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

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

Wherever you feel like going - go by train.

**Your ticket to a great day out
in East Anglia by train**

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

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



Ideal for:
Visiting the area
Trips to the coast
Sightseeing in London
Regional Entertainment
Shopping in East Anglia

The Gainsborough Line

Welcome to the **Gainsborough Line, Marks Tey to Sudbury**

History of the Line

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 Colchester and the riverside port at Hythe. The original train service comprised four trains in each direction, only on weekdays.

The greatest obstacle in completing the line was crossing the Colne Valley at Chappel. Construction of the viaduct began in 1847; the original plan was to span the valley with a timber arch on brick piers, but this was changed when brickearth was found on site to enable the viaduct's 7 million bricks to be made. The structure was completed in 1849. The viaduct is 1,066ft long, comprising 32 arches each of a 30ft span at a height of 75ft.

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 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.



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 emerges to cross the great 32 arch Chappel viaduct, striding high above the River Colne and the twin villages of Chappel and Wakes Colne.

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.



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.

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

Marks & Spencer

Chappel & Wakes
Colne

The Gainsborough Line Walks

(5 miles)

views of the landscape favoured by both Gainsborough and

Cycling in the Stour Valley

The Stour Valley area offers superb opportunities for cycling and getting out into the country. Cycles may be taken on the Gainsborough Line train free of charge. So take an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful Essex and Suffolk countryside. Information on cycle routes can be obtained from: www.nationalacyclicnetwork.org.uk or

www.sustrans.org.uk

A photograph of a yellow house with a red roof, surrounded by lush greenery and a blue sky with clouds. The house has a prominent chimney and a large window with a white frame. The garden is filled with various plants, including a large green bush and a small tree. A paved area with a metal railing is visible in the foreground.

Travel by train to Gainsborough's House and take advantage of the 2FOR1 admissions offer.

See the Greater Anglia website

<http://www.greateranglia.co.uk/places-to-visit/east-anglia/offer/2-for-1-historic-sites/gainsboroughs-house>

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

town Hall in Gaoi Lane. Open Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm, with free admission for the public. An interesting display taking you from earliest times when man was attracted to settle on the high ground overlooking the flood plain of the River Stour right through to current times.

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



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

**Essex & South Suffolk
Community Rail
Partnership**

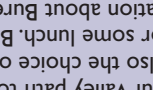
high street stores found across the UK. In addition there is a sports and leisure centre, plus many pubs and cafes to enjoy. The library houses the Tourist Information Office, which can provide details of local attractions, including the Sudbury Heritage Centre where you can explore Sudbury's history and view many photographs and exhibits from Sudbury's past. Sudbury is also the interchange point for local buses to the delightful villages of Long Melford, Clare, Lavenham and Cavendish. Search online for sudburyinfo.co.uk to show what Sudbury and its surroundings has to offer.



From Bures, the train follows the valley of the River Stour. Sudbury sits in a loop in the river and is surrounded by the attractive countryside and quintessentially English villages, so often painted by Constable and Gainsborough. The meadows around Sudbury are the oldest continuously grazed land in England. For centuries



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