

About Fixing the Link

The walk from Colchester Railway Station to the town centre is one mile, and will take you approximately 20 minutes. If you're at the railway station, simply start at the large elephant sculpture on the south-side forecourt. Follow the yellow banners until you reach the two elephants on the High Street. Use the map inside this leaflet to make sure you spot all the points of interest marked along the way.

Designers Dallas Pierce Quintero were commissioned to create a clearer walking route between Colchester Railway Station and the town centre, celebrating our local history.

The designers were inspired by Colchester's historical and more modern links with elephants. From Roman Emperor Claudius' dramatic arrival into Colchester leading an invasion force that included elephants, to the iconic Victorian water tower at the top of the High Street affectionately known as Jumbo.

On your journey you'll discover a series of route markers combined with information plaques, revealing historical points of interest along the route. The walk crosses the River Colne, passes through the site where North Gate once stood, one of the six Roman gates in our town wall, and takes you past the landmark building, St Peter's Church.

Colchester Borough Council, Essex County Council and Abellio Greater Anglia have worked together to create this enjoyable walking route. They have pioneered the use of a theory devised by Abellio Greater Anglia's parent company in the Netherlands, Nederlandse Spoorwegen, applying the idea to improve the experience of the walking route between Colchester Station and the town centre – called Fixing the Link.

This is the first time the Fixing the Link theory has been used in the UK, and we are proud that Colchester is the first pilot of its sort in the country.



Colchester town centre

Find out more about Colchester and download a copy of this map at: visitcolchester.com

Visit Colchester Information Centre is located on the ground floor of Hollytrees Museum, in Colchester's award-winning Castle Park.

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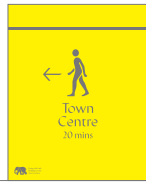


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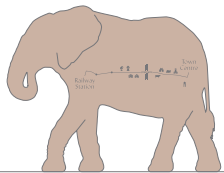
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Explore the Trail



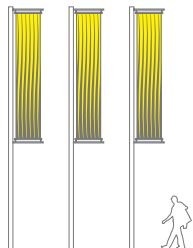
1 Station Graphics

As you walk off the station's central platforms, these graphics will point you in the right direction to exit on the south-side forecourt at the start of this walking trail.



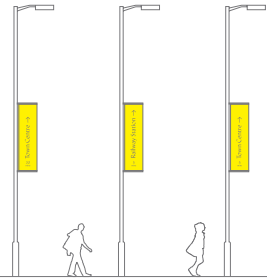
2 Station Elephant

This life-sized elephant sculpture marks the start of the trail and includes a map of the walking route. How about taking a selfie? #FixingTheLink



3 Station Flags

Colourful flags mark the entrance/exit of Colchester Railway Station – turn right at the flags and look for the first yellow lamp post.



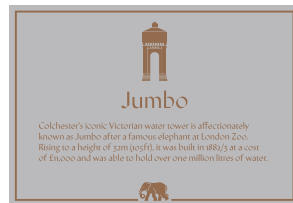
4 Lamp Posts

Follow the yellow lamp posts; they will show you how far you have progressed along the route.



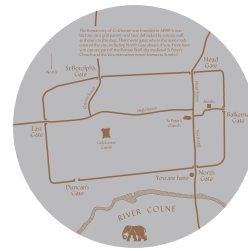
5 Albert Planters

New planters improve the environment of this busy crossing. Can you spot the elephant?



6 Information Plaques

Discover the plaques (marked on the map) to reveal the unique history behind this route into the town centre.



7 Roman Wall Model

Discover a model of Colchester's Roman walls and gates (*due for completion summer 2016*). Then pass through North Gate, one of the main Roman gateways into our walled town, now marked with a bronze strip.



8 St Peter's Church

Take time to stop and admire St Peter's Church, it will be lit as a beacon to help guide you from dusk to dawn.

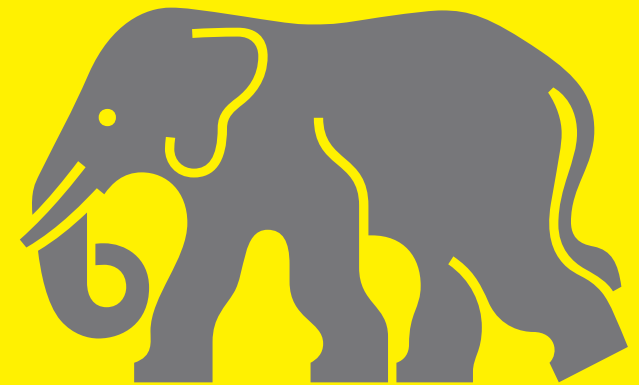


9 Town Centre Elephants

You've reached the town centre; explore Colchester's unique history, shops and eateries. Find out more at visitcolchester.com

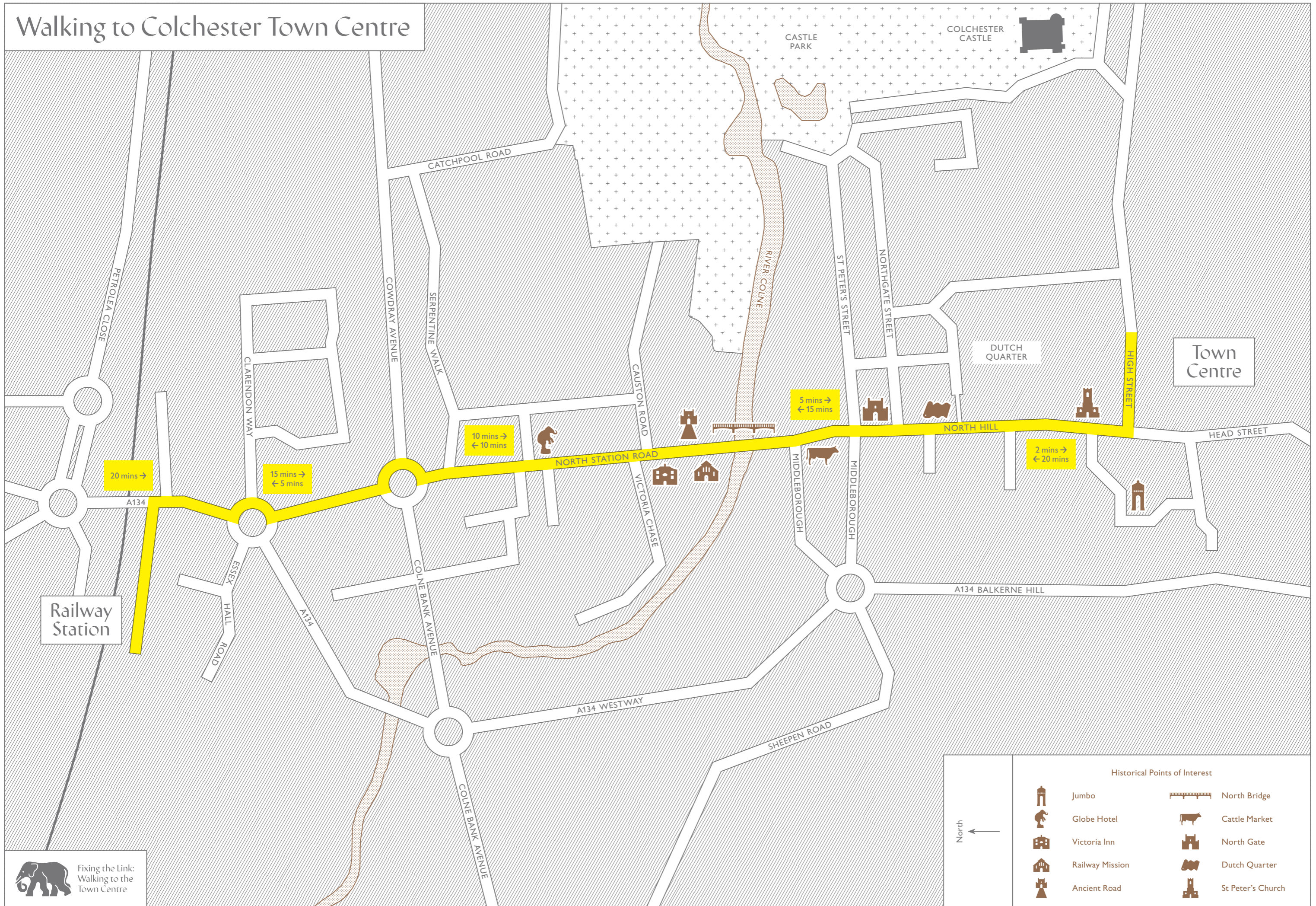
When you're ready, one of the baby elephant sculptures will point you in the right direction of your return walk to Colchester Railway Station.

Walking to Colchester Town Centre Route map



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Railway Station

Town Centre

20 mins →
15 mins →
10 mins →
5 mins →
5 mins →
2 mins →

← 15 mins

← 10 mins











← 5 mins

← 20 mins

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Historical Points of Interest

-  Jumbo
-  Globe Hotel
-  Victoria Inn
-  Railway Mission
-  Ancient Road
-  North Bridge
-  Cattle Market
-  North Gate
-  Dutch Quarter
-  St Peter's Church

North
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