



Essex County Council

Explore Culture in nature this summer with your family!

All of these spots are free or low cost and have been tried and tested by local families with children aged 0-7yrs. Scan the code for more info on each place.



Ambresbury Banks

Jack's Hill Car Park
B172, Theydon Bois,
Loughton IG10 2NY



Connaught Water

Connaught Water Car Park
Ranger's Rd, Loughton, E4 7QH



Harlow Town Park

School Ln,
Harlow CM20
2QB



Gibberd Garden

The Gibberd Garden,
Marsh Ln, Harlow
CM17 0NA

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Strawberry Hill Ponds

Earl's Path Car Park
Earl's Path, Loughton IG10



Harlow Museum

Muskham Rd, Harlow
CM20 2LF



Parndon Mill

Parndon Mill Ln, Harlow CM20 2HP



Bell Common

Forest Side Car Park Theydon
Rd, Epping CM16 4DU



Parndon Wood

Parndon Wood Rd, Harlow
CM19 4SF



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Explore these lovely places with your little ones. Tried and tested by local families!

Ambresbury Banks

Paid parking via RingGo app.

No toilets

Pushchair friendly but can get a little muddy.

Ancient Iron Age Earth Works still visible today with information board for grown ups. All a gentle 15 minute walk from the carpark. For more Iron Age information, why not visit Harlow Museum!

Connaught Water

Paid parking via RingGo app.

Toilets a 30 minute walk at Epping Forest Visitor Centre

Pushchair friendly.

Walk around the beautiful pond, say hello to the water birds and see if you can spot all of the Bramble Hedge Mice! These sculptures go right round the lake and up to the Visitor Centre. Plenty of benches too.

Strawberry Hill Pond

Paid parking via RingGo app.

No toilets

Pushchair friendly but can get a little muddy.

Just a few minutes walk from the carpark and on the right of the main path is a flat area looking over the pond. Perfect for picnics and playing among the tree roots.

Bell Common

Paid parking via RingGo app.

No toilets but a pub 5 minutes walk away.

Pushchair friendly but can get a little muddy.

Lots of logs, stumps and den building possibilities within sight of the main path. Look out for holly leaves on the ground and wear closed shoes. It can get prickly!

Harlow Town Park

Pay and display parking

Toilets between Pets' Corner and Playground.

Pushchair friendly.

So much to explore! Meadows, trees for shade, Ducks, a lovely little stream near the bandstand. Free zoo at Pets' Corner, Two amazing playgrounds, sensory garden, willow circle and a cafe. Plus sculptures to spot and a free paddling pool. Come every day for a week and do something different every day!

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Parndon Mill

Free parking for anyone visiting the gallery.

No public toilets

Pushchair friendly but can get a little muddy.

Small friendly gallery with new artworks by local and national artists. Walks via Parndon Mill Lock along the River Stort or through the water meadows. Check Parndon Mill website for gallery opening times, community days and family activities.

Parndon Wood

Free parking.

Toilets in visitor centre.

Pushchair friendly but can get muddy.

Willow hut and sculptures to play in, den building area, HUGE bug hotel and a storytelling area. Plus birdwatching hides and clear paths in a beautiful woodland on a manageable scale. Check Parndon Wood webpage for seasonal opening times.

Gibberd Garden

Free parking.

Toilets in visitor centre.

Pushchair friendly but can get muddy.

Entry fee applies - Open Saturday and Wednesday.

Amazing sculpture collection housed in Frederick and Pat Gibberd's beautiful gardens. Lovely lawns and lots of secret spots to discover. Plenty of shady areas too. Check website for special events.

Museum

Free parking behind Museum.

Toilets by reception.

Pushchair friendly and not too big. Open Tues, Thurs, Sat.

Beautiful walled gardens with lawns, flowers, fruit trees and benches. Picnics welcome. Borrow magnifying glasses, binoculars and scavenger hunts. Lots to see and do inside too. Dress ups, sand trays for digging, a greengrocers shop for small shopkeepers and craft table. Check website for regular free and low cost family activities.