

The line crosses from Essex to Suffolk, with typical Constable views along the Stour Valley. After Bures, the train reaches Sudbury, with its old Corn Exchange (now a Library), Victorian quay and the Gainsborough Museum.

and Wakes Colne.

high above the River Colne and the twin villages of Chappel

emerges to cross the great 32 arch Chappel viaduct, striding

The Colne and Stour Valleys

A delightful rural journey running through landscape

straight out of Constable's paintings.

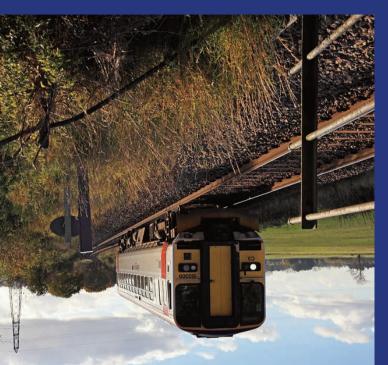
The Gainsborough Line runs through leafy cuttings and

area, for a great day out by train Sudbury Line and surrounding Your guide to the Marks Tey -

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Tickets and Travel

Welcome to the Gainsborough Line, Marks Tey to Sudbury

via the website www.nationalrail.co.uk UK can be obtained from Mational Rail Enquiries on 08457 484950 or Latest information on train times and fares for any rail operator in the

Information

The present day railway line operates between

Marks Tey and Sudbury. The line was fully opened

for traffic on 2nd July 1849, and its primary use was

to bring farm and loom produce from Sudbury to

original train service comprised four trains in each

The greatest obstacle in completing the line was crossing

began in 1847; the original plan was to span the valley with a

million bricks to be made. The structure was completed in

Thomas Gainsborough was arguably the most famous son

of Sudbury and it is appropriate that he is commemorated

by having the line named after him. He surely would have appreciated the splendid vistas to be viewed from the train

1849. The viaduct is 1,066ft long, comprising 32 arches each

the Colne Valley at Chappel. Construction of the viaduct

timber arch on brick piers, but this was changed when

brickearth was found on site to enable the viaduct's 7

Colchester and the riverside port at Hythe. The

History of the Line

direction, only on weekdays.

of a 30ft span at a height of 75ft.

Tickets & Fares

cheaper to book in advance online. purchase your ticket before you board. For certain ticket types it is train. If travelling from a station with ticket selling facilities you must (where available) or from the Conductor on the Gainsborough Line Tickets can be purchased from ticket offices, or ticket machines

Off Peak Tickets

including from London. There are also special tickets available off peak peak restrictions so the return journey can be made at any time, Travel after 8.45 on weekdays. Off-Peak Day tickets do not have evening

Super Off-Peak Day Tickets

peak tickets may be used at any time after 12.00. No return made between 1600 and 1900 inclusive. On local journeys, Super Off-11.33, Chappel 11.39). The return journey from London may not be From Sudbury the first available connecting train is the 11.26 (Bures first train that arrives in London after 12.00 on Mondays to Fridays. When travelling to London or Stratford these tickets are valid on the

restrictions apply from stations outside London.

are the best value option. At weekends Super Off-peak tickets may be used at any time of day so

GroupSave Tickets

two to any station in the local area (including London Liverpool Street). Groups of three or four travelling together can travel for the price of

Child Tickets

(minimum fare applies weekdays).

Children aged 5-15 travel for half price and children under 5 travel free.

Railcards

Network Card - Anyone aged 16+ travelling in the South East Friends and Family Railcard - for family groups. Senior Railcard - for anyone aged 60 and over. 16 - 25 Railcard - for anyone aged 16 - 25 price of off-peak tickets. Various railcards are available where you can get up to a third off the

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bookings can be found at www.greateranglia.co.uk Full details of Greater Anglia services, train times and ticket

Your Local Train Service

week, 363 days per year. Services depart Sudbury Bures, Chappel & Wakes Colne, then Marks Tey for mainline connections to Colchester, Chelmsford, London or beyond.

Travel for Business or Leisure

With services enabling you to get into London before 7am, why not commute from Sudbury? - It's cheaper than driving to, and parking at, a mainline station. Season tickets are available for a week, a month or a year - these give you a huge saving over Anytime Tickets.

There are also special tickets during 'off-peak' to allow you to spend the day out by train, including GroupSave, where three or four people travel for the price of two. Off Peak Tickets are valid after 8.45am on weekdays and anytime during weekends and Bank holidays. A railcard could also help you get a 33% reduction on Off Peak Tickets.

The Gainsborough Line isn't just for tourists visiting the area - services operate seven days a at hourly or more frequent intervals, calling at

Marks Tey to Sudbury The Gainsborough Line

Shopping in East Anglia Regional Entertainment nobno ni gnisestigi Trips to the coast Visiting the area ideal for:



confectionary and newspapers and magazines. bar selling a large variety of coffee and teas, snacks, soft drinks, Why not visit the Coffeelink at Marks Tey station, an espresso

Open Mon to Fri: 5.30am to 7pm Saturday 8am to 6pm

in East Anglia by train χουν τί**ςκ**ετ το a great day out

(old railway line) to Long Melford. boating on the river Stour or follow the Stour Valley Trail or restaurant. Perhaps follow the town trail in Sudbury, go Take a walk between the line's stations, or visit a local pub

walk along the modern riverfront in Ipswich. shopping in Norwich - the capital of East Anglia, or take a in London, visiting one of the many free museums - go Or maybe take the train from Sudbury and go sightseeing

Wherever you feel like going - go by train.

Visit London

Looking for a day out in the capital? London has many attractions to keep all the family entertained.



Purchase a Travelcard and enjoy unlimited use of the underground, DLR and buses all day. See the London 2FOR1 Publicity and get two for one entry at top London attractions when you travel by train.

w with a later train back from Liverpool Street at 22:02, you can also make an evening of it

as it crosses the Colne Valley and then the Stour Valley as the train enters Suffolk, as well as the beauty of the engineering feat that is the Chappel Viaduct.



Super off-peak tickets are available for services arriving into London after midday and not returning between 16:00 -19:00 from London. These tickets gives you even cheaper travel to London, ideal if travelling to see a show in London.

Visit Local Attractions by Train

The Gainsborough Line is part of the National Rail network. The destinations are

endless - but why not go somewhere local for a day out? Try shopping in Colchester, or head down to the beach at Clacton or Walton - or try a maritime walk around Harwich.



forming the original station. The red with the white part of the building Colne Station house was built in 1849, of the River Colne. Chappel and Wakes Colne lie in the valley on opposite sides The two villages of Chappel and Wakes

brick two storey building was added in

visit, annual events are held here to raise funds for local best preserved in Essex. The Millennium Field is worthy of a century chimney and a medieval kitchen which is one of the Public House. The Swan dates back to 1390 and has a 16th was consecrated in 1352, the Chappel Viaduct and the Swan St Barnabas, Chappel, which is possibly of Norman origin and Museum. Places of interest in the villages include the church of house. Today the station is home to the East Anglian Railway 1900 to form the Station Master's

charities.

10% discount on Museum Admission valid Gainsborough Line rail ticket for a

Search online for Chappel & Wakes Colne and EARM.



Beer and Cider Festivals. Present your special events, including the popular exhibits for you to view, as well as many a wide range of rolling stock and The Railway Museum at the station has

(restrictions apply on some event days).

(esscrp.org.uk) but some are highlighted below. walk leaflets may be downloaded from the ESSCRP website and end at another to save you retracing your steps. Eight There are a number of walks from the stations along the Gainsborough Line. All of the walks start at one station The Gainsborough Line Walks

Wakes Colne (5 miles) Marks Tey to Chappel &

(000'52:1) OS Explorer map 184 and 196

River Colne before passing underneath sweeping views across the valleys of the plateau of North East Essex. It offers communities scattered across the high This walk explores the small rural

ends at the beautifully restored Chappel & Wakes Colne Station. the imposing Chappel viaduct. The walk

(səlim č) Chappel & Wakes Colne to Bures

Constable. views of the landscape favoured by both Gainsborough and western flank of the River Stour Valley and offers sweeping This walk explores the rolling countryside bordering the OS Explorer map 195 and 196 (1:25,000)

Bures to Sudbury (8 miles)

OS Explorer map 196 (1:25,000)



Sudbury via the beautiful water and its surroundings before reaching the picturesque hamlet of Middleton western ridge for a few miles, explore factory farming. Crossing to the through a countryside unspoilt by the eastern side of the Stour Valley This walk follows the heights bordering

online for Gainsborough Line Walks. There are many more walks between stations, please search the old route of the railway between Sudbury and Long Melford. meadows bordering the River Stour and Valley Trail, apart of

Cycling in the Stour Valley

www.sustrans.org.uk no www.nationalcyclenetwork.org.uk or Information on cycle routes can be obtained from: to enjoy the beautiful Essex and Suffolk countryside. Gainsborough Line train free of charge. So take an opportunity and getting out into the country. Cycles may be taken on the The Stour Valley area offers superb opportunities for cycling



and further information is available on the website above. The house is approx half a mile from Sudbury Station

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through to current times. overlooking the flood plain of the River Stour right man was attracted to settle on the high ground interesting display taking you from earliest times when to 4pm, with free admission for the public. An Town Hall in Gaol Lane. Open Monday to Friday I0am ancient times to present day is located behind Sudbury

Partnership Lieg Yainummod Essex & South Suffolk

online for sudburysuffolk.co.uk to show what Sudbury and its

and cafes to enjoy. The library houses the Tourist Information

In addition there is a sports and leisure centre, plus many pubs

Sudbury still has many independent shops, as well as the usual

Gainsborough Street. This is now an art gallery displaying more

birthplace of Gainsborough, a red brick building, can be seen in

been built giving the town a major historical legacy. Indeed the

prospered here and many great houses and churches have

of his paintings, drawings and prints than anywhere else.

Marks Tey, Chappel & Wakes Colne, Bures and Sudbury. shrubs you will see on your journey when stopping at with Greater Anglia providing the colourful flowers and station adopter who care for the station, in partnership after by a very active line group. Each station has a Gainsborough Line from Marks Tey to Sudbury is looked securing the future of our 5 branch lines. The partners with the aim of promoting train travel and Established in 1998, the Partnership brings together 8



please look at our website www.esscrp.org.uk For more information on the ESSCRP work



Gainsborough House

details. 0871 200 22 33 or visit www.traveline.info

connections to Long Melford, Lavenham, Clare and Cavendish

There are a number of local bus operators offering onward

delightful pubs to drop in to, all of which are a short walk or

for a pint or two, or maybe a spot of lunch? There are some

As you travel along the Gainsborough Line, why not stop off

Marks Tey

to Colchester

as well as many other destinations, contact Traveline for

bus ride from the stations including many welcoming

Explore the Gainsborough Line

Onward Connections by Bus

establishments in the town of Sudbury.

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year. Gift, coffee shop and garden. temporary exhibitions is also on show throughout the collection of his work. A varied programme of Thomas Gainsborough and shows an outstanding The Museum and Gallery marks the birthplace of



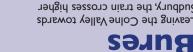
advantage of the 2FORI admissions offer. Travel by train to Gainsborough's House and take

See the Greater Anglia website

sites/gainsboroughs-house to-visit/east-anglia/offer/2-for-I-historichttp://www.greateranglia.co.uk/places-

A permanent display of the town's history from

Days out on the Gainsborough line, Marks Tey to Sudbury



can still see parts of the frame of the the Stour, was closed in 1909, but you immediately on your left as you cross walk down the hill. The tanning yard From the station the village is a short ground for Bures and the River Stour. Sudbury, the train crosses higher Leaving the Colne Valley towards

snd present. online.co.uk contains a wealth of information about Bures, past pubs in the centre of Bures for a drink or some lunch. Bures-Wormingford Mill and church. There is also the choice of three Stour Valley to Sudbury or along the Stour Valley path to House. Bures is an excellent place to start a walk through the old buildings which are incorporated into the present Bridge



painted by Constable and

the attractive countryside and loop in the river and is surrounded by

surroundings has to offer.

Clare, Lavenham and Cavendish. Search

interchange point for local buses to the

delightful villages of Long Melford,

Sudbury's past. Sudbury is also the

many photographs and exhibits from

local attractions, including the Sudbury

high street stores found across the UK.

the weaving and silk industries have

grazed land in England. For centuries

Sudbury are the oldest continuously

Gainsborough. The meadows around

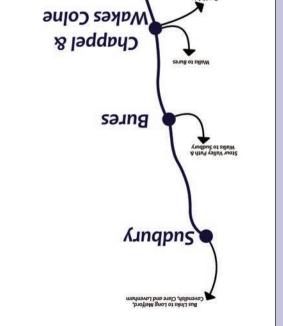
quintessentially English villages, so often

explore Sudbury's history and view

Office, which can provide details of

Heritage Centre where you can







of old and new houses, has buildings Colchester line. The village, has a blend - nobnotion with the main London -Colchester on the AI20 and the station is Tey. It is situated just five miles west of being Marks Tey, Great Tey and Little "zyəT əht" za yliscol nwony zəşsiliy The village of Marks Tey is one of the

Marks Tey

the station. for Coggeshall and Stansted airport from across the road from of local businesses in the area and a bus/coach may be taken dating back to the 16th and 17th centuries. There are a number

Colne Chappel & Wakes

