

Tudor Walled Garden

A formal pleasure garden once adjoined a Tudor Great House, built by the Smyth family in the 16th century. The family supported the losing Royalist side in the English Civil War. They were forced to leave the manor house and it was demolished.



Today, the Tudor walled garden is a tranquil setting containing a reconstructed Elizabethan knot garden, forecourt, nosegay garden and medicinal border.



Granary and Court Hall

This building was built to house a granary in 1623. The ground floor was used as a malting to produce beer, but this area was converted into stables in the early 1800s.

The Farmhouse

This typical Essex farmhouse was founded in 1603, and later remodelled in the Georgian period. The panelled Oak Room and Martin Room can be hired as meeting rooms.



Weddings

Get married in England's oldest timber medieval barn, which forms the centrepiece of this delightful rural estate.

Medieval wedding packages from £3,500 or our traditional weddings from £2,500.



Normal Opening Times

March and October 10am - 4pm.
April to September 10am - 5pm Sunday to Friday

Adult £4 Concession/Child £3
Family ticket £9.50 (2 adults and 2 children)

Crossing Temple Season Ticket £10

(admits up to 3 children with each season ticket holder)
Enjoy Crossing Temple over and over again with an annual ticket. This entitles you to 10% off all special events (excludes charity events) and a 10% discount in the gift shop. Valid for one year from date of purchase.

Winter Walks

Grounds and gardens only. Visitors are welcome to visit free of charge from Monday to Friday between November and February 10am - 4pm.

Visitor Facilities

- Ample parking.
- Dogs are not permitted, except assistance dogs.
- There is disabled parking by the visitor centre.

The majority of the site is fully accessible, however due to the historic nature of the site some areas have limited access.



Crossing Temple is situated on the main road between Braintree and Witham on the B1018. Just a few minutes away from Freeport Designer Outlet Village. Our nearest mainline station is Witham.

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Crossing Temple

Medieval Manor of the Knights Templar



History of Crossing Temple

Crossing Temple was granted to the Knights Templar - the mysterious warrior monks - by Queen Matilda in 1137. Crossing was the Knights' first grant of rural land in England and they farmed its 2000 acres until 1312, when their lands passed to the Knights Hospitaller.

A rich heritage at Crossing Temple is reflected in a host of unique buildings and beautiful gardens. With our free audio tour, take your time to discover the story of how the manor changed over the past 900 years.

Templar Barns and Well

The two vast barns, built in the early 1200s, are masterpieces of carpentry. Vast timbers give the barns an awe-inspiring cathedral-like quality.

An exhibition in the Wheat Barn explains the incredible skills required to build the barns, which are amongst the best preserved examples of their age.

To establish the settlement in the 12th century, the Knights built a stone-lined well, perfectly preserved to this day. The chapel and refectory's 'footprints' are cut into the central lawn.



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Easter Antics

Sun 4th and Mon 5th April 11am and 3pm
Easter treats and character trail.
Booking essential. £5 adult, £4 concession.
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St George's Joust

Sat 24th & Sun 25th April
10am to 5pm
Celebrate England's patron saint showcasing warfare through the ages. Catch knights in shining armour and archers in battle. Sideshows & catering. £10 adult, £5 concession, £25 family ticket. Pre book for a 50% discount in March and 15% in April: 0845 603 7624

Cressing Antique and Collectors Fair

Sun 2nd & Mon 3rd May 9.30am - 4pm
£3/£2 Hallmark Fairs 01702 333640

Oil Painting Workshops

Wed 12th May 9am - 4pm
£30 includes lunch and materials. 01376 584903

The Essex Food Show – Spring Edition

Sat 15th & Sun 16th May 10.30am - 5pm
£4 per person. Penny Farthing Fairs 01621 773403

Half Term Children's Activity Days

Tue 1st & Wed 2nd June 11am - 2pm
Themed craft activities. Age range 2-12. £4 per person. Booking essential. 01376 584903 / 585046

National Gardens Scheme Day

Sun 13 June 10am - 5pm
All entry fees donated to the NGS charity. £4 / £3

Vintage Fair

Sat 26th June 10.30am-5pm
All proceeds to Helen Rollason Cancer Charity.
£3.50 adult, £1.50 concessions.

Essex Historic Buildings Group Day School

Sat 3rd July
Looking under the skin of a house. £20 + £8.50 for lunch. Further details 01245 361408

Wind in the Willows - Open air production

Sun 4th July 2.30pm
Enjoy the tales of Ratty, Mole, Badger and Toad.
£10 adult, £8 concession. 01376 584903 / 585046

Essex Historic Buildings Group

Wed 7th July 7.30pm
Medieval Queen Post Roofs of East Anglia
Donation £2. Further details 01245 361408

Cressing Unplugged

Fri 9th July 7.30pm
Evening of Acoustic music. Bar and snacks available.
£10 per person. Booking essential 01376 584903

Children's Archaeological Dig

Mon and Tue from 2 - 12 August. 11am or 1:30pm
Learn about the secrets of the past and how to uncover them. Age range 4-10. £8.50 per child.
Booking essential. 01376 584903 / 585046

Tudor and Medieval Activity Days

Every Wed in August
11am to 3pm
Each week meet different historical characters and try fun crafts, trails and games. Age range 2-12. £5 adult, £4 concession, £15 family ticket.
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Children's Environmental Art Day

Tue 24th August 10am or 1pm
Collect nature's windfalls to create artwork.
£8.50 adults, £6.50 concessions.

The Festival Players - The Tempest

Thu 26th August 7.30pm
The Bard returns. £10 adult, £8 concession. Booking essential 01376 584903 / 585046.

The Guild of Essex Craftsman Craft Weekend

Sun 29th & Sun 30th August 10.30am - 5.30pm
£3 adults.

The Woodworking Fair - Frame 2010

Sat 4th & Sun 5th September

The Templar's Fayre

Sat 11th & Sun 12th September
Return of the famous Medieval market with Merchants from all over Europe.
£5 adult, £4 concession. 01376 584903



Antiques and Collectors Fair

Sat 18th & Sun 19th September 9.30am - 4pm
£3 adult, £2 concession. Enquiries 01702 333640

Oil Painting Workshop for beginners

Wed 22nd September 9am - 4pm
£30 includes lunch and materials. 01376 584903

The Art and Design Fair

Sat 26th & Sun 27th September 10am - 5pm
Entrance £4. Enquiries 07944 806340.

The European Woodworking Fair

Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd October 9.30am - 5.30pm
£7.50 per day, £12 two day ticket.

Action in Autumn - Shopping Extravaganza

Wed 6th October 10am - 3pm
Entrance £4. Enquiries 01621 853420

The Essex Food Show - Autumn Edition

Sat 9th and Sun 10th October - details as for May.
Half Term Children's Activity Days
Tue 26th & Wed 27th October 11am - 2pm. £4 per person. Booking essential. 01376 584903 / 585046

Creepy Cressing

Sun 31st October 11am - 3pm
£5 adult, £4 concession, £15 family ticket. Pre-book for a 10% discount. 01376 584903 / 585046

Christmas Food and Craft Show

Sat 27th & Sun 28th November 10.30am - 4.30pm
£4, Penny Farthing Fairs 01621 773403

Santa Hunt

Sat 11th & Sun 12th December. Age range 2-12. Search for Santa! £5 adult, £4 concession, £15 family ticket. Booking essential. 01376 584903



The Templars' Tearoom is an ideal place to relax and take in the pleasant surroundings, or admire our friendly ducks in the moat by the tea garden. Enjoy a morning coffee, cream tea or light lunch.

Open every day except Saturday from April to October and event weekends from 11am till 4pm.

Visit our well-stocked gift shop to find a perfect present or a memorable gift. The shop stocks a range of books, stationery, gifts and confectionery.



Private Hire



Cressing Temple offers a range of conference facilities from the modern conference room in the Visitor Centre, to the more historic setting of the Farmhouse.



This stunning site is also the perfect location for wedding ceremonies and corporate hire.

We welcome group bookings at Cressing Temple and will design guided tours to meet your specific needs.

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