

**IMPORTANT!** More details on each site, plus location and opening times can be found on the various Facebook pages and web sites referenced with each entry. Please ensure you check opening times before turning up! You can also find more locations and more information at **www.mahn.org.uk**

**Record your tour!** Collect a stamp or a signature in the boxes against each location and see how many you can visit!



East Anglia has a military aviation history going back to the early years of the 20th Century. We are fortunate to host a large number of museums/heritage centres that preserve and display aspects of this history. This heritage includes:

- World War One bases that defended coastal shipping from submarines, and flew air defence night and day against German airships and bombers
- Bomber, fighter and coastal airfields that played critical roles in the Battle of Britain, the bomber offensive against Germany, and the maritime war
- The largest concentration of USAAF airfields for the 8th and 9th Air Forces
- Cold War bases for aircraft and missiles that were key parts of the NATO defence network
- Specialist bases involved in the development of technologies such as radar, and the Control & Reporting network for air defence
- And much more.....



# EXPERIENCE AVIATION HISTORY!

## AVIATION HERITAGE TRAIL OF 30 GREAT LOCATIONS TO VISIT



This Aviation Heritage Trail brochure highlights some of the locations in East Anglia that are open to visitors. Sites such as these are vital to the preservation and presentation of aviation history.

More details visit: [www.mahn.org.uk/trails](http://www.mahn.org.uk/trails)



## 1 RAF Marham Aviation Heritage Centre



Displays the history of RAF Marham from World War One to the present day in objects, photographs and text. **Facebook: MarhamHeritageCentre; Web: www.marhamahc.org.uk**



## 2 RAF Sculthorpe Heritage Centre



RAF Sculthorpe was North Norfolk's only USAF Cold War Atomic Bomber base. Come find out the stories and the 50 year history of this once great base. **Facebook: Forgottensculthorpebase; Web: www.rafsculthorpeheritagecentre.org**



## 3 Seething Control Tower Museum



Housed in a fully restored Control Tower we honour all those who served with the 448th Bomb Group during World War Two. **Web: www.448bombgroup.co.uk**



## 4 RAF Air Defence Radar Museum, Neatishead



Experience the only original Cold War Operations Room, a critical link in the RAF's C&C System. The Museum houses the history of radar and its role in defending the country. **Web: www.radarmuseum.co.uk**



## 5 City of Norwich Aviation Museum



Located near Norwich Airport, the Museum's varied collection contains both Military and civil aircraft, cockpit sections and artefacts representing Norfolk's rich aviation heritage. **Web: www.cnam.org.uk**



## 6 Langham Dome



Located on the edge of the former RAF airfield, tells the intriguing story of what it was built for, how it was developed and why. Includes many interactive displays. **Web: www.langhamdome.org**



## 7 RAF Bircham Newton Heritage Centre



Located on one of the best preserved former RAF stations in East Anglia; explore history of RAF Bircham Newton from the First World War to the Cold War. **Facebook: RAF Bircham Newton Heritage Centre; Web: www.rafbnmp.org.uk**



## 8 RAF Coltishall Heritage Centre



Housed in the iconic former Main Guardroom tells the story of the only Battle of Britain Station to operate fighter aircraft throughout its 66 years of history. **Facebook: Rafcoltishallheritagecentre; Web: www.rafscht.co.uk**



## 9 American Library, Memorial to the 2nd Air Division, 8th Air Force



USAAF: War memorial and public library with a specialist World War Two book collection & an exhibition about the 2nd Air Division. **Facebook: AmericanLibraryUK; Web: www.americanlibrary.uk**



## 10 Museum 4 Watton



A substantial collection of artefacts, documents, films, documents and pictures of RAF and USAAF Watton 1939-1992. **Facebook: Museum4watton; Web: www.museum4watton.org.uk**



## 11 453rd Bombardment Group Museum



Located at Old Buckenham airfield, wartime home to the 454rd BG. Display halls and restoration project on 12 acres of the World War Two site, including the creation of a Memorial Park.



## 12 389th Bomb Group Memorial Exhibition, Hethel



A collection of memorabilia of the 389th B.G. USAAF 2nd Air Div. including original wall art in the World War Two Chapel/gymnasium building. **Web: www.hethel389thbg.com**



## 13 Norfolk & Suffolk Aviation Museum



Over 60 aircraft or large parts thereof. Memorial to the 446BG based at Flixton airfield; displays for RAF Bomber Command, the Royal Observer Corps and RAF Air Sea Rescue. **Facebook: NASAMFlixton; Web: www.aviationmuseum.net**



## 14 Bottisham Airfield Museum



A family friendly museum, near Cambridge, that tells the personal stories of a busy World War Two fighter base that was home to RAF, US Army Air Force and the Belgian Air Force. **Facebook: bottishamairfieldmuseum; Web: www.bottishamairfieldmuseum.org.uk**



## 15 Boxted Airfield Museum



The museum is located on an original airfield site of the American 9th Air Force. Displays include the only surviving section of a B-26 Marauder in the UK. **Web: www.boxted-airfield.com**



## 16 Airfield Research Group and collections



Large collection of 20th century military drawings, photos and plans. The Facility also hosts several military collections including the RAF Alconbury Heritage Collection. **Facebook: airfieldresearchgroup; Web: www.airfieldresearchgroup.org.uk**



## 17 Fenland and West Norfolk Aviation Museum



The museum exists to promote awareness of our local aviation heritage, educating both present and future generations on aviation history. **Facebook: Fenlandaviationmuseum; Web: www.fenlandaviationmuseum.org.uk**



## 18 Parham Airfield Museum



Displays the history of the 390th Bomb Group (USAAF) and the British Resistance Organisation during World War Two. Housed in the original Control Tower plus ancillary buildings. **Facebook: Parhamairfieldmuseum; Web: www.parhamairfieldmuseum.co.uk**



## 19 Bawdsey Radar Transmitter Block



Discover the story of the men and women and the work they did, in top secret conditions, to develop radar. Operational radar was born here! **Facebook: Bawdsey Radar; Web: www.bawdseyradar.org.uk**



## 20 Martlesham Heath Aviation Society Museum



Located in the control tower at Martlesham. Research and development from the Great War to the jet era. **Web: www.mhas.org.uk**



## 21 Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome



The largest collection of original World War One/Royal Flying Corps buildings still operating as an aerodrome in Europe. Crammed with exhibitions, plus regular events. **Web: www.stowmaries.org.uk**



## 22 Vulcan Restoration Trust



Avro Vulcan XL426 is located at Southend Airport. There are events with access for visitors during the year. See our website or social media for details. **Facebook: VulcanRestorationTrust; Web: www.avrovulcan.com**



## 23 RAF Bradwell Bay Preservation Group



Home of an impressive memorial on this important airfield site and with an exhibition in the Othona Centre. **Web: www.rafbradwellbay.co.uk**



## 24 North Weald Airfield Museum



Displays covering the history of RAF North Weald since 1916. Defending London from attacks from the east in two world wars. **Facebook: NorthWealdAirfieldMuseum; Web: www.nwamuseum.co.uk**



## 25 North Creake Tower and Memorial



Former RAF 100 Group station flying secret radio counter measures. Now a restored bed and breakfast in period style; guest history tours available. Memorial to 171 and 199 squadrons. **Facebook: ControlTowerNC; Web: www.controltowerstays.com**



## 26 Bentwaters Cold War Museum



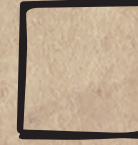
Displays the history of RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge and the Cold War in general, including a collection of Cold War jets. Housed in a former USAF Wing Command Post. **Facebook: Bentwaters-Cold-War-Museum; Web: www.bcwm.org.uk**



## 27 Rougham Control Tower Aviation Museum



Home of the 94th Bomb Group, 8th USAAF 1942-45. Displays of uniforms, photos and artifacts housed in a wartime Control Tower and other period buildings. **Facebook: Rougham Control Tower Aviation Museum; Web: www.rctam94th.co.uk**



## 28 RAF Barnham No.94 MU

This site was built in the early 1950s to maintain Britain's first nuclear bombs. Blue Danube and Red Beard. The site has been restored over the last 10 years.. Tours are by arrangement with Keith Eldred email: [kw.eldred@btinternet.com](mailto:kw.eldred@btinternet.com)



## 29 100th Bomb Group Memorial Museum



Located in the original wartime tower at Thorpe Abbots airfield, an extensive collection that tells the story of the 100th Bomb Group in words, pictures and objects. **Facebook: 100bgmus; Web: www.100bgmus.org.uk**



## 30 RAF Oulton Museum at Blickling Hall

Located in the National Trust's Blickling Hall, which was used by the RAF in World War Two; re-created crew room plus numerous exhibits. **Web: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/bllickling-estate/features/the-raf-oulton-museum**

