



Sustainable routes to Hylands Estate



Did you know



Enjoy Hylands Estate!

Hylands Estate is a Grade II* listed public park with 574 acres of historic parkland, and home to many different habitats.

If you've worked up an appetite on your way to Hylands, visit The Stables Café which serves a selection of hot meals, cakes and treats, or Mauro's Kiosk next to the Adventure Playground which serves sandwiches, picnic box lunches, cakes and fresh fruit.

Whilst at the Stables Café, you'll find yourself at the heart of the Hylands Artists' Studios, a collective of resident artists, designers, and makers. Exhibitions and workshops are available to book in advance via the Hylands Estate website.

Once you have enjoyed your refreshments, there are five mapped walks around the estate to explore, ranging from a 30-minute stroll to a four-mile hike! A leaflet with all the details can be found online or picked up from the Stables information point.

The ornate Victorian Pleasure Gardens next to the Stables and Hylands House date back to the early 1900s, including the famous oak arbours with Chinese and Japanese wisteria – beautiful whatever the weather for a picture or two.

The Hanbury Memorial Garden and One World Garden look different all year round, as well as the Serpentine Lake and ancient woodlands.

For those with little ones, the award-winning accessible children's Adventure Playground is a must! Castle battlements, a portcullis and drawbridge, ladders, scramble nets, swings, and sensory equipment – you'll need to visit Mauro's kiosk nearby to keep up with your mini-pirates!

The team at Hylands Estate are always ensuring that the best events take place on the grounds. Make sure you check out their website to see what's on – including the popular monthly Farmer's and Crafts Market (normally the third Sunday of the month). You may even get the opportunity for a tour of the house and see the beautifully restored Banqueting Room with its 24 carat gold leaf decorations!

Visit hylandsestate.co.uk



The Stables



Serpentine Lake



Adventure Playground



Pleasure Gardens

path to Writtle in memory of Writtle Airfield which closed in November 1916. It was occasionally used by Royal Flying Corps aircraft as a landing ground during fighter patrols in the first half of World War One. Find out more at: www.abct.org.uk

Take this opportunity for a Pit Stop, as this marks the end of the cycle path and onto roadways towards Lodge Road.

Like with Route 3, there are the opportunities to enjoy a play park when you start and when you get closer to Hylands Park.



Alternative Routes

By public transport

Public transport is a great alternative to travelling by car and offers additional benefits too, such as time to read a book or listen to music. **Hylands Park can be reached by bus using routes 45/45A/45C First Buses**, alighting at Lodge Road and walking down Paradise Road through to the underpass and into the park via the Writtle car park entrance. **Route 351 will also take you to Hylands Park via London Road** from the city centre, however, use this route with caution as it involves crossing a busy dual carriage way.

By car

If you're unable to walk or cycle to Hylands and must travel by car, consider car sharing with family and friends. **Car parking is available at each entrance to Hylands Estate.** Two can be accessed via the Hylands House entrance off London Road (CM2 8WQ) and the other is located next to the Hylands Park entrance off Greenbury Way (CM2 8FS). **Please check the website before visiting for the latest information regarding parking charges.**

To find out more about Hylands Estate and events visit hylandsestate.co.uk

For more family cycle routes around Chelmsford visit chelmsford.gov.uk/explore

About the Routes

Route 1

This route will take you very close by to Oaklands Park, home to Chelmsford Museum. Take a walk-through Chelmsford's history, from the Ice Age, right through to the present day, watch a princely Anglo-Saxon burial, and see stunning art by a Turner Prize winner. There's a brand-new Explorer Zone perfect for the young explorers in your party and you could even take a pit stop at The Hive café serving fresh, tasty, and locally sourced food. An ideal visit for all ages as you make your way to Hylands Estate.

Route 2

As you make your way out of Central Park, you will go past the Marconi Ponds Local Nature Reserve, an area of wooded land and ponds in central Chelmsford. There are three habitats on site: grassland, woodland and two ponds. These habitats provide space in an urban area for a variety of wildlife and there is an activity trail for all ages.

St Mary's Church marks the end of the route for Routes 1 & 2, but there is the option to walk into the park via the entrance here, or to continue to cycle down Three Mile Hill to enter the park. You may find you need to lift your bike over the gate to enter.

Route 3

As with Route 4, this route will take you through Admirals Park Local Nature Reserve, which became a designated nature reserve as recently as July 2021. For the sports-minded, the parkland provides ample space for cricketers, footballers, bowlers, anglers, walker, cyclists, and more. There is a well-equipped play area for the younger visitors to Chelmsford if you're looking to start your route with some playtime.

This route will take you past Hylands School and onto Bridge Street to join the other routes down Lodge Road to Paradise Road where another play park awaits!

An alternative route via Savernake Road onto Writtle Road is an option to avoid muddy ground.

Route 4

Take this slightly longer route made up of mostly cycle path using the Writtle Cycle Path. This route splits into two choices, meeting back up again as you reach Lodge Road.

Choose to the bridleway approach on Lawford Lane for a great Selfie Spot but be wary that this route can get quite muddy at colder times of the year.

Along the other route, as you travel to St John's Road Green you will find a commemorative plaque on the



Routes to Hylands Estate

How to make your trip to Hylands sustainable

We can all do our part to help the UK achieve our climate targets by cutting down on the number of car journeys we make. By walking and cycling more, we can all reduce greenhouse gas emissions and make our streets quieter, safer, and less polluted.

Leave your car at home

Chelmsford has over 30 miles of dedicated cycle routes, these continue to expand year on year. To help you to prepare to leave your car at home, we have created this leaflet of suggested cycle and walking routes, allowing you to enjoy the fresh air and green spaces along the way. **We've also highlighted areas where cycle paths may be interrupted**, or you might need to take more care due to potential hazards, such as nearing or crossing busy roads.

Get ready to walk/ride

Getting on your bike and cycling, or dusting off those trainers and walking to Hylands, has great health benefits. **Doing regular exercise like cycling and walking strengthens your heart muscles and immune system**, lowers your resting pulse, and reduces blood fat levels. It also lowers your risk of developing cardiovascular disease and it's great for reducing stress and improving our mental health. All routes are ideal for children to use scooters whilst walking with their parents.

Creating a healthy city

The less we drive our personal vehicles and opt for public transport, bikes, or scooters instead, **the less congestion we will see across the city**. Less pollution from cars will lead to a reduction in rates of asthma and other respiratory conditions.

Protecting our wildlife

Emissions are not only damaging to our health but our local wildlife's too. **Driving less will help support local biodiversity levels**, keep our green spaces green, and allow our wildlife to flourish.

Find out more about our mission to create a greener Chelmsford by visiting loveyourchelmsford.co.uk, where you can check out videos, maps and tips to explore more of Chelmsford's cycle network.

Key

- Route 1: Via Widford, 1.54 miles
- Route 2: Via Widford, 1.77 miles
- Extension to Routes 1 & 2: Three Mile Hill
- Route 3: Via Beeches Road & Hylands School, 3.36 miles
- Route 4: Writtle cycle path, 3.36 miles
- Start: Green dot
- Finish: Red dot
- Selfie Spot: Smartphone icon
- Pit Stop: Trophy icon



Adventure Playground



The Stables Café

