



#WOMENSTOUR

## COLCHESTER SPECTATOR GUIDE

Colchester will host the start of stage one on Monday 6 June.

This guide has been compiled to assist racegoers with their planning and help them have an unforgettable day at the Women's Tour.

### ACCESSIBILITY – COLCHESTER SPORTS PARK AT NORTHERN GATEWAY

There are a number of ways of travelling to the Colchester Sports Park at Northern Gateway, where stage one begins at 11am.

#### CYCLE

There are a number of quiet cycling routes to choose from depending on what part of town you are coming from.

[Click here](#) for a route map.

#### PARK & RIDE

Visitors can also access the Sports Park using Colchester's Park & Ride from the town centre, railway station or hospital stop on the Northern Approach Road.

[Click here](#) for a route map.

#### WALK

The Sports Park is three miles from the town centre. From the town, walk up Mile End Road and onto the Sports Park via Boxted Road and the Park and Ride site.

#### TRAIN

The Sports Park is 2.3 miles from Colchester North Station and 3.4 miles from Colchester Town Station. There are regular services to Colchester from stations along the London, Norwich and Tendring lines.

The Park and Ride bus can be used for onwards travel from the station to the Sports Park.

## BUS

Visitors can use the Park and Ride Bus (no need to park) as the Park and Ride is located next door to the Sports Park.

Buses run every 15 minutes from the Park and Ride to the Town Centre stopping at Middleborough, Colchester Station and Colchester Hospital:

- 7am to 7pm (Monday to Friday) every 15 mins / four buses per hour

There is also the Panther 80/80A service that stops on Boxted Road and provides a service between Colchester town centre and Dedham. There are four services a day Monday to Saturday.

## PARKING

For parking on the day, visitors to the Sports Park will be directed to use Colchester's Park & Ride. The cost per car is £3 and you must enter the code 737944 for 'Park Only' on the MiPermit app.

[Click here](#) for more info on how to use MiPermit.

## ACCESSIBILITY – COLCHESTER TOWN CENTRE

Want to watch the race in the heart of Colchester? The riders will pass through the town during the neutralised section of the stage.

Why not combine your visit with a walk through Colchester Castle Park, and visit Colchester Castle, Hollytrees Museum or Natural History Museum.

## TRAIN

There are two train stations in Colchester. The main station is North Station, a 20-minute walk from the Town Hall and guided by the Fixing the Link walking route.

Colchester Town Station located in the Town Centre is slightly closer, less than a 10-minute walk along Queens Street and then left onto the High Street.

## BUS

Colchester Bus Station is located on Osbourne Street in the Town Centre and runs regular services locally and regionally.

There is also a Park and Ride from the A12 at junction 28.

## PARKING

The closest town centre car parks are located at Priory Street, CO1 2QE and St Marys Car Park, CO3 3AA.

[Click here](#) for more info on town centre car parks.

Contactless payments can be made with the MiPermit app.

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## **ROAD CLOSURES**

A rolling road closure will be in operation on Monday 6 June 2022 to facilitate the safe running of the stage start.

The temporary closures are scheduled to commence between the hours of 10.45am and run until the race has left Colchester. The following lengths of road will be affected:

- UNITED WAY
- BOXTED ROAD
- VIA URBIS ROMANAE
- NORTHERN APPROACH
- NORTH STATION RD
- NORTH HILL
- HIGH STREET
- QUEEN STREET
- SOUTH WAY
- MALDON ROAD
- BOADICEA WAY
- LAYER ROAD B1026 TO LAYER DE LA HAYE
- HIGH ROAD
- MALTING GREEN ROAD
- LAYER ROAD LEADING TO OXLEY HILL
- MERSEA ROAD (ABBERTON)
- ABBERTON ROAD
- CHAPEL ROAD
- FINGRINHOE ROAD
- OLD HEATH ROAD
- WHITEHALL ROAD
- COLNE CAUSEWAY
- EASTERN APPROACH
- GREENSTEAD ROUNDABOUT LEFT HAND SIDE HEADING TOWARDS AVON WAY
- AVON WAY LEADING TO LONGRIDGE
- LEFT ALONG BROMLEY RD
- RIGHT ONTO PARSONS HEATH
- HEADING TOWARDS A137 ARDLEIGH

- CONTINUES ONTO HARWICH RD A137 UNTIL COLCHESTER BOUNDARY

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Want to stay in Colchester overnight? These three hotels come recommended.

### **The George Hotel**

With 500 years of history, few hotels have many a story to tell as this one. The Women's Tour passes the location of the iconic George in Colchester High Street. The hotel has undergone a full and extensive refurbishment and is now restored to its former glory.

[Hotel in Colchester - The George Hotel Colchester \(suryahotels.co.uk\)](http://suryahotels.co.uk)

### **St Nicholas Hotel**

The former St Nicholas House and church has been completely refurbished, revealing itself as a stylish 44-bedroom hotel set in the heart of Colchester and along the route of the Women's Tour through the High Street.

[Hotels in Colchester Essex UK – ST Nicholas Hotel \(suryahotels.co.uk\)](http://suryahotels.co.uk)

### **The Red Lion Hotel**

Brook Red Lion Hotel is situated in a historical Grade I listed building dating back to 1465. Located in the busy town centre of Colchester, Britain's oldest recorded town, Brook Red Lion Hotel is one of the oldest inns in the area and a superb Colchester hotel. The hotel provides 3 star accommodation in a relaxing environment with individually furnished bedrooms, and the central location in Colchester means London is less than an hour away, making it a great choice of the hotels in Essex. [Brook Red Lion Hotel, Colchester | Brook Hotels \(brook-hotels.co.uk\)](http://brook-hotels.co.uk)