

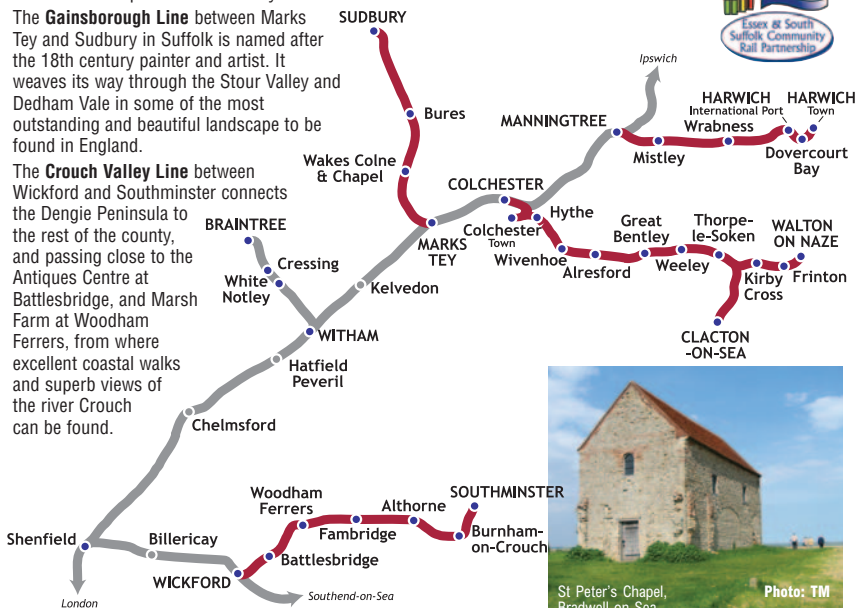


Although in the highly populated South Eastern area of the Country, the Essex & South Suffolk Community Rail Partnership covers four very different branch lines running through rural communities.

The **Sunshine Coast Line** runs between Colchester and Clacton/Walton. Colchester is Britain's oldest recorded town whilst the coastal resorts of Clacton on Sea, Walton on the Naze and Frinton on Sea each offers a wide expanse of safe sandy beach.

The **Gainsborough Line** between Marks Tey and Sudbury in Suffolk is named after the 18th century painter and artist. It weaves its way through the Stour Valley and Dedham Vale in some of the most outstanding and beautiful landscape to be found in England.

The **Crouch Valley Line** between Wickford and Southminster connects the Dengie Peninsula to the rest of the county, and passing close to the Antiques Centre at Battlesbridge, and Marsh Farm at Woodham Ferrers, from where excellent coastal walks and superb views of the river Crouch can be found.



The **Mayflower line** runs between Manningtree and Harwich winding its way through a diverse and varied countryside to the coast. Manningtree is a town with interesting architecture with a history reaching back to medieval times. At the end of the line are the historic towns of Harwich & Dovercourt Bay. A restored Victorian boathouse is now home to the Harwich Lifeboat Museum.



St Peter's Chapel,
Bradwell-on-Sea

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