September
24 | St Peter's Church
North Hill, CO1 1DZ
Medieval church with tower of 1758 including impressive Victorian clock. Interior with 17th-century pulpit and interesting memorials. Sat. 11.00 - 15.00, tours at 12.00 & 14.00
Sun. 13.00 - 15.00, tour at 14.00
24 | St Peter's Church
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15 | St James the Less & St Helen's Church
St Helen's Lane, CO1 1UR
Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd September
2 | Roman Circus Centre
Roman Walk, CO2 7GZ
House in former NAFFI, built in 1937 and now home of Colchester Archaeological Trust. Displays about Colchester's unique Roman Circus and chariot-racing. Refreshments. Sun. only: 11.00 - 16.00; tours at 12.00 & 13.00, 14.00 - 16.00
3 | St Helen's Chapel
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Medieval church. Saxon built on Roman foundations. Re-built several times, currently a Greek Orthodox Church. Sat. 10.30 - 14.00, 16.30 - 17.00
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5 | Quaker Meeting House
Church Street, CO1 1NF
Georgian brick building of 1802-3 refurbished in 1971 by Quakers after a long history of worshiping in the town. Refreshments. 10.00 - 16.00
6 | Town to Sea Trail
Castle Park, CO1 1JN
A guided walk from Castle Park to the historic Hythe port area focusing on Colchester’s seafaring heritage. Tours start from the War Memorial at 11.00 & lasts 2 hours
7 | Walking the Walls
War Memorial, Castle Park, CO1 1JN
A guided walk around Britain’s oldest town wall. Built in response to the Boudican Revolt of AD 60, over two-thirds still remain. Tours start from the War Memorial at 14.00 & lasts 2 hours
8 | Colchester’s only surviving Saxon building.
1 Castle Park, CO1 1TH
Archaeological remains of the extraordinary precint wall around the Roman temple of Claudius. Built after AD45. Two pillow bases below a glass floor in a modern development. Refreshments. 10.00 - 16.00
8 | Roman Colchester: An archaeologist’s view
1 Castle Park, CO1 1TH
A guided tour led by Philip Cumming, Director - Colchester Archaeological Trust from Colchester Castle to the Colchester Roman Circus. Booking: tel: 01206 501785 option 6 / email info@catuk.org 10.00 - 12.00 & 13.00 - 15.00
24 | William Gilberd at The Colchester Bookshop
7 Trinity Street, CO1 1JN
Day Tours of Tudor Science: Learn more about the great Elizabethan scientist William Gilberd and try some of his experiments. 11.00 - 17.30
Tuesday 17th - Friday 20th September
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8 | Colchester Castle
Castle Park, CO1 1JN
3,000 people. Featured in the destruction of the Roman Colchester: Precinct wall around the Roman temple of Claudius. Archaeological remains of the extraordinary
Sat. 10.00 - 17.00; tours at 12.00, 13.00, 14.00 & 15.30
23 | Lepra Museum
28 Middleborough, CO1 1TG
Museum tells the story of this UK charity working to beat leprosy since 1924.
Guided tours, free display on Lepra’s focus on mental health.
Sat. only: 10.00 - 15.00, tours at 11.00 & 14.00
20 | St Botolph’s Priory
Priory Street, CO2 7EE
Medieval priory and its connections to Normandy by Jennie Guthrie-Stevens.
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Family life. Meet Mrs Sibylla Round who will be following by a tour of the refurbished 18th-century building. Refreshments. 10.00 - 16.00
14 | Trinity Street Heritage Tours
Trinity Street, CO1 1JN
Explore Colchester’s amazing past with an entertaining and knowledgeable Blue Guides tour of the north-east Roman wall, walks within the north-east Roman wall, exhibition of social and architectural history. Tour times Sat. 9.30 - 17.00, tours at 11.00 & 14.00
14 | Trinity Street Heritage Tours
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A guided tour of the church at 13.00, 14.00 & 15.00.
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13 | Trinity Street Heritage Tours
Trinity Street, CO1 1JN
Blue Badge guided tour of the street’s varied and colourful history. Booking necessary, ticketti@trinitystreetheritagetours.co.uk, maximum 20 people. Tour starts from Timothy Trail at 11am.