



An international weekend of local walks led by local people, in celebration of the urbanist and activist Jane Jacobs (1916-2006).

All walks and events are FREE and OPEN TO ALL. All times approximate. Please see website for further walk/film & accessibility information: www.walkcolchester.org.uk/janes-walk

Friday 3rd May

*WALK 1: Birth, Life & Death in Lexden

From the Iron Age to recent times Lexden has a fascinating history at both local & national level. We look at the human stories and how they interweave with the historical narrative. With Jeremy Warren.
Meet: 2pm, Sussex Road entrance to Hilly Fields (3 hrs)

WALK 2: All Trees Great and Small (Uni of Essex)

An intro to 30 of Wivenhoe Park's finest trees. With expert on all things dendrological Christopher Howard.
Meet: 5pm, outside The Silberrad Centre (1.5 hrs).

EXHIBITION

Running throughout the weekend, an exhibition of Colchester street photography by local photography enthusiasts who have been meeting since Jane's Walk 2017 ('Sunday Traders') to record the town we live in and love. Supported by Jonathan Doyle.
Venue: Space Studio, 37 Queen St.

EVENT (FILM & FESTIVAL LAUNCH)

Citizen Architect: Samuel Mockbee and the Spirit of the Rural Studio (2010 Big Beard Films)
A documentary chronicling the late architect Samuel Mockbee, artist, architect and educator, and founder of Rural Studio, Alabama. Followed by Q&A with local architect Hana Loftus (HAT Projects).
Venue: Firstsite, 7.30-9.30pm. Free entry, but book via venue.

Saturday 4th May

WALK 3: Birds of the lower Colne

An early morning walk along the river, from Jumbo to Wivenhoe. With Michael Padmore who runs a conservation group at the Sixth Form College on North Hill.
Meet: 7am, by Jumbo. Return bus/train. (3 hrs).

WALK 4: I Never Knew That! Colchester's historic international links and unique features

From Hollywood to Rome, New York to Athens, a romp across time and space. Colchester has incredible features, unique in Europe, and links that would surprise many. With Max Fox.
Meet: Minorities Garden, 9am (1.5 hrs)

WALK 5: A Town Walk through History and Poetry
Colchester's landmarks through poetry readings and historical commentary. With Mike Harwood and Alice Goss, in association with the 'Without Walls' project, raising awareness of Colchester's homelessness.
Meet: 10 am, Roman Circus Visitor Centre (2hrs)

WALK 6: Redundant Scenes of Colchester

A tour of the town centre looking at some of its old buildings and modern ruins, as depicted by local artist Colin McAllister over a decade. Some buildings have new life; some are lost; the future of others is uncertain.
Meet: 11am, Roman Circus Visitor Centre (2.5 hrs)

*WALK/S 7 (all day!): Walk on the Wild Side at Bourne Valley!

A day of walks and nature activities for all ages, plus launch of the Bourne Valley Audio Trail (11.30am - 3.30pm).
Location: Welcome Tent beside the Bourne Valley boardwalk - access via Bourne Rd or Stalin Rd.

WALK 8: Who Cares?

Essex Fire and Police Cadets meet Colchester care home residents for an intergenerational walk and talk through the Castle Park. With Les Nicholl, Essex Fire Service.
Meet: 11am, Castle Bailey entrance (2hrs)

WALK 9: "Carry on Colchester - A Town Under Stress..."

A walk around the town centre, street theatre style, looking at how we carried on regardless, over the course of six wars. Colchester's actors, poets and musicians provide some surprises along the way! With Dorian Kelly.
Meet: 2pm, Minorities Garden (2 hrs).

WALK 10: Open Ramble East - Colchester

A social walk in and around Colchester based on LGBTQI+ histories, sites and shared knowledge. Followed by free refreshments back at Firstsite for all walkers. (www.openrambleeast.com) With artist Ian Giles, part of New Geographies.
Meet: 2pm, Firstsite (3 hrs).

WALK 11: SIEGE! A Ghost Walk in Colchester

New ghosts on the block and ghoulish goings-on, with Rob Brown.
Meet: 7pm, the (haunted no doubt!) Odeon Cinema (2 hrs), culminating at CODA for...

EVENT (PARTY): Jane's Walk does Jazz!

Celebrate the weekend in Colchester's coolest new venue: CODA (hosts Tristan and Oliver), 8.30pm till late, with DJ Hugh Mann and live band.

Sunday 5th May

WALK 12: Kids Walk Wild in Wivenhoe Woods

Go wild and enjoy games and activities with a Forest School leader. Children of all ages to 11 yrs, accompanied by an adult. Maximum 15. With Jean Quinn. Just turn up, or book to be sure: 077 9191 6914.
Meet: 10.30am OR 2.30pm. Wivenhoe Station car park (2 hrs)

WALK 13: Gods, Temples and Shrines

A walk of discovery as to the locations of the gods and personalities of Colchester who our town ancestors once venerated. With Alex Jones.
Meet: 11am, Abbey Gate, St Johns Green (2 hrs)

WALK 14: Forage the Dyke

A walk through history; Gryme's Dyke, the Romans & the plants they foraged. With Mitch McLean.
Meet: 11am, The Leather Bottle, or 11.15am, Gosbecks Archeology car park (3.5hrs)

*WALK 15: Walk the Colchester Orbital

Enjoy a ramble round the 14-15 miles of the Orbital and the views across Colchester. We'll stop off for a drink along the way but bring a pack lunch and plenty of water. Join us for all or part. With Jane Hindley.
Meet: 11am at High Woods Visitor Centre (5-6 hrs)

WALK 16: Sketchcrawl with Drink & Draw Colchester

Lubricate your artistic inner you and get some culture too, via the Brewhouse, the Oddie, the Purple Dog & 3WM. With Megan Fowler.
Meet: 11.30 am at Firstsite (approx. 3.5 hrs). Approx. 18 max.
Book via: drinkanddrawcolchester@gmail.com

WALK 17: All Trees Great and Small (Colchester Castle Park)

A tour of 60 of the beautiful trees gracing the park. With Christopher Howard.
Meet: 2pm, at the bridge to castle entrance (2 hrs).

WALK 18: Berechurch Mysteries

History, childhood stories and ghosts! Friday Woods, Charlotte Grove, St Michael's Ch, Audley Chapel & Iron Age dykes, Berechurch Hall. With Wayne Baker.
Meet: 2pm, Cherry Tree Pub (2.5 hrs)

*WALK 19: Green Spaces in Urban Places

Find new spaces in places you thought you knew! With local Greenstead residents, supported by the Cubs and Community Centre. With Sue Howlett.
Meet: 2.30pm at St Matthew's Community Centre/Church, Harwich Road.

WALK 20: Colchester Quaker History Trail

A walk around sites in central Colchester associated with Quakers from 17th century to the present. With Rosalind Kaye
Meet: 3pm, Minorities Café/garden (2 hrs)

EVENT (FILM): The Secret Life of Buildings (2011, Renegade Pictures)

A 3-part documentary with short intervals, examining how buildings affect our mood and sense of well-being; with episodes on home, workplace and play. Originally broadcast on Channel 4 to rave reviews, we are screening it with the kind permission of the producers.
Venue: Firstsite, 6.30-9.30pm. Free entry, but book via venue.

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*9 walks connect directly with the Colchester Orbital, a recently-created 15-mile walk/cycle route around town, taking advantage of some of Colchester's loveliest green spaces and following off-road routes wherever possible: www.walkcolchester.org.uk/the-colchester-orbital

Monday 6th May

*CYCLE 21: A Jane's Cycle around The Colchester Orbital

A chance to test out this recently inaugurated route at a leisurely cycling pace. Bring a bike that is suitable for some light off-road sections. With Nick Oakley.
Meet: 10.30am, High Woods Visitor Centre (approx. 14m; 2.5 hrs)

*WALK 22: The Hythe - Siege to Arms!

Stories, history and regeneration. From St Leonard's to St Andrew's (Greenstead), via the Hythe and Moors to the Siege House. With Belinda Baker.
Meet: 10.30am, Hythe Community Centre (2.5 hrs)

*WALK 23: A Tree-mendous walk with Pauline

A beautiful walk through the historic Bourne valley and cemetery arboretum; looking at the flora of the valley and the magnificent trees of Colchester cemetery. With Pauline Cooke.
Meet: 1pm, Bourne Mill (2 hrs).

*WALK 24: The Myland Orbital

The Colchester Orbital's smaller and slightly older brother! Walk through thirty years of land use, development and dog walks with Robert Johnstone.
Meet: 2pm, High Woods Country Park visitor centre (2.5 hrs)

WALK 25: Kindness in Cultures: A walk in the Cultural Quarter

With YAK (Young Art Kommunity), in association with the Coltopia project.
Meet: 12.30pm, Firstsite (2 hrs)

WALK 26: Hope, Help, History and maybe a little twitch

A tour of the Sixth Form College, discovering their environmental and sustainability work, and college history; with presentation from Friends not Foes, and a possible peregrine sighting! With Mark Goacher, Keith Ellis and students.
Meet: 3pm, Balmerne Gate.

EVENT (FILM)

The Social Life of Small Urban Spaces (1979, Direct Cinema Ltd.)

One of the most well-regarded and influential films ever made about urban planning, exploring why some spaces work for people while others don't. Witty and original, and based on direct observation. A 1hr film followed by a discussion led by sociologist Dawn Lyon, University of Kent, and festival closing drinks!
Venue: The Minorities, 6.30-8.30pm. Free entry, but book via venue.

Tuesday 7th May

*WALK 27: Whatever the Weather, Walk and Talk!

A slow walk for all-comers - for companionship, friendship and fun. With coffee stop. Scooters/dogs welcome. With Les Nicholl, Community Builder for Essex Fire Service.
Meet: 2pm, Entrance to Hythe Tesco (2 hrs)