



## EASTERN SHORTLIST



### MAYLAND SEA

Villages on the Dengie peninsula  
in the English county of Essex

Tick when you've visited!

Maylandsea HAS IT ALL! Its' a place you can swim, sail, run or walk round the sea wall, watch the sea birds feeding in the mud at low tide. Or just relax outside in the seaside bar!



### GNOME MAGIC

New Dawn/Old Ipswich Rd,  
Colchester,  
Ceredigion,  
C07 6HU

Constable - I love the peaceful woodland area and the fabulous Gnomes to look at and find, some are funny some are naughty, there all situated in an amazing woodland area and is unlike what any one has seen before! A fabulous day out for the family and a great place for a picnic no matter what time of the year.



### WREST PARK

Wrest Park,  
Silsoe,  
Luton  
MK45 4HR

Wrest Park is just lovely, with its amazing country house and beautiful gardens to wander around and explore all its wonders, this really is a Hidden Gem!



### OSEA ISLAND

The estuary of the River Blackwater,  
Essex,  
East England

Osea is enchanting and exclusive, sitting serenely on the Blackwater Estuary with 400 acres of idyllic countryside and four miles of its own beaches and coastline. Accessible only via a twisting pebble causeway, passable only every seven hours, due to the tides, the Island really is an unspoilt gem. Even the postman only calls at low tide. Osea Island has a rich and diverse history having been occupied for over 5,000 years. There are remains of Neolithic villages and later evidence of Viking burial grounds from the famous battle of Maldon. The Romans were here in force. They built the causeway and the salt works, a pottery and grew arable crops. With the departure of the Romans, the island passed through the hands of many powerful and titled families, emphasising its importance through to Tudor times.



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### HAMPSTEAD HEATH

Hampstead Heath,  
Borough of Camden

Hidden in the middle of busy London is Hampstead Heath, an oasis of peace and quiet. Whether you want to walk through woodland, picnic on heath or grab a coffee and a slice of cake at Kenwood, Hampstead Heath has it all.

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