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## Duke of Wellington

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Please note:- some places restrict entry and ask for prior application either in writing or by telephone. This is indicated where known. Others may change opening days and hours with little warning – it may be worth checking by phone if they are off the beaten track.

A very brief description of the reason for the choice of site is given but because of space it is not possible to include much detail. Again a telephone call to the site may help you to decide on whether a visit is worthwhile. Remember there may be other items that interest you at the same site.

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### Enjoy Your Explorations

## **Apsley House: The Wellington Museum**

Hyde Park Corner, W1V  
020 7499 5676 [www.vam.ac.uk/vastatic/microsites/apsley](http://www.vam.ac.uk/vastatic/microsites/apsley)

transport: Hyde Park Corner u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,14,16,19,22,36,38,52,73,74,82,137

facilities: disabled access & wcs; sales desk; guided tours on application

opening: Tue-Sun 11.00-17.00

admission charge

*originally known as No.1 London Apsley House was built by Robert Adam between 1771 and 1778 for Baron Apsley. It was the home from 1817 to 1852 of Arthur Wellesley, 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Wellington, the hero of the Peninsular War & Waterloo and a leading British statesman and Prime Minister. The interior decoration was restored by the Victoria and Albert Museum and is an example of revived Louis XIV style popular in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, with ornate plasterwork, beautiful chandeliers and solid silver candelabra.*

*paintings of Old Masters adorn the walls including the famous Goya painting of Wellington on horseback. Other interesting items about or collected by the Duke include a series of caricatures of him and some of his uniforms and garter robes*

## **Horse Guards and Parade**

Whitehall, SW1  
020 7414 2360

transport: Westminster u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,109,159; boat Westminster Millennium & Embankment Piers

facilities: tours by arrangement

opening: the building has occasional special open days. The Changing of the Guard ceremony takes place daily 11.00 (10.00 Suns)

*this former office of the Duke of Wellington has memorabilia about the man and his life*

## **National Army Museum**

Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, SW3  
020 7730 0717 [www.national-army-museum.ac.uk](http://www.national-army-museum.ac.uk)

transport: Sloane Square u/g; buses 11,137,211,239; boat Cadogan Pier

facilities: wheelchair access to all galleries; coach parking only; snacks & light lunches; museum shop with souvenirs, gifts & books

opening: daily 10.00-17.30

admission free

*a collection in the Musuem records the British army's activities over 5 centuries from 1415 and includes the story of a soldier in Wellington's army and some of Wellington's personal relics*

## **Arthur Wellesley, 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Wellington**

Woolwich Arsenal, Woolwich, SE18

transport: Woolwich Arsenal rail; buses 51,53,54,96,99,122,161,178,244,291,380,386

*this statue of 1848 by Thomas Milne was removed here from the Tower of London in 1863 to commemorate the Duke receiving the Master-Generalship of the Ordnance at Woolwich*

## **National Gallery**

Trafalgar Square, WC2N  
020 7747 2885 [www.nationalgallery.org.uk/](http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/)

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,6,9,11,12,13,15,23,24,29,53,77A,88,91,139,159,176; boat Embankment Pier. Free bus service between National Gallery, Tate & Tate Modern every 30mins

*facilities: gallery soundtrack in 5 languages; tape guide for visually-impaired; sign language tours; large print labels; disabled access (wheelchairs on request); disabled wcs; library by arrangement; restaurant & snacks; shop; tours (daily 11.30 & 14.30 plus 18.30 Weds)*

opening: daily 10.00-18.00, Wed 10.00-21.00

admission free

*the Gallery has five portraits of famous people on horseback including another by Goya of the Duke of Wellington painted 1812-1814*

## **Royal Hospital Chelsea**

Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, SW3  
020 7881 5203 [www.chelseapensioner.org.uk](http://www.chelseapensioner.org.uk)

transport: Sloane Square u/g; buses 11,137,211,239; boat Cadogan Pier

facilities: café; sales desk; tours by arrangement

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-noon, 14.00-16.00; Sun 14.00-16.00

admission free

*this home for veterans of the regular army was founded in 1682 by King Charles II. The museum has mementoes of Wellington as part of its collection on the history of the hospital and its members. Have a look at the drawing of the Duke of Wellington catafalque that lay in state in the Great Hall before burial at St Paul's*

## **Grenadier pub**

18 Wilton Row, SW1  
020 7235 3074

transport: Hyde Park Corner & Knightsbridge u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,14,16,19,22,36,38,52,73,74,82,137,C1

facilities: bar food (noon-14.30,18.00-21.30); restaurant (noon-13.30,18.00-21.30); real ales

opening: Mon-Sat noon-23.30, Sun noon-22.30

*this pub stands on the site of stables where the Duke of Wellington kept his horses. The mounting block outside is said to have been used by the Duke. The pub is now decorated as befits its name - a sentry box outside and memorabilia such as bayonettes, sabres and a bearskin inside*

## **Duke of Wellington pub**

94A Crawford Street, W1H  
020 7723 1703

transport: Edgware Road & Baker Street u/g, Marylebone u/g & rail; buses 2,13,18,27,30,74,82,113,139,189,274

*the frontage of this pub is designed like an antique shop with a collection of Wellington memorabilia in one window. From a blocked upper window an image of the Duke with tankard in his hand looks down*

*inside there is more memorabilia - pictures, a cheque he gave someone, and a signpost pointing (in all the wrong directions) to the battles he won!*

## **Achilles**

Hyde Park, on the ring road from Hyde Park Corner to Marble Arch, W1

transport: Hyde Park Corner & Marble Arch u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,14,16,19,22,36,38,73,74,82,137

*this nude bronze statue by Sir Richard Westmacott was erected in 1822 as a memorial to Wellington. Although called Achilles it is in fact not Achilles nor does it have the face of Wellington. Cast from cannon captured at the Peninsular War it stands 18ft (5.4m) high, weighs 33 tons and is the copy of a Roman horse trainer*

*incidentally the size of the fig leaf has been occasionally ridiculed and has been chipped off twice (1870 and 1961)*

## **Athenaeum Club**

Waterloo Place, SW1  
020 7930 4843

transport: Green Park & Piccadilly Circus u/g; buses 3,6,9,12,13,14,15,19,22,23,38,53,88,139,159

*outside this London club are the horse mounting blocks placed there by the Duke of Wellington*

## **St Paul's Cathedral**

St Paul's Churchyard, EC4  
020 7263 4128 [www.stpauls.co.uk](http://www.stpauls.co.uk)

transport: St Pauls & Mansion House u/g, Blackfriars & Cannon Street u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,11,15,26,56,76,172,100,172,242; boat Blackfriars Millennium Pier

*facilities: café in crypt (09.00-17.30 Mon-Sat, 10.30-17.00 Sun); shop in crypt (09.00-17.30 Mon-Sat, 10.30-17.00 Sun)*

opening: Mon-Sat 08.30-16.00 (restricted during services); Crypt 10.00-16.15 Mon-Fri, 11.00-16.15 Sat admission charge includes entry to galleries

*Wellington is commemorated, along with other famous military leaders, in the Cathedral. Alfred Steven's bronze and marble statue of the Duke on his horse, Copenhagen, was begun in 1857 but not finished until 1911. A canopied monument and a ruddy brown porphyry sarcophagi also remember the Duke*

*in the Cathedral Library there is a model of the Duke's funeral car. It looks very similar to a very large Hindi carriage often used in religious festivals*

## **Guildhall**

Aldermanbury, EC2  
020 7606 3030

transport: Bank & Mansion House u/g, Moorgate u/g & rail; buses 8,56,76,100,133,242

opening: daily May-Sept 10.00-17.00; Mon-Sat Oct-Apr 10.00-17.00 (advisable to check opening as often closed for events)  
admission free

*various monuments adorned with lions, cherubs and allegorical figures commemorate political figures including Winston Churchill, Lord Nelson, the Duke of Wellington and William Pitt the Elder. These can be found in the Great Hall. Friezes round the statue of the Duke show scenes of some of the battles he led*

## **Arthur Wellesley, 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Wellington**

front of the Royal Exchange, Cornhill, EC3

transport: Bank u/g; buses 8,11,26,76,133,242

*another equestrian statue of the Duke shows him riding stirrupless. Begun by Sir Francis Legatt Chantrey it was completed by Henry Weekes in 1844*

## **Thresher and Glenny**

50 Gresham Street, EC2  
020 7606 7451

transport: Bank, St Pauls & Moorgate u/g; buses 8,56,76,100,133,242

*a long-established outfitter, this shop has supplied shirts to many famous historical figures including the Duke of Wellington and Lord Nelson*

## **Arthur Wellesley, 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Wellington**

opposite Apsley House, Hyde Park Corner, W1

transport: Hyde Park Corner u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,14,16,19,22,36,38,52,73,74,82,137

*this equestrian statue of 1887 by Sir Joseph Edgar Boehm was cast from captured guns. It shows the Duke, mounted on his horse Copenhagen. Around the statue are the guardsmen figures of a 1<sup>st</sup> Guard, a 42<sup>nd</sup> Royal Highlander, a 23<sup>rd</sup> Royal Welsh Fusilier and a 6<sup>th</sup> Inniskilling Dragoon*

## **National Portrait Gallery**

St Martin's Place, Trafalgar Square, WC2H  
020 7312 2463 (recorded info) [www.npg.org.uk](http://www.npg.org.uk)

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,6,9,11,12,13,15,23,24,29,53,77A,88,91,139,159,176; boat Embankment Pier

*facilities: disabled access & wcs; guide for visually impaired; rooftop café & restaurant; free tours by arrangement*

opening: Mon-Wed, Sat-Sun 10.00-18.00, Thur-Fri 10.00-21.00  
admission free

*the collection of portraits of military men includes one of the Duke*

## **Houses of Parliament**

Old Palace Yard, Abingdon Street, Westminster, SW1  
020 7219 4272 (Commons), 020 7219 3107 (Lords)  
[www.explore.parliament.uk](http://www.explore.parliament.uk)

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,159,211; boat Westminster Pier

*facilities: tours in Aug/Sept to be booked 5 days in advance 020 7344 9966*

opening: telephone for details; debates in House of Commons from 16.15 Mon-Thur & 11.30 Fri; in House of Lords from 14.30

*in the Royal Gallery are two large victory paintings (45' x 12' (13.7x3.7 m)) painted by Daniel Maclise between 1858 and 1865. One shows the death of Nelson at Trafalgar and the other the meeting of Wellington and Blucher at Waterloo*

## **Tate Britain**

Millbank, SW1P  
020 7887 8000 (recorded info. 020 7887 8008)  
[www.tate.org.uk](http://www.tate.org.uk)

transport: Pimlico u/g; buses 2,36,77A,88,185,C10; catamaran boat service 'Tate to Tate' between Tate & Tate Modern via London Eye (40 mins, charge made)  
*facilities: audio self-tour guides; disabled access (4 wheelchairs are available on request); special touch tours by arrangement; disabled wcs; library; 6 disabled parking spaces; Tate café (daily 10.30-17.30, Espresso Bar (daily 10.00-16.30), Tate Restaurant (daily for lunch noon-15.00, Sun noon-16.00 (reservations 020 7887 8877)); Tate Shop (daily Mon-Sat 10.30-16.40, Sun 10.00-16.40), Clore Shop (daily noon-17.30) for books & posters; tours*

opening: daily 10.00-17.50  
admission free

*among the collection in this major art gallery is an interesting painting by Sir Edwin Henry Landseer (1803-73) entitled 'A dialogue at Waterloo'. Painted in 1850 it is an imaginary painting of Wellington visiting the site of the Battle of Waterloo with his daughter*

## **Constitution Hill Underpass**

Hyde Park Corner, W1

transport: Hyde Park Corner u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,14,16,19,22,36,52,73,74,82,137,148,414,436

*scenes of famous local landmarks have been used to decorate this underpass under Hyde Park Corner. They illustrate the history of the Battle of Waterloo, Rotten Row*

*in Hyde Park, Harrods the famous department store, Knightsbridge, the Household cavalry stabled nearby, activities in Hyde Park including swimming, cycling, rowing and fireworks, the Serpentine and the Great Exhibition of 1851*

## **Slightly Further Afield**

### **Royal Engineers Museum**

Prince Arthur Road, Gillingham, Kent, ME4  
01634 822839      [www.royalengineers.org.uk](http://www.royalengineers.org.uk)

transport: Gillingham rail

*facilities: monthly workshops for children, trails & quizzes; disabled access; parking; light refreshments; shop; tours by appointment (please telephone 01634 822251)*

opening: daily Tue-Fri 10.00-17.00, Sat-Sun 11.30-17.00  
admission charge

*here you will find the Duke of Wellington's battle map of Waterloo*

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