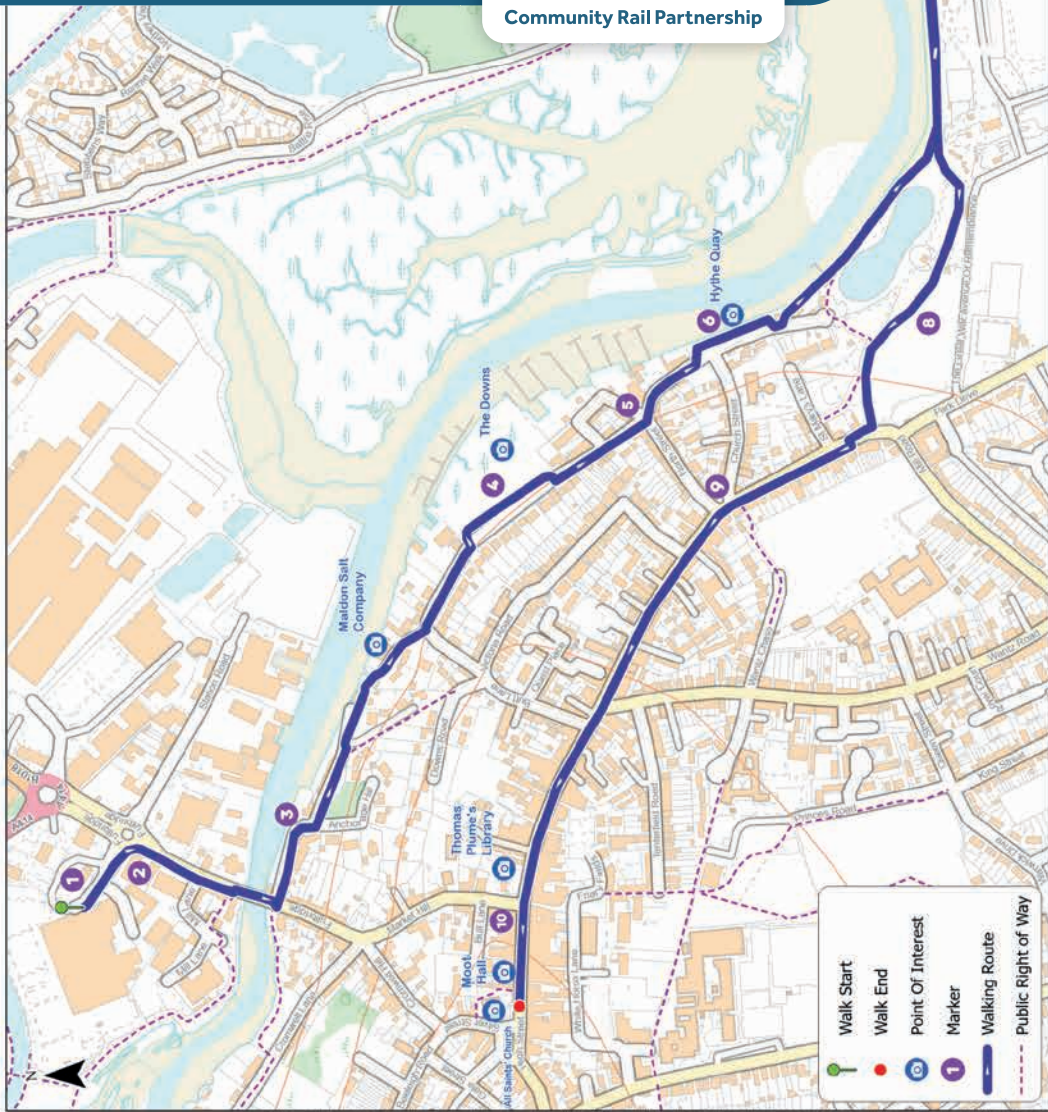


Explore beautiful Maldon by Train and Bus



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From London Liverpool Street it's easy to catch a direct train to Witham. Trains leave Liverpool Street every 10 to 15 minutes. At Witham walk to the bus station in front of the Albert Road entrance. Stephenson's bus route 90 goes to Maldon every half hour Monday to Friday and hourly on Saturdays.



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 Allow 1.5 to 2 hours

 Distance 4km/2.5m

Recommended walking route

Outward route: Tesco's Maldon to Maldon Promenade Park

1. Leave the bus at the bus stop adjacent to Tesco's Superstore in Maldon. Walk away from the supermarket, passing the Tesco petrol station on your left and the Kwik-Fit car servicing centre on your right.
2. At the roundabout, turn right onto Fullbridge, soon passing Fullbridge Church on your right. Go ahead for 160 yards. Just before the 'Muddy Duck' pub on your right, use the zebra crossing to get to the other side and cross the bridge (Fullbridge) over the River Chelmer.
3. Immediately after the bridge, turn left onto Anchorage Hill (signposted as the England Coast Path). After 120 yards, the road bends right away from the quayside. Continue ahead onto Chandlers Quay (still signposted as the England Coast Path). In another 120 yards you will see a narrow, enclosed footpath ahead. Go ahead on this path and then continue up the slope past the Maldon Salt factory on your left to reach Downs Road.
4. Maintain the same direction, soon passing the entrance to Downs Road Boatyard and the Sea-Change Sailing Trust building on your left. Immediately after the Sailing Trust building, take the steps down onto a footpath into Downs Road Park, which has good river views and an information board about Maldon's industrial history. This path runs parallel with Downs Road. After 150 yards, rejoin Downs Road and follow it until you reach the T-junction with North Street (in another 140 yards).
5. Cross North Street, and head down towards the river, passing the Marinstore Chandlery on your left and the old fishermen's cottages on your right.



6. You will soon pass the 'Queen's Head' pub on your left. Here, you can walk along the Hythe to see the historic Thames sailing barges moored alongside (there is a good information board here). The 'Fish on the Quay' pub and the Little Ship Club will be on your right.
7. At the end of the Hythe, go around the River Bailiff's hut to follow the riverside path. You are now in Promenade Park. Enjoy the green space with the ornamental lake and cafés. Continue ahead for 0.5 mile along the promenade, until you reach the statue of Byrhtnoth; he was the leader of the Anglo-Saxons in the Battle of Maldon against the Danes in 991 AD.

Return route: Walking route from Maldon Promenade Park to Maldon High Street bus stop

1. Retrace your steps back along the promenade until you reach the cafés on the left, just past the splash park. Go up the slope past the cafés and then turn right to follow the path until you reach the main gates of Promenade Park (adjacent to the car park and the Museum in the Park).
2. Exit through the gates and turn right onto Mill Road. You will pass in front of the Museum in the Park. In 230 yards, you will reach the 'Black Rabbit' pub on your left. Continue ahead on what is now the High Street.
3. Go ahead along the High Street for 720 yards (0.4 mile), passing the Maeldune Centre/Thomas Plume's Library and the Moot Hall on your right. You will reach All Saints' Church on the right just after passing the 'Oakhouse' bar. The bus stop to return to Witham is on front of the church.



Points of interest

The **Maldon Salt Company** was founded in 1882 and has been harvesting salt on the banks of the river Chelmer ever since. The area around Maldon has been famous for the quality of its salt since Roman times. Today, gourmet chefs the world over acknowledge it as their salt of choice.

Maldon Barges – by Aerial Essex



The tranquil landscape of **The Downs** was once common land for the citizens of Maldon to graze their animals on, sited on the steep slope between the High Street and the river. It was also where the town's archery butts were located (via Butt Lane), where every Englishman aged from 15 to 60 was once required by law to practice longbow skills every Sunday.

The Hythe, as the quay is known, began life as a separate hamlet down the hill from Maldon. In the past, Thames sailing barges would leave the Hythe carrying foodstuffs and bedding straw for horses to London, returning with cargoes of horse manure for use as fertiliser on the fields of local farms.

Thomas Plume's Library was founded in 1704 under the terms of the will of Dr Thomas Plume, Vicar of Greenwich and Archdeacon of Rochester, who

Hythe Quay – by John Guiver



had been born in Maldon in 1630. He bequeathed to his native town his collection of over 8,000 books and pamphlets, to be kept in the building which he had constructed from the ruins of the old St Peter's Church.

The **Moot Hall** is thought to have been built around 1420; the tower is part of a brick-built extension to an existing timber manor house known as the D'Arcy Mansion (long since demolished), which was the family home of Sir Robert D'Arcy (1391-1448). The Borough Corporation purchased the Tower in 1576. It has served as prison, police station, courthouse, charter house, armoury, council chamber and public meeting space for nearly 450 years.

The oldest surviving feature of **All Saints church** is the unique triangular tower, dating back over 850 years. It has a rich collection of memorials to famous people and events in the town. The church is the burial place of the great-great grandfather of George Washington, first president of the United States, who was rector of nearby Purleigh Church in 1633.

Moot Hall Balcony – by Paula Freeman

