

mentioned in 1076. Saxon in origin, built on our Roman theatre foundations and seemingly rebuilt several times. Now used as our Greek Orthodox Church. On its west side is an old Quaker graveyard. This was once an area of non-conformist worship.

20.* **St James the Great Church**, Colchester East Hill, Colchester, CO1 2QL - Dating from the late 12th / early 13th century, with later additions, and restoration in the 19th century. Features include 18th and 19th century paintings, 17th century brasses and the church organ. John Ball, leader of the Peasants' Revolt of 1381, used to preach at this church.

21.* **St James the Less and St Helen's Church**, Colchester 51 Priory Street, Colchester, CO1 2QB - Built in 1837 and designed by John Joseph Scholes, a leading Roman Catholic architect and scholar, this church was the first post-reformation Catholic Parish Church in Colchester. Built in white brick in the Norman style, without a tower, but with Gothic style turrets. The wide interior consisting of Norman columns. Early 20th century extensions, and a new chapel in 1987. Stained glass windows.

22.* **St John's Abbey Gatehouse**, St John's Green, Colchester, CO2 7HA - Early 15th century gatehouse, with flint flushwork, a vaulted roof and battlements flanked by pinnacled corner turrets. A narrow winding staircase leads up to the main room. Historical associations with Richard III and the English Civil War, from which battle scars are still visible.

23.* **St John's Orthodox Church** (former Garrison Church), Military Road, Colchester, CO1 2AN - The Garrison Church was built in 1856. Timber construction with slate roof built for services holding up to 900 people, is the last building of its kind left. Restored 1891 and 1989, re-opened by Russian Orthodox Church in 2009 after being left redundant for two years.

24.* **St Leonard at the Hythe Church**, Hythe Hill, Colchester, CO1 2LW - This mainly 14th century building, with impressive tower, carries scars from the Civil War in the form of bullet holes in the south door. Sailors' graves in the church yard.

25.* **St Martin's Church**, Colchester West Stockwell Street, Colchester, CO1 1HQ - Medieval church with impressive 14th century roof, wall painting, leper's squint and Norman tower that was badly damaged during the 1648 Siege of Colchester. Now managed by the Churches Conservation Trust.

26.* **St Mary-at-the-Walls Church** (Arts Centre), Church Street, Colchester, CO1 1NF - A late 19th century church with a medieval tower, which was badly damaged during the Civil War in 1648. Tours of the tower are available from where you can see clear views of Colchester. The church is now used as an arts venue.

27. **The Military Garrison** - See the map and find further

information at Camulos. Colchester had its first garrison in Roman times but it wasn't until the 1860s that permanent buildings were constructed, many of which still survive. We suggest starting at the Roman Circus and exploring the nearby area. See how many of the old stable and barrack blocks have been sympathetically converted.

28.* **The Marquis of Granby**, 25 North Hill, Colchester, CO1 1EG - Here you will find the finest 14th/15th century wood carvings in Colchester (only matched by those at Paycockes's in Coggeshall). This ancient timber framed building was once a rich merchant's house, but which later became a pub. Much modified over the years but well worth a visit.

29. **The Mount**, Marlowe Way, Colchester, CO3 4JP - A Romano-Celtic burial mound belonging to an unknown to us, but very important, person of the 1st century AD.

30.* **The Stockwell**, 18 West Stockwell Street, Colchester, CO1 1HN - Built around 1350, this superb example of a high status medieval house, later to become a pub, re-opened in 2013 following a £1 million renovation during which was discovered an inglenook fireplace now restored to its former glory. A 14th century archway, dragon's tail ceiling joists, crown posts and medieval carvings make this a wonderful place to visit. Artefacts found during the renovation are on display.

31.* **Tymperleys**, Trinity Street, Colchester, CO1 1JN - At one time part of the home of William Gilbert, Queen Elizabeth I's physician, a scientist who first used the word electricity, etc. Later became a clock museum. Now in private hands.

32. **War Memorial**, Castle Park Gates, Colchester, CO1 1TJ - Designed by Henry Fehr and installed in the 1920s, this magnificent memorial honours the men who fell during 1914 to 1918, as well as those of later conflicts. The bronze statues of Victory on the top, accompanied by Peace (representing the women of Colchester) and St George (representing the men of Colchester) are impressive works of art.

33. **Weaver's Quarter**, around West and East Stockwell and Maidenburgh Streets - As the name suggests, this was an area inhabited by Flemish weavers mainly from the 14th to 17th centuries and who fled religious persecution in Europe. They helped make Colchester one of the most prosperous towns in England at that time. Many half-timbered houses of the period are still to be seen.



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Colchester's Heritage Sites

A City Guide

This leaflet serves to tell you what, and where, notable heritage sites can be found around Colchester. It is accompanied by other heritage leaflets that deal with specific Colchester periods and places. Please use our map and index to locate the different sites.

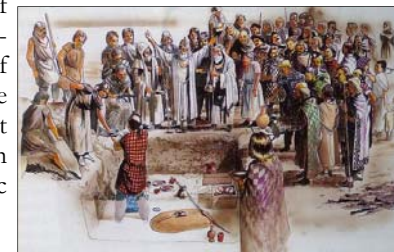
1.* **Audley Chapel**, Berechurch Hall Road, Colchester, CO2 9NU - 16th century burial chamber of the Audley family, managed by the Churches Conservation Trust. Fine hammer beam roof with superb monuments and other original features.

2. **Balkerne Gate**, Balkerne Hill, Colchester, CO3 3AA - The oldest and best preserved Roman gateway in Britain, part of the extensive Roman walls of Colchester.

3.* **Beryfield Mosaic**, Firstsite, Lewis Gardens, Colchester, CO1 1JH - This Roman mosaic was discovered in the 1920s, together with the skeleton of a young woman laid neatly on it. Whether she died from a violent act we do not know, but the mosaic was taken up and relocated in Colchester Castle, where it remained for many years. When Firstsite was built, the decision was made to bring the mosaic back and put it on display, in a position very close to where it was originally discovered. Apart from the mosaic, our wonderful new arts building is well worth a visit in its own right.

4.* **Bourne Mill**, Bourne Road, Colchester, CO2 8RT - Originally built as a fishing lodge in 1591 with stepped Dutch gables. Converted to a mill in the 19th century for cloth manufacturing, and later flour milling. Working water wheel on site. Tranquil grounds and pond.

5. **Camulodunum Park at Gosbecks** (and nearby Colchester Zoo), Maldon Road, Colchester, CO2 0HR - 65 hectare park on the site of an important part of Iron-Age Colchester. Of particular interest is the location of the largest Roman theatre in Britain and a huge Romano-Celtic temple and portico.



6.* **Colchester Cemetery**, Mersea Road, Colchester, CO2 8RU - Opened in 1864, this award winning cemetery is beautifully laid out and a delight to explore. See the Camulos website for more details.

7.* **Colchester Town Hall**, High Street, Colchester, CO1 1FR - Designed by John Belcher, 1898-1902. Tower surmounted by a figure of St Helena, 162 ft above the street. Property open via guided tours, including private rooms, the courts and the cells.

8.* **Colchester Castle**, (and Hollytrees and the Natural History Museum), High Street, Colchester, CO1 1TJ - Our magnificent castle and modern day museum, built by the Normans on top of the podium of the Roman Temple of Claudius. This, together with its award winning parks, is the jewel in Colchester's crown and a 'must see' for any visitor to Colchester.



9.* **Colne Light Ship**, King Edward Quay, The Hythe, Colchester, CO2 8JB - Launched in 1954 and served as a navigational light ship. Now used as a training ship for the Sea Cadets. Take a look around the ship, meet some of the cadets and staff.

10.* **Holy Trinity Church**, Trinity Square, Colchester, CO1 1JB - Built by the Saxons around 1000AD, the church tower is the oldest standing building in Colchester, pre-dating the Norman castle by three quarters of a century. The tower features a small doorway and recycled Roman bricks. Later additions include the 14th century chancel and Victorian extensions. An elaborate memorial to William Gilbert (1544 - 1603), is mounted on the North wall. The church closed in 1952, and was opened as a social history museum in 1974, later to close due to cost cutting.

11. **Iron Age and Roman Dyke System** - See the map and find further information at Camulos. Experts tell us that these defensive earthworks were constructed to create the best defended and most powerful Iron Age settlement in Britain, from perhaps as far back as the 5th century BC to some time after the Roman invasion in AD 43. Most of these earthworks are still in evidence today and are interesting to explore.

12.* **Lexden Tumulus** (and Bluebottle Grove nearby), 30 Fitzwalter Road, Colchester, CO3 3SY - An Iron Age burial mound believed to be for Addedomaros, one time king of the Trinovantes, who once ruled these lands.

13. **Romano-Christian Church**, Southway, Colchester,

CO3 3BU - Perhaps the oldest Christian church in Britain. Constructed c AD 330, the foundations are on full view and easily accessed. This area of Colchester was where the Romano-British people buried, or cremated, their dead. Archaeologists have discovered hundreds of graves from pre-Christian (pagan) through to the Roman period. The graveyard extends over a huge area, much of it covered by houses now.

14.* **Roman Circus**, Circular Road North, Colchester, CO2 7GZ - The only Roman circus in Britain was identified here in 2004. Accessible all year round but best to visit during the week when Roman Circus House, home to the Colchester Archaeological Trust, is open. They have an excellent museum display. Also a good point to take a look at the nearby old military garrison area.

15.* **Roman Theatre Remains**, Maidenburgh Street, Colchester, CO1 1UB - Small area of foundations of Roman theatre that featured in the destruction of Colchester by Boudicca in AD 60. Originally had capacity for 3000 spectators.

16. **Roman Wall** - See the map and find further information at

Camulos. Our town wall was built by the Romans in the 1st century AD and the 2800 metres make an interesting walk. How many Roman drains can you find? We suggest starting and finishing at the Balkerne Gate, perhaps taking a look at our magnificent Jumbo water tower, our Mercury Theatre and the Hole in the Wall pub. How did all three get their names?

17.* **St Botolph's Church and Priory**, Priory Street, Colchester, CO2 7EE - Ruined nave of the first Augustinian priory in Britain. Built c.1100-1170. Norman revival parish church by William Mason, 1836.

18.* **St Giles Masonic Centre**, St John's Green, Colchester, CO2 7EZ - Originally a church, St Giles was consecrated in 1116 and closed in 1954. It is currently used as a masonic meeting centre. As a listed building, careful preservation of its many features have been maintained. St Giles is the meeting place for the oldest masonic lodge in Essex, Angel Lodge. Internal viewing recommended.

19.* **St Helen's Chapel**, Colchester St Helen's Lane, Colchester, CO1 1UR - Medieval chantry chapel, first

The statue of Mercury found at Gosbecks.

These are only some of the many heritage sites that can be seen in Colchester.

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