

# tourist information centres



## Clacton-on-Sea

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Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.  
CO15 1SE

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e: [clactontic@tendringdc.gov.uk](mailto:clactontic@tendringdc.gov.uk)

[www-essex-sunshine-coast.org.uk](http://www-essex-sunshine-coast.org.uk)



## Gift Shop

Based in the Town Hall Clacton, and offering a range of gifts and keepsakes. From miniature beach huts, to locally produced Tiptree Jams, there's something for everyone!

[www-essex-sunshine-coast.org.uk](http://www-essex-sunshine-coast.org.uk)



## Walton-on-the-Naze

Princes Esplanade, Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex. CO14 8QD

t: **01255 675542**

*(Seasonal, out of season contact Clacton)*

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Our **Tourist Information Centres** are awaiting your call or visit. They will be delighted to advise you on places to visit during your stay on the Essex Sunshine Coast. They can help you with maps, guides, walks, souvenirs and local information. They can also book accommodation and day trips for you.

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# 2011



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Als u op zoek bent naar de traditionele verrukkingen van de kust met een modern smaakje, of ervoor kiest om de genoegens van prachtige en pittoreske dorpjes te ontdekken en te verkennen, dan is de Essex Sunshine Coast de ideale locatie die alles biedt wat u nodig hebt voor die perfecte vakantie. Met meer dan 55 kilometer kustlijn en lange, mulle en bevroonde stranden is de **Essex Sunshine Coast** – Tendring Coast & Countryside mogelijk de ideale bestemming voor u om te bezoeken. Het oosten van Engeland kan bogen op een van de beste klimaten in het land, met bovendien de laagste regenval in Groot-Brittannië. Met het prachtige Stour Valley naar het noorden en de River Colne naar het zuiden zit deze streek vol geschiedenis, rivieren, inhammen, onbedorven kustlijn en beroemd landelijk gebied. Met gemakkelijke verbindingen per snelweg, trein, bus, veerboot (Harwich) en vliegtuig (Stansted) is het centrum van Londen slechts een uur reizen en dus een eenvoudig te bereiken bestemming. Accommodatie in de streek varieert van vakantieparken tot ouderwetse herbergen, B&B's en luxe-hotels, waar de prijzen scherp zijn en bezoekers een warm onthaal wordt geboden.

Que vous soyez en quête de plaisirs traditionnels en bord de mer avec une touche de modernité ou souhaitez partir à la découverte de charmants villages pittoresques, la côte ensoleillée de l'Essex est l'endroit idéal pour des vacances de rêve. Avec près de 60 km de littoral bordé de fabuleuses longues plages de sable maintes fois primées, **la côte ensoleillée de l'Essex** (campagne et littoral du district de Tendring) est la destination de choix pour un séjour inoubliable. L'Est de l'Angleterre bénéficie de l'un des climats les plus cléments du pays et connaît le nombre de jours de pluie le plus faible de tout le Royaume-Uni. Avec la superbe vallée de la Stour au Nord et la rivière Colne au Sud, cette région riche d'histoire regorge de rivières, criques et littoraux préservés, le tout aux abords d'une campagne verdoyante. Située à moins d'une heure du centre de Londres, cette destination de choix est facilement accessible par route, train, bus, ferry (Harwich) ou avion (Stanstead). La région propose une large gamme d'hébergements, y compris parcs de vacances, auberges traditionnelles, B&B et hôtels de luxe à des prix compétitifs, et vous réserve un accueil des plus chaleureux.

Wenn Sie sich einen traditionellen Urlaub am Meer wünschen, der aber auch etwas für den heutigen Geschmack bieten soll, oder wenn Sie lieber wunderschöne, malerische Dörfer entdecken und erforschen wollen, dann ist die Essex Sunshine Coast der ideale Ort für Sie. Denn dort finden Sie alles, was Ihren Urlaub bildschön macht. Mit einer fast 60km langen Küste und preisgekrönten Sandstränden ist die **Essex Sunshine Coast** – Tendring Coast & Countryside das ideale Urlaubsziel für Sie. Klimatisch ist die englische Ostküste eine der besten Regionen des Landes, die auch die niedrigsten Regenfälle in ganz Großbritannien aufweist. Dieses Gebiet, das so reich an Geschichte und landschaftlicher Schönheit ist, wird im Norden durch das herrliche Stour Valley und im Süden durch den River Colne begrenzt. Durch die ausgezeichneten Verkehrsverbindungen mit Auto, Bahn, Bus, Fähre (Harwich) und Flugzeug (Stansted) ist das Zentrum von London für einen Ausflug in nur etwa einer Stunde erreichbar. Die reiche Auswahl an Unterkünften erstreckt sich von Holiday Parks über gemütliche Gasthöfe und Frühstückspensionen bis hin zu Luxushotels, wo Sie überall herzlich aufgenommen werden. Und das alles zu äußerst konkurrenzfähigen Preisen.

With over 36 miles of coastline and long sandy award winning beaches, the Essex Sunshine Coast Tendring Coast & Countryside is the ideal destination for your visit!

The East of England boasts one of the best climates in the country along with the lowest rainfall in the UK. With the beautiful Stour Valley to the north and the River Colne to the south, this area is full of history, rivers, creeks, unspoilt coastlines and famous countryside.

With easy links by road, train, coach, ferry (Harwich) and plane (Stansted) the centre of London is only an hour or so away, making it an easily accessible destination.

We are very proud of the Essex Sunshine Coast and the wide variety of pleasures we have to offer our visitors from sandy beaches to picturesque countryside, and from bustling seaside towns to beautiful historical villages.

You can be sure of a warm welcome, whatever the time of year, along with the ideal location for a memorable stay.

Hopefully you will want to return year after year and will pass on the positive message to friends and family.

**Councillor Stephen Mayzes**  
Cabinet Member for Leisure  
Tendring District Council

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# step back in time

Steeped in a wealth of history, the Tendring Peninsula, which takes its name from the old Tendring Hundred, has a wide range of heritage from prehistoric relics and medieval churches to stylish Victorian villas.

There is a strong maritime history present throughout the District in towns such as Brightlingsea, Harwich, Dovercourt, Manningtree and Mistley.

Another legacy of the Essex Sunshine Coast are the Martello Towers. This line of defensive fortresses located along the coast in Walton-on-the-Naze, Clacton-on-Sea, Jaywick and Point Clear were initially built in the 1800's to resist a potential invasion by Napoleon.



St Peter & Paul Church - St Osyth



Point Clear Martello Tower

For more information on Culture & Heritage on the Essex Sunshine Coast log on to:  
[www.essex-sunshine-coast.org.uk](http://www.essex-sunshine-coast.org.uk)



St Osyth Priory

## Heritage Open Days

Celebrate England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission. Every year on four days in September (8-11 September 2011) buildings of every age, style and function throw open their doors, ranging from castles to factories, town halls to tithe barns, parish churches to Buddhist temples. For more information or to find what open days are taking place in Tendring call **0844 335 1884**.

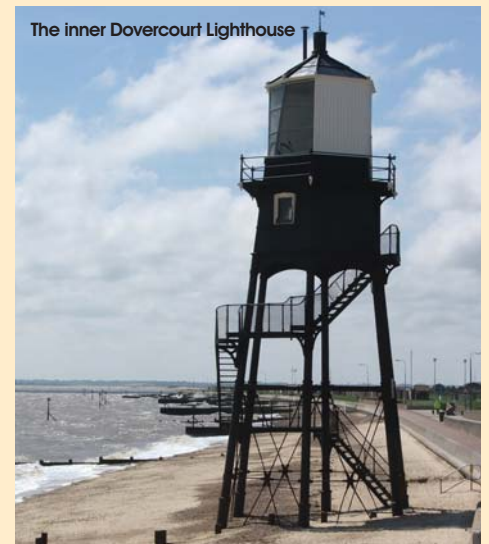
Clacton Martello Tower



## Harwich Maritime Heritage Trail

An enjoyable way to discover Harwich is to follow the Maritime Heritage Trail.

Starting at the Low Lighthouse Maritime Museum built in 1818 and ending at the Barge Murals which overlook the site where Thames Sailing barges were built up to 1930. On route down the quaint streets take in gems such as the Electric Palace Cinema, built in 1911 and now the oldest unaltered purpose built cinema in Britain, St Nicholas Church rebuilt in 1821 and The Redoubt which was built in 1808, a large circular fort to protect the harbour from a Napoleonic invasion. These are just few of the treasures the trail has to offer!



The inner Dovercourt Lighthouse

# a walk on the wildside



Birds in flight from Point Clear looking over to Brightlingsea

As well as an award winning coastline to discover, the local villages offer many delights to explore. Open gardens, village fetes and town shows, such as the Tendring Hundred Show taking place in July, are a colourful feature of what you can expect from your visit.

For those a little more energetic you can enjoy a leisurely cycle ride or a ramble through the many towns and villages taking in the vibrant floral displays of Anglia in Bloom en route. Travel through the quaint country lanes, public footpaths and bridal ways where you will find an abundance of local scenic landscapes to take in and admire.

For the more adventurous cyclist the annual Tour de Tendring event, in May, is a great way to familiarise yourself with the local area. Alternatively take a stroll through the award winning Green Flag seafront gardens at Clacton.

# brook country park

Brook Country Park is located between the A133 and London Road Roundabout, Clacton. The area of the park is approx 14 hectares of rough grass-land with scattered blocks of young trees.

The park provides informal, quiet countryside recreation for the public and contributes towards the bio-diversity of the area. There are a network of grass paths throughout the park and an all-weather access path for less mobile visitors, which can be accessed via the main entrance car park in Britton Way. Picnic tables and benches are located across the park.

Brook Country Park is home to, and a visiting ground for, a range of wildlife including birds, rabbits, foxes, muntjac deer, voles, mice and a variety of insects. There is a public notice board in the car park which the Country Park Officer updates regularly with the latest park news and wildlife sightings. The public are welcome to add their own personal sightings.



Trees are important to the park and it is home to species such as oak, ash hornbeam, larch, pine, beech, alder and willow.

Brook Country Park was officially opened on 23rd June 2010 by John Hall, Director of Essex Wildlife Trust.



Small Copper

For more information on what our Countryside, Nature Reserves, Parks and Gardens have to offer log on to: [www.tendringdc.gov.uk](http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk)

# indulge yourself



Lucca pizza restaurant in Manningtree

There is nothing like alfresco dining or eating out beside the seaside. The Boardwalk Bar & Grill is ideally located on Clacton Pier and boasts sea views overlooking an award winning beach.

Independently owned award winning restaurants, as well as a variety of well known chain restaurants and traditional pub grub, are in abundance throughout the Sunshine Coast.

The Bay Tree, Frinton-on-Sea offers a fine dining a-la-carte menu and

is situated in Connaught Avenue. Also located in the heart of the town is Coastal Foods, an Essex-based cooking workshop making quality food products using local/regional and seasonal ingredients. It was awarded a Gold star for its French Dressing in the Guild of Fine Foods Great Tastes Awards 2008.

For something a little lighter, a wide range of food fayre is available from fish & chips shops, sandwich shops and café's to suite all taste buds.

# fat goose

The award winning Fat Goose Restaurant is situated a short drive from the coast in the village of Tendring, on the B1035. The farm house style restaurant offers a superb dining experience set in friendly unpretentious surroundings.

The restaurant has a beautiful vaulted ceiling with exposed hand cut timbers, two sets of French doors open onto the gardens and the outside dining terrace where you can enjoy your meal in comfort.

On cooler days two open fires provide a cosy ambiance and the ideal surroundings to enjoy a glass of wine by the fire, or just meet friends for a drink. The menu features local and seasonal produce and is complemented by daily changing Fish Special boards.



Enjoy dining al fresco at the Fat Goose

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The Fat Goose

Monday to Saturday a special lunch is offered... **Lunch with Chef** - 2 courses for £10.00 or 3 courses for £12.00, no choice just superb food at a great price, chosen by Chef on the day!

The Fat Goose is available for private functions, weddings and parties and also offers first class outside catering facilities.

The Fat Goose is open every day for lunch and dinner and all day on Saturday and Sunday. Tel: **01255 870060**  
[www.fat-goose.co.uk](http://www.fat-goose.co.uk)

# treat yourself

Delicatessens, traditional local stores, themed markets, fresh local produce and familiar high street stores are all available right along the Essex Sunshine Coast. Larger towns have a varied selection of shops, ranging from familiar high street names to the more individual stores.

The Clacton Factory Outlet is ideally located on the outskirts of the town and is just a short journey from the seaside. A wide range of individual stores with famous name brands in fashion, footwear, sportswear, outdoor equipment, household items, jewellery, accessories, books and much more are available at discounts of up to 60% off high street prices.

Art Deco Classics, based in the picturesque seaside town of Frinton-on-Sea, celebrates one of the most deliberately elaborate styles of the 20th century, a world of luxury and decadence sandwiched between two World Wars. A selection of Art Deco and other antiques ranging from telephones, Moorcroft Pottery, Shelley to Clarice Cliff are available in store.

Just outside the Sunshine Coast, only a short drive away is Colchester, Britain's oldest recorded town which offers an assortment of retail outlets. Slightly further afield is Ipswich with a great variety of stores and two modern shopping centres.



Clacton Factory Outlet

# clacton leisure centre

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The Leisure Centre Clacton is situated on Vista Road, Clacton-on-Sea, just a 10 minute walk from the train station and the town centre. If coming by car, there is ample free parking available.

Within the Leisure Centre you will find fantastic facilities, and real value for money, all with the added bonus that you can pay on the day for most activities.

Keep the family active with a game of tennis, or badminton and lots of other activities.

If rain stops you enjoying Clacton's fabulous beaches, bring your costume and have a family swim in our heated indoor pool. Lifeguards are on hand to ensure your visit is a safe one.

Tel: **01255 686688**  
[www.tendingdc.gov.uk](http://www.tendingdc.gov.uk)

For the adults looking for a little slice of luxury, visit Lifestyles Health Suite and pamper yourself in our Spa Pool, Saunarium, Steam Room and Sauna.

To finish off your day, enjoy some refreshments in O.J's coffee shop, there's sure to be something on the menu to tempt your taste buds!

So, no matter what the weather, there is something for everyone at the Leisure Centre Clacton. At the Leisure Centre Clacton, there's more to us than meets the eye!

# entertainment

With a diverse mix of seaside fun, heritage, and cultural experiences, there is always something to see or do on the Essex Sunshine Coast.

A host of attractions are on offer across the District throughout the year as well as a wide range of events, from local village fetes to the annual Brightlingsea music festival, triathlons or beach rugby to name a few. So no matter what the weather there is something on offer!

Both the Princes and the West Cliff Theatres offer a vast mix of dance, comedy, plays, musicals and children's shows. A buzzing local nightlife includes an assortment of pubs, clubs, wine bars, restaurants and music establishments.

## What's On

For a listing of local events log-on to [www.essex-sunshine-coast.org.uk](http://www.essex-sunshine-coast.org.uk) and click "What's On" or contact the Tourist Information Centre (details on the back of this guide.)



West Cliff Theatre Clacton

# west cliff theatre

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The West Cliff Theatre is part of Clacton's heritage, and has played a major part in entertaining visitors and locals since it was established on the current site in the late 1890s. Although providing year round entertainment, the theatre remains one of few seaside venues to stage a traditional summer variety show, and has seen many household names grace its stage.

## Summertime Special

Summertime Special 2011 returns with a brand new spectacular variety show featuring the Startime Singers & Dancers in dazzling new routines from Broadway to the Beatles, the hilarious Steve Barclay, direct from the Ken Dodd Happiness Show, and, fresh from their appearances at Disneyland Paris, the incredible Young Magician of the Year, High Jinx, with their amazing illusions and daring circus routines.

With live bands, sparkling new costumes and stunning stage settings, what better way to celebrate a summer's day at the seaside? And children can go free!

Box office phone number:  
**01255 474000**  
For more information log on to  
[www.westcliffclacton.org](http://www.westcliffclacton.org)



# attractions

<b>Batemans Tower</b> Colne Yacht Club, Brightlingsea, Essex, CO7 0AX www.colneyachtclub.org.uk/bateman's_tower.htm	01206 302594
<b>Beth Chatto Garden</b> Elmstead Market, Essex. CO7 7DB www.bethchatto.co.uk VAQAS	01206 822007
<b>Brightlingsea Museum</b> 1 Duke Street, Brightlingsea, Essex CO7 0EA	01206 303286
<b>Brightlingsea Sports Centre</b> Church Road, Brightlingsea, Essex, CO7 0QL www.tendringdc.gov.uk	01206 304946
<b>Brightlingsea/Point Clear &amp; East Mersea Ferry</b> Brightlingsea Harbour Office, 4 Copperas Road, Brightlingsea, Essex, CO7 0AP www.brightlingseaharbour.org	01206 302200
<b>Clacton Aero Club</b> The Airfield, West Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO15 1AG www.clactonaeroclub.co.uk	01255 424671
<b>Clacton Factory Outlet</b> Stephenson Road West, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. CO15 4TL www.clactonfactoryoutlet.com	01255 479595
<b>Clacton Leisure Centre</b> Vista Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO15 6DB www.tendringdc.gov.uk	01255 686688
<b>Clacton-on-Sea Golf Club</b> West Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO15 1AJ www.clactongolfclub.com	01255 421919
<b>Clacton Pier</b> 1 North Sea, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO15 4PE www.clactonpier.org.uk	01255 421115
<b>Coronation Gardens Crazy Golf</b> Princes Esplanade, Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex, CO14 8PZ www.tendringdc.gov.uk	01255 676608
<b>Dovercourt Swimming Pool</b> Low Road, Dovercourt, Essex, CO12 3TA www.tendringdc.gov.uk	01255 508266

<b>Dragonflies Gifts, Arts &amp; Craft</b> 36 High Street, Manningtree, Essex, CO11 1AJ www.dragonfliesgifts.co.uk	01206 399099
<b>East Essex Aviation Authority</b> Martello Tower, Point Clear, Essex, CO16 8NG www.eastessexaviationsociety.org	
<b>Electric Palace</b> Kings Quay Street, Harwich, Essex. CO12 3ER www.electricpalace.com	01255 553333
<b>Fibbers Night Club, Tom Peppers &amp; Rasputin's</b> 2 Marine Parade West, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO15 1RH www.tpssportsbarcafe.co.uk/clacton	01255 423199
<b>Flicks Cinema</b> 129 Pier Avenue, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO15 1NJ	01255 429627
<b>Frinton &amp; Walton Swimming Pool</b> Princes Esplanade, Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex, CO14 8PZ www.fenringdc.gov.uk	01255 676608
<b>Frinton Golf Club</b> 1 The Esplade, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex, CO13 9EP www.frintongolfclub.com	01255 674618
<b>Frinton Summer Theatre</b> The McGrigor Hall, Fourth Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex, CO13 9EB www.frinton.org/frinton-summer-theatre.php	07905 589792
<b>Gala Bingo</b> 129 Pier Avenue, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO15 1NJ www.galabingo.co.uk	01255 429627
<b>Green Island Gardens</b> Green Island, Park Road, Ardleigh, Essex CO7 7SP www.greenislandgardens.co.uk	01206 230455
<b>Hamford View Golf Range</b> Clacton Road, Little Oakley, Essex, CO12 5JJ	01255 886892
<b>Ha'Penny Pier Visitor Centre</b> The Quay, Harwich, Essex. CO12 3HH www.harwich-society.co.uk	01255 503429
<b>Harwich &amp; Dovercourt Golf Club</b> Station Road, Parkeston, Harwich, Essex, CO12 4NZ www.harwichanddovercourtgolfclub.com	01255 503616
<b>Harwich Harbour Foot Ferry</b> Harwich Harbour, Harwich, Essex www.harwichharbourferry.com	07919 911440

<b>Harwich Lifeboat Museum</b> Timberfields, Off Wellington Road, Harwich CO12 3EJ www.harwich-society.co.uk	01255 503429
<b>Harwich Maritime Museum</b> Harbour Crescent, Harwich, Essex. CO12 3NL www.harwich-society.co.uk	01255 503429
<b>Harwich Redoubt Fort</b> 29 Main Road, Harwich, Essex. CO12 3LT www.harwich-society.co.uk	01255 503429
<b>Harwich Sports Centre</b> Hall Lane, Dovercourt, Essex, CO12 3TB www.tendringdc.gov.uk	01255 504380
<b>Jaywick Martello Tower</b> The Promenade, Belsize Avenue, Jaywick, Essex CO15 2LF www.jaywickmartellotower.org	01255 822783
<b>Manningtree &amp; District Local History Museum</b> The Public Library, High Street, Manningtree, Essex, CO11 1AD	01206 391255
<b>Manningtree Sports Centre</b> Colchester Road, Lawford, Essex, CO11 2BN www.tendringdc.gov.uk	01206 393003
<b>Millers Barn Golf Park</b> Jaywick Lane, Clacton-on-Sea. Essex, CO15 2PH www.millersbarngolf.co.uk	01255 424826
<b>Mistley Place Park</b> New Road, Mistley, Essex, CO11 1ER www.mistleyplacepark.com Rescue Centre: 01206 396048	Tea Rooms & Gift Shop: 01206 393433
<b>Mistley Quay Workshops</b> High Street, Mistley, Manningtree, Essex, CO11 1HB www.mistleyquaycafe.co.uk	01206 393884
<b>Mistley Towers</b> English Heritage, located B1352, Mistley, Manningtree, Essex www.english-heritage.org.uk Key available from Mistley Quay Workshop:	01206 393884
<b>North House Gallery</b> The Walls, Manningtree, Essex, CO11 1AS www.northhousegallery.co.uk	01206 392717
<b>Play Rascals</b> Rascals House, Corner Telford/Brunel Rd., Gorse Lane Ind. Est., Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO15 4LP www.playrascals.co.uk	01255 475755
<b>Princes Theatre</b> Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO15 1SE www.tendringdc.gov.uk	01255 686633

<b>Radar Tower</b> Barrack Lane, Harwich, Essex. CO12 3NP www.harwich-society.co.uk	01255 503429
<b>The Columbine Centre</b> Princes Esplade, Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex, CO14 8PZ www.columbinecentre.co.uk	01255 851680
<b>The Naze Tower</b> Old Hall Lane, Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex, CO14 8LE www.nazetower.co.uk	01255 852519/860151
<b>Thorrington Tide Mill</b> Brightlingsea Road, Thorrington, Essex, CO7 8JJ www.essex.gov.uk (Essex County Council)	01245 437677
<b>Titchmarsh Marina</b> Coles Lane, Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex, CO14 8SL www.titchmarshmarina.co.uk	01255 672185
<b>Vice Versa Night Club</b> Rosemary Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO15 1PB www.vice-versauk.com	01255 474872
<b>Walton Maritime Museum</b> The Old Lifeboat House, East Terrace, Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex, CO14 8PZ www.museumsinsex.org	01255 678259
<b>Walton Pier</b> Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex, CO14 8ES www.waltonpier.co.uk	01255 672288
<b>Waverley Excursions</b> (from Clacton & Harwich) 36 Lancefield Quay, Glasgow, Scotland, G3 8HA www.waverleyexcursions.co.uk	0845 130 4647
<b>West Cliff Theatre</b> Tower Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO15 1LE www.westcliffclacton.org	01255 474000

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For more information on events or attractions on the Essex Sunshine Coast call:

**Clacton Tourist  
Information Centre  
01255 686633**

**Walton Tourist  
Information Centre  
01255 675542 (Seasonal Facility)**

**Beth Chatto Garden  
Elmstead Market**



# beside the seaside

Tending celebrates its award winning beaches



With over 36 miles of beautiful sandy beaches, from bustling resorts to tranquil hidden gems find your perfect getaway... Not only are they good to look at, Tending beaches have received awards for achieving the highest quality in water, facilities, safety, environmental education and management.

## Brightlingsea

One of the Cinque Ports and a mecca for water sports with its own award winning beach.

**Blue Flag** Award in 2010.

## Clacton-on-Sea

In the summer months it all happens on or by the beach in Clacton. With its traditional seaside atmosphere and fun filled pier it remains a firm family favourite.

**Blue Flag** Award in 2010 for Martello Beach. **Quality Coast Award** in 2010 for Clacton West Beach and Martello Bay.

## Dovercourt Bay

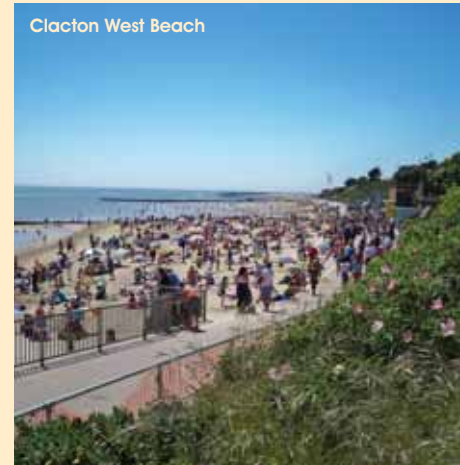
This unspoilt seafront offers a wealth of activities to keep even the most demanding visitor busy.

**Blue Flag** Award in 2010.

## Frinton-on-Sea

Relaxed, sophisticated and unique. Frinton is just along the coast from Clacton-on-Sea, with its old world charm and one of the best beaches on the Essex Sunshine Coast. **Quality Coast Award** in 2010.

Clacton West Beach



## Harwich

The beach is located next to the historic town of Harwich on the estuary of the rivers Stour and Orwell in north-east Essex. Boasting excellent views of Felixstowe, Harwich beach is ideal for those who enjoy a walk along the seashore in both the summer and winter with an option of visiting the maritime museums. **Quality Coast Award** in 2010.

## Holland-on-Sea

Family friendly beaches as well as offering an idyllic setting for walks along the seashore.

## Jaywick Sands

Privately owned golden beaches with traditional local facilities.

## St. Osyth

Boasts fine beaches with launching facilities for water sports users.

## Walton-on-the-Naze

Home to Britain's second longest pier with its exciting family fun fair and sandy tide-washed beach. **Quality Coast Award** in 2010 for Albion Beach and The Naze.

## Information

For school trip/visit information call: **01255 686681**  
For more information on award beaches log on to: **www.keepbritaintidy.org** and click 'Beaches.'

## Dog Ban (May to Sept)

Dog bans are in force in designated areas at: Harwich, Dovercourt, Walton-on-the-Naze, Frinton-on-Sea, Holland-on-Sea, Clacton-on-Sea and Brightlingsea. Dogs are permitted on adjacent promenades and cliff paths, but must be on a lead. Dogs are allowed on all other beaches if kept under proper control. Beach ban areas are clearly signed at the entrances. Contact the local Tourist Information Centre for more information (see back page for details.)

## Beach Safety

A successful wrist band scheme is operated on designated beaches which helps to reunite lost children with parents. For information call: **01255 686868**



# accommodation

Accommodation in the District ranges from holiday parks through to old style inns, B&B's and luxury hotels where prices remain very competitive and hosts offer visitors a warm and friendly welcome.

## Signs of Quality

You will see that some of the accommodation featured in this guide has been quality assessed by either VisitBritain or the AA.

For the purpose of this guide, ratings will be shown, for example, as **AA★★** and/or **VB★★**. These star ratings are awarded by applying quality standards for each scheme. This is different for Hotels and Guest Accommodation and they are rated from one to five stars with the more stars the higher quality.

The official rating system seeks to ensure that customers are guaranteed a minimum level of services and facilities. Please be advised that ratings may change throughout the year depending on when the property is inspected and that Tendring District Council has made every effort to check that gradings are correct at time of going to press but cannot be held responsible for any discrepancies thereafter. It also cannot accept any liability resulting from omissions or inaccuracies. **Visitors are advised to check all accommodation details when booking.**

If you are dissatisfied, please write to the relevant inspection scheme assessor at the address shown below:

For **Enjoy England** (Quality in Tourism/VisitBritain) inspected properties:

Farncombe House, Broadway, Worcestershire. WR12 7LJ

Web: [www.enjoyEngland.com](http://www.enjoyEngland.com)

Tel: **020 8563 3309**

For **AA** inspected properties:

AA Hotel Services, 14th Floor, Fanum House, Basingstoke, Hampshire. RG12 4EA

Web: [www.theAA.com](http://www.theAA.com)

Tel: **01256 844455**

Please note that inclusion in the Accommodation list does not imply approval or recommendation by Tendring District Council.

## National Accessible Scheme

Proprietors of accommodation taking part in the National Accessible Scheme are committed to accessibility. The appropriate National Accessible Scheme ratings shown as **NAS**, are included in the guide for those properties that have been assessed. If you have additional special needs or requirements you are recommended to make sure that these can be met by your chosen establishment before confirming your reservation.

# park hall country house

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St Osyth, Essex, CO16 8HG  
Tel: **01255 820922**  
[www.parkhall.info](http://www.parkhall.info)

and choose from a full menu of treatments with something to suit everyone. Why not arrange a party pamper with family and friends and have fun being pampered in style!

The splendour and history that surrounds Park Hall makes this a very special place to visit.



# guest accommodation

## Inspected

### Guest Houses & Bed & Breakfast

<b>Adelaide Guesthouse</b> 24 Wellesley Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. CO15 3PP www.adelaide-guesthouse.co.uk VB ★★★ Guest House	01255 435628
<b>Bufo Villae Guest House</b> 31 Beatrice Road, Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex. CO14 8HJ www.bufovillae.co.uk VB ★★★★★ Guest Accommodation - NAS M1&2	01255 672644
<b>Park Hall Country House &amp; Cottages</b> St Osyth, Essex. CO16 8HG www.parkhall.info VB ★★★★★ Guest Accommodation VB ★★★★★ Self Catering	01255 820922
<b>Curlews</b> Station Road, Bradfield, Manningtree, Essex. CO11 2UP www.curlewsaccommodation.co.uk VB ★★★★★ Bed & Breakfast - NAS M2	01255 870890
<b>The Beeches</b> 12-14 Ellis Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. CO15 1ER www.thebeechesclacton.co.uk AA ★★★ Guest Accommodation	01255 421713
<b>The Sandrock</b> 1 Penfold Road, Marine Parade West, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. CO15 1JN www.thesandrock.co.uk AA ★★★★★ Guest Accommodation	01255 428215
<b>Uplands Guesthouse</b> 41 Hadleigh Road, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex. CO13 9HQ www.uplandsguesthouse.co.uk VB ★★★ Guest Accommodation - AA ★★★ Guest Accommodation	01255 674889

## Hotels

<b>The Pier at Harwich</b> The Quay, Harwich, Essex. CO12 3HH www.milsomhotels.com AA ★★★ Star Hotel	01255 241212
<b>The Rock Hotel</b> The Esplanade, 1 Third Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex. CO13 9EQ www.therockhotel.co.uk VB ★★ Small Hotel	01255 677194

## Self Catering

<b>Lee Wick Farm Holiday Cottages</b> The Barn, Lee Wick Lane, St Osyth, Essex. CO16 8ES www.leewickfarm.co.uk VB ★★★★★ Self Catering - NAS M2	01255 823031
<b>Pond Cottage</b> Earls Hall Farm, St Osyth, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. CO16 8BP www.earlshallfarm.co.uk VB ★★★★★ Self Catering	01255 820458

## Holiday, Touring & Camping Parks

<b>Coopers Beach Holiday Park</b> Church Lane, East Mersea, Mersea Island, Colchester, Essex CO5 8TN www.park-resorts.com VB ★★★★★ Holiday Park	0843 3092643
<b>Highfield Grange Holiday Park</b> London Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO16 9QY www.park-resorts.com VB ★★★★★ Holiday Park	0843 3092643
<b>Martello Beach Holiday Park</b> Belsize Avenue, Jaywick, Essex, CO15 2LF www.park-resorts.com VB ★★★★★ Holiday, Touring & Camping Park	0843 3092643
<b>Naze Marine Holiday Park</b> Hall Lane, Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex, CO14 8HL www.park-resorts.com VB ★★★★★ Holiday Park	0843 3092643
<b>Valley Farm Holiday Park</b> Valley Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO15 6LY www.park-resorts.com VB ★★★★★ Holiday Park	0843 3092643
<b>Weeley Bridge Holiday Park</b> Clacton Road, Weeley, Essex, CO16 9DH www.park-resorts.com VB ★★★★★ Holiday Park	0843 3092643
<b>Waterside Holiday Park</b> Steeple Hall, Canney Road, Steeple, Southminster, Essex CM0 7RS www.park-resorts.com VB ★★★ Holiday Park	0843 3092643

## Non-Inspected

### Guest Houses & Bed & Breakfast

<b>The Elizabeth Guest House</b> 8 New Pier Street, Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex. CO14 8EB www.elizabethguesthouse.co.uk	01255 675556
<b>Russell Lodge</b> 47 Hadleigh Road, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex. CO13 9HQ www.russell-lodge.fsnet.co.uk	01255 675935

## Self Catering

<b>Seaview Holiday Flats</b> 9 Southcliff, Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex. CO14 8EJ	01255 673146
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## Holiday, Touring & Camping Parks

<b>Dovercourt Caravan Park</b> Low Road, Harwich, Essex. CO12 3TZ www.dovercourtcp.com	01255 243433
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# clacton air show 2011

2011 celebrates 20 years of the Clacton Air Show. The event organised by Tendring District Council, is a well-established event on the Essex Sunshine Coast.

While most eyes will be looking to the skies for air displays there will be a whole host of on-site catering, trade stands and entertainment at ground level stretching along the show site on Clacton's seafront.

Each day will have a full flying programme which in previous years has included the world famous Red Arrows, Harrier, Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and Wingwalkers, as well as other spectacular craft.



Thursday 25th & Friday 26th  
August - West Greensward,  
Clacton Seafront  
11.00am - 5.00pm  
[www.clactonairshow.com](http://www.clactonairshow.com)

For general show information:  
**01255 686633**  
For trade stand, corporate  
hospitality/sponsorship or  
advertising information call:  
**01255 686683/6654**



Harry the Pilot at Clacton Air Show



# accessibility

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## Holiday Accommodation

Some of the accommodation in this Guide MAY be suitable for those visitors with visual, hearing or physical impairments. We would advise that you check your requirements with the proprietor of the establishment before booking.

## Toilets

Many of the District's public toilets have facilities operated by the National Radar Key Scheme. For a full listing of accessible toilets or to purchase a Radar key contact one of our local Tourist Information Centres (see back page.)

## Car Parking

For more information on parking in the local area call Parking Services on **01255 686969** or log on to [www.tendringdc.gov.uk](http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk)

## Disabled Go

[www.disabledgo.com](http://www.disabledgo.com)! Here you can find detailed information about the access to all kinds of places - hotels, restaurants, colleges, tourist attractions, libraries, hospitals, leisure centres - the list goes on! All access information has been collected in person by DisabledGo's team of surveyors. Telephone: **0845 2704627**

## Visually impaired?

Visit our web-site:  
[www.essex-sunshine-coast.org.uk](http://www.essex-sunshine-coast.org.uk)  
For both audio and large print information on the Essex Sunshine Coast – Tendring Coast & Countryside. Large print leaflets and braille leaflets are also available from Clacton Tourist Information Centre.

Deck chair on Clacton beach



# getting here

## By Car

From the Midlands and North, follow the **A14** (signposted Felixstowe/Harwich) until you are south of Ipswich. Join the **A12** signposted London, then take the **A120** signposted Harwich. From the A120 join the **A133** for Clacton, Frinton, Walton, St Osyth, Brightlingsea etc.

## By Ferry

Harwich International Port is one of the UK's leading freight and passenger ports with excellent links to the Midlands, London and the South East. The passenger ferry terminal is run by Stena Line who sail to the Hook of Holland and DFDS Seaways who offer frequent sailings from Harwich to Esbjerg, Denmark.

Harwich Port: **01255 242000**  
DFDS Seaways: **0871 522 9955**

## By Air

London Stansted is within easy reach by road (approximately 60 miles.)

Tel: **0844 335 1803**

## By Rail

Regular trains run to the Essex Sunshine Coast with daily direct services from both Clacton and Harwich International to London Liverpool Street. Average journey time from London is 1 hour 45 minutes.

Tel: **08457 484950**



## Bus Services

For local Bus Service contact  
Essex Traveline on:

Tel: **0871 200 2233**

## By Coach

National Express operate regular coach services to Clacton-on-Sea, Frinton-on-Sea, Harwich and Walton-on-the-Naze. There are daily services with connections to London, the Midlands and the North West. For timetable information contact National Express on:

Tel: **08717 818178**

[www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)

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