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## **Birds & Aviaries**

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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**

## **St James's Park, SW1**

020 7930 1793 [www.open.gov.uk/rp/rp/home.htm](http://www.open.gov.uk/rp/rp/home.htm)

transport: St James's Park u/g; buses 11,24,211

opening: daily 05.00-midnight; band performances Sat-Sun to end Aug 15.00-16.30 & 1800-19.30

*Duck Island is a bird sanctuary with ten types of goose, black and white swans, grebes, shelduck, teal and several other varieties - and even pelicans.*

*the first pelican was introduced in the late 17<sup>th</sup> century as a gift from a Russian Ambassador. Over the years many ambassadors have come to see this as a tradition and offer a gift of a pelican, not a native British bird, to St. James's Park. The pelicans are fed every afternoon at 3.00pm near Duck Island Cottage which dates from 1837*

## **Kew Gardens/Royal Botanic Gardens and Museums**

Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey, TW9

020 8332 5655/recorded information 020 8940 1171

[www.rbgekew.org.uk](http://www.rbgekew.org.uk)

transport: Kew Gardens u/g & rail, Kew Bridge rail; buses 65,237,267,391,419; boat Keat Pier

*facilities: disabled access; Orangery, White Peaks, Pavilion & Victoria Gate restaurants & snacks (10.00-one hour before closing); shops; tours from Victoria Gate Visitors' Centre (daily 11.00, 14.00 no charge)*

opening: March-Aug Mon-Fri 09.30-18.30, Sat-Sun 09.30-19.30; Sept-Oct daily 09.30-18.00; Oct-Feb daily 09.30-16.15; Feb-Mar daily 09.30-17.30 (last admission and closure of glasshouses is 30 mins before closing time) admission charge

*black swans, pochard, mandarin ducks and Canada geese live on The Lake and tawny owls, blue & great tits, sparrowhawks and woodpeckers can be seen in the vicinity of Queen Charlotte's Cottage*

## **London Zoological Gardens Collection**

Outer Circle, Regent's Park, NW1

020 7722 3333

[www.londonzoo.co.uk](http://www.londonzoo.co.uk)

transport: Regent's Park, Baker Street & Chalk Farm u/g; buses 18,27,30,274,C2

*facilities: large print guide; disabled access & wcs; parking and pay & display; 4 restaurants and cafes*

opening: daily Mar-Oct 10.00-17.30, Nov-Feb 10.00-16.00 admission charge

*Lord Snowdon's free-flight aviary (built 1965) is a tetrahedral aluminium-framed tent that contains 150 different types of bird during the summer. The birds can be seen from an elevated walkway.*

*this 36 acre (14.5 hectares) zoo dedicated to the conservation of and education about rare breeds has collections of owls, cranes, water birds, pelicans, parrots and tropical and African birds including hornbills, toucans and flamingos. The Penguin Pool has a good collection of penguins that are housed in a pre-stressed concrete structure of 1934 with intersecting spiral ramps. This was the first example of pre-stressed concrete being used for such a structure*

*in the Children's Zoo is a lovely collection of budgerigars*

## **Plashet Zoo and Park**

Shrewsbury Road, Forest Gate, E7

020 8503 5994

transport: East Ham u/g, Woodgrange Park & Manor Park rail; buses 101,104,147,238,300,325,376

opening: Tue-Sun Mar-Oct 10.00-17.00, Nov-Feb 10.00-16.00

*this small zoo has a collection of pheasants, ornamental poultry and falcons*

## **Clissold Park**

Stoke Newington Church Street, Stoke Newington, N16  
020 7923 3644

transport: Finsbury Park u/g & rail, Stoke Newington rail; buses 73,106,141,341

opening: daily 07.30-dusk

*an aviary attracts children to this park*

## **Lee Valley Regional Park**

01992 702200 (information centre)

[www.leevalleypark.org.uk](http://www.leevalleypark.org.uk)

*the park stretches 26 miles (41.8 kms) on both sides of the River Lee (often spelt 'Lea' on maps) from Ware in Hertfordshire to the River Thames at East India Dock Basin. It covers 10,000 acres of countryside, heritage sites, country parks, nature reserves, lakes & riverside trails, and sports & recreation centres*

*a good place for birds and birdwatching it is a main wintering area for waterbirds with 10,000 coming regularly especially Tufted Ducks, Pochards, Great Crested Grebes, Coots and Bitterns. There are several good places for watching from hides and three of the main areas are the River Lee Country Park, Chingford Reservoir and Walthamstow Reservoir. Details of two of these are given below*

## **River Lee Country Park**

Fisher's Green entrance, Waltham Abbey, Essex, EN9

01992 702200 (information centre)

[www.leevalleypark.org.uk](http://www.leevalleypark.org.uk)

transport: Waltham Cross rail

*this complex of open water, wooded islands, reedbeds and marsh provide a good home for many waterbirds including herons, cormorants and kingfishers*

## **Walthamstow Reservoirs**

Lee Valley Road, Chingford, E4

020 8808 1527

transport: Ponders End & Chingford rail; buses 191,215, 313,379

*a variety of birds visit this reservoir that is formed from 10 shallow basins with small isolated islands. As the reservoirs are on Thames Water property a permit is required. It can be obtained from Thames Water Office at Ferry Lane, Walthamstow (telephone number as above)*

## **Thameside Park City Farm**

40 Thames Road, Barking, Essex, IG11

020 8594 8449

transport: Barking u/g & rail; bus 387

opening: daily 09.30-16.30

*this City Farm has an aviary*

## **Wellgate Community Farm**

Collier Row Road, Romford, Essex, RM5

01708 747850

transport: Hainault & Romford rail; buses 62,247,252, 294,362

*facilities: shop selling fresh farm food*

opening: daily 09.00-15.30

*another small farm with an aviary*

## **Spaniards Inn**

Spaniards Road, Hampstead, NW3  
020 8731 6571

transport: Hampstead & Golders Green u/g; buses 210, 268

facilities: *bar food (noon-15.00, 17.00-21.00)*

opening: Mon-Sat 11.00-23.00, Sun noon-22.30

*this pub has an aviary of budgerigars in the flagged beer garden*

## **Battersea Park and Zoo**

Albert Bridge Road, SW11  
020 8871 7540 (zoo) or 8871 6374 (playground)  
www.batterseapark.org

transport: Sloane Square u/g, Battersea Park & Queenstown Road rail; buses 19,44,49,137,239,319,344, 345

facilities: *disabled access & wcs; zoo has otter feeding at 11.00 & 16.00*

opening: park: daily dawn-dusk; zoo: daily Easter-Sept 10.00-17.00, Sat-Sun Oct-Easter 11.00-15.00;

playground: term-time Tue-Fri 15.30-19.00, holidays & weekends 11.00-18.00

admission: park & playground free, zoo has admission charge

*the children's zoo has animals from all over world including farm animals, birds, monkeys, reptiles, otters and wallabies. Peacock and Guinea Fowl can be found in the Deer Enclosure while the lake has ducks, herons, Canada geese and swans. Herons nest in the trees above the lake*

## **Holland Park House and Park, W8/W14**

transport: High Street Kensington, Holland Park u/g; buses 9,10,27,28,49,94,328,C1

opening: park: daily 07.30-dusk

*peacocks roam the Japanese Garden in the grounds of this park behind Kensington High Street. They can be found roosting in the trees around the Yucca Lawn*

## **Regent's Park, NW1**

020 7486 7905 [www.royalparks.co.uk](http://www.royalparks.co.uk)

transport: Regent's Park, Baker St, Camden Town & Great Portland Street u/g; buses 13,18,27,30,74,82,113, 274,C2

facilities: *disabled access; refreshments*

opening: daily 05.00-30 mins before dusk

*many varieties of waterfowl can be found on the lake in this Park. All the parks in London with lakes have their own collection of waterfowl that always appreciate sharing your picnic. As do the squirrels and pigeons !*

## **Barbican Arts Centre**

Silk Street, EC2  
020 7628 2326 (box off), 020 7382 7000 (cinema hotline)  
www.barbican.org.uk

transport: Barbican u/g, Moorgate & Liverpool Street u/g & rail; buses 56,76,100,133,153

facilities: *disabled access with seats for wheelchair users; parking with free bays for disabled; Searcy's Restaurant (020 7588 3008), Lounge Bar, Balcony Bistro, Waterside Café & Concert Café; Zwemmers Bookshops*

opening: daily Mon-Sat 09.00-23.00, Sun noon-23.00. Conservatory is open Sats

*aviary of finches and quails can be found in the Conservatory*

## **Tower of London**

Tower Hill, EC3  
020 7709 0765 [www.hrp.org.uk](http://www.hrp.org.uk)

transport: Tower Hill u/g, Tower Gateway DLR, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 15,42,78,100; boat Tower Millennium & St Katharines Piers

opening: Mar-Oct Mon-Sat 09.00-17.00, Sun 10.00-17.00; Nov-Feb Tue-Sat 09.00-16.00, Sun-Mon 10.00-16.00

admission charge

*the Tower is home to a family of ravens that have been protected by Royal decree since before the reign of King Charles II (1630-1685). Legend says that the Tower (and therefore the United Kingdom) will fall if they fly away, therefore a little cheating takes place and their wings are clipped*

## **Richmond Park**

Richmond, Surrey, TW10  
020 8948 3209 [www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm](http://www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm)

transport: Richmond u/g & rail; buses 33,65,74,85,170, 371,K3

facilities: *bikes for hire at Roehampton Gate carpark, two Golf courses (020 8876 3205), horseriding, playground, fishing on Pen Ponds; parking; Pembroke Lodge café (Apr-Oct 10.00-17.30 Mon-Fri, 10.00-19.00 Sat-Sun; Nov-Mar 10.00-30mins before park closing); kiosks (10.00-30min before park closing)*

opening: daily Mar-Sept 07.00-dusk, Oct-Feb 07.30-dusk  
admission free

*Sidmouth Wood is a bird sanctuary of sweet chestnuts, oaks and beeches planted in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The grounds of Pembroke Lodge provide a home for jackdaws and parakeets while Pen Ponds have swans, grebe and gadwalls*

## **Cannizaro Park**

Cannizaro Road, Wimbledon Common, SW19  
020 8946 7349

transport: Wimbledon u/g & rail; buses 93,200

opening: daily 08.30-sunset

*this park has an aviary of budgerigars*

## **Valentines Park**

Cranbrook Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1  
020 8478 9071

transport: Gants Hill u/g & rail 5 mins, Ilford rail 10 mins; buses 123,145,167,179,269,369

opening: daily dawn-dusk summer, 08.00-16.30 winter  
*this park of 125 acres (50.5 hectares) originally belonged to the 17<sup>th</sup> century Valentines Mansion. Besides lakes and an aviary, it has a walled kitchen garden, a Rosery (rose gardens) and an American garden*

## **The Wetland Centre**

Queen Elizabeth Walk, Barnes, SW13  
020 8409 4400 [www.wetlanccentre.org.uk](http://www.wetlanccentre.org.uk)

transport: Hammersmith u/g, Barnes rail; buses 23,33, 72,265,283,485

facilities: *café & restaurant, shop*

opening: daily 09.30-18.00 summer, 09.30-17.00 winter (last admission one hour before closing)

admission charge

*one of the largest wetlands in Europe, with a variety of birdlife, has been created from 105 acres (42.5 hectares) of disused reservoirs*

### **The Roof Garden**

99 Kensington High Street, W8  
020 7937 7994

transport: High Street Kensington, Holland Park u/g;  
buses 9,10,27,28,49,94,328,C1

facilities: *Babylon restaurant*

opening: daily 09.00-17.00 (phone to check - it may be closed if being used for a function)

*this unusual rooftop garden above a former department store has flamingoes on its lake. An area of 1.5acres (0.5 hectares) it is the largest roof garden in Europe*

### **Camley Street Natural Park**

12 Camley Street, NW1  
020 7833 2311

transport: King's Cross & St Pancras u/g & rail; buses 10, 17,45,46,63,214,259

opening: Mon-Thur 09.00-17.00, Sat-Sun 11.00-18.00

*a canalside pond, meadow & woodland habitats have been transformed from a rubbish tip and now provide a home to birds, butterflies, frogs, newts, toads and herons. It is run by the London Wildlife Trust*

### **Coram's Fields**

Guilford Street, WC1  
020 7837 6138

transport: Russell Square u/g, Euston & King's Cross/St Pancras u/g & rail; buses 45,59,68,91,168,188

*peacocks may be seen on the roof of the white building on the corner of the hospital*

### **Middlesex Filter Beds Nature Reserve**

Lea Bridge Road, E5  
01992 702 200

transport: Clapton rail; buses 48,55,56

opening: Sat-Sun (daily during school holidays) winter 10.00-16.00, summer 10.00-18.00

*this nature reserve has coots, moorhen, reed buntings and herons*

### **Vanbrugh Tavern**

91 Colomb Street, SE10  
020 8305 1007

transport: Maze Hill rail; buses 177,180,188,286,386

opening: all permitted hours

*there is an aviary in the beer garden*

### **Royal Gunpowder Mills**

Beaulieu Drive, Waltham Abbey, Essex, EN9  
01992 707370 [www.royalgunpowdermills.com](http://www.royalgunpowdermills.com)

transport: Waltham Cross rail (25 min walk); buses 211, 212,213,240,250,505,517

facilities: *disabled access & wcs; café; giftshop; special scientific interest tours by appointment*

opening: daily April-Oct 10.00-18.00 (last admission 17.00)

admission charge

*the largest heronry in Essex can be seen only on special guided tours. Ring the above number for details*

### **Pimp Hall Nature Reserve**

King's Road, Chingford, E4

transport: Chingford rail; buses 97,179,212,313,379,444

opening: daily 09.30-16.00

*this nature reserve has a 17<sup>th</sup> century timber-framed dovecote*

### **Alexandra Palace and Park**

Alexandra Palace Way, N22  
020 8365 2121 (information) [www.alexandrapalace.com](http://www.alexandrapalace.com)

transport: Wood Green u/g, Alexandra Palace rail; buses 144,184,W3,W7

facilities: *boating lake; café; pre-booked tours of palace (one Sun per month 11.30 & 14.00.- small charge.telephone 020 8365 2121)*

opening: park 24hrs

*this nature reserve of 5 acres (2 hectares) comprises secondary woodland, meadow, pond and scrub and has various birds (155 species over the past 30 years), butterflies (24 species) and dragonflies*

### **Hyde Park, W1/W2**

020 7298 2100 [www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm](http://www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm)

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

facilities: *Old Police Station sells books, postcards & maps about the Royal Parks & guides to trees & monuments*

opening: daily 05.00-24.00

*The Lookout, a former police observation point, is now an education centre and offers mini-beast hunts, pond dipping, nature trails and birdwatching. Telephone 020 7706 3990 for details or drop in*

### **Chessington World of Adventures**

Chessington, Surrey, KT9

0870 444 77 77 [www.chessington.com](http://www.chessington.com)

transport: Chessington South rail and 10min walk; bus 465 from Kingston, 467 from Epsom

opening: mid Mar-Oct with some mid week closing during off-peak times. Check days and times by telephoning the number given above or by looking on the internet

*as you might expect the zoo has an assortment of animals and birds including gorillas, tigers, leopards, Asian lions, sealions and penguins. The penguins are fed at 11.30 and 14.30 and there are 'birds in flight' shows at 14.00 and 16.00*

### **Natural History Museum**

Cromwell Road, SW7

020 7942 5000 [www.nhm.ac.uk](http://www.nhm.ac.uk)

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 9,10,14,45,49, 52,74,C1

facilities: *disabled access via Earth Galleries entrance; disabled wcs; library; Waterhouse Café (10.00-17.00), Life Galleries Restaurant (10.00-17.00), Globe Fast Food (11.00-16.00), Snack Bar & Picnic Area (11.00-16.30); bookshop & gift shops; British Geological Survey Information Office; tours by arrangement*

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.50, Sun 11.00-17.50; Wildlife Garden May-Sept noon-17.00 with guided tours at noon & 15.00 (020 7942 5011)

admission free

*the Wildlife Garden in the gardens is a living exhibition of flowers, dragonflies and birds. Inside the Museum the collection of birds dates from 1881 and looks at their variety, behaviour, anatomy and nesting habits*

### **Golders Hill Park**

West Heath Road, NW3

020 8455 5183

transport: Golders Green u/g; buses 13,82,83,102,183, 210,226,240,245,260,268,328,H2

opening: daily dawn-dusk

*a park with flamingoes and cranes*

## **Morden Hall Park**

Morden Hall Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4  
020 8687 0094

transport: Morden u/g; Tramlink to Phipps Bridge; buses 80,118,154,157,163,163,201,293,413  
facilities: disabled access; tearoom (10.00-17.00 daily)

opening: park daily during daylight hours  
admission free

*you may be able to see herons and kingfishers in the marshland bordering the River Wandle*

## **Whipsnade Wild Animal Park**

Dunstable, Beds, LU6  
01582 872171

transport: best by car although a Green Line coach runs from Victoria Station during the summer only. Luton & Hemel Hempstead rail station is 10 miles from the park

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-18.00, Sun 10.00-19.00 (last admission 1 hour before closing)  
admission charge

*this other half of London Zoo is out in the Bedfordshire countryside and really needs a car for ease of access. With over 2,500 animals it is well worth a visit. Here you will be able to see two new rock and water landscaped pools that have been built for specifically for breeding rock-hopper and Humboldt's penguins*

## **Eltham Tarn**

Court Road, Eltham, SE9

transport: Mottingham rail; buses 124,126,161

*here you can see herons and feed the ducks and Canada geese*

## **Wanstead Park**

Warren Road, E11

transport: Redbridge & Wanstead u/g; buses 66,145

*these 200 acres (81 hectares) of gardens formerly belonged to the now demolished Wanstead House. There is no better place to find an established heronry*

## **Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve**

Horsenden Lane South, Greenford, Middlesex

transport: Perivale u/g; buses 92,105,297,E5,E6

opening: 1<sup>st</sup> Sun in May for bluebells, 1<sup>st</sup> Sat every month for adult field meetings, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat in month for junior field meetings. Otherwise it is kept locked with key only available to members of Selbourne Society

*established between 1902 and 1904 this nature reserve is the second oldest in Britain and boasts 70 species of bird and a great deal of protected plant life. There are 27 acres (11 hectares) of ancient oak trees*

## **Hampton Court Palace**

East Molesey, Surrey, KT8

020 8781 9500 [www.hrp.org.uk](http://www.hrp.org.uk)

transport: Richmond u/g, Hampton Court rail; buses 111, 216,411,416,461,513,727,R68; boat Hampton Court  
facilities: audio guides in 6 languages; disabled access (wheelchairs available); disabled wcs; parking; Tiltyard Tearoom or Privy Kitchen Coffee Shop, ice cream kiosks; 4 themed shops (Base Court, Garden, Tudor Kitchen, Barrack Block); costumed guides and family trails; free group tours (choose from daily programme)

opening: daily mid Mar-Oct Mon 10.15-18.00, Tue-Sun 09.30-18.00 (last admission 17.15); Nov-mid Mar Mon 10.15-16.30, Tue-Sun 09.30-16.30 (last admission 15.45)  
admission charge

*in the grounds of this former Royal palace near to Oak Pond nest a flock of green parakeets*

## **Syon House and Park**

Brentford, Middlesex, TW8

020 8560 0883/London Aquatic Experience 020 8847 4730 [www.syonpark.co.uk](http://www.syonpark.co.uk)

transport: Kew Bridge, Brentford & Syon Lane rail; buses 235,237,267

facilities: parking

opening: house: Wed, Thur, Sun Mar-Oct 11.00-17.00; gardens: daily 10.00-17.30 or dusk; London Aquatic Experience: daily summer 10.00-17.30, winter 10.00-16.30

admission charge for house & gardens

*the Aquatic Experience is not only an aquatic centre of tropical fish, reptiles and amphibians but also displays birds and small mammals*

## **The Canons (Merton Heritage Centre)**

Madeira Road, Mitcham, Surrey, CR4

020 8640 9387

transport: Mitcham Junction rail, Mitcham Tramlink; buses 118,127,264,S1

opening: Tue,Wed,Thur 10.00-16.00, Fri-Sat 10.00-17.00, Sun 13.00-16.00  
admission free

*in the grounds of this 1680 manor house is a Tudor dovecote*

## **Queen's Wood**

Queens Wood Road, N10

transport: Highgate u/g; buses 263,W5

*here you may be able to see great spotted woodpeckers, tree creepers, nuthatches and hawfinch*

## **Rye House Gatehouse**

Rye Road, Hoddesdon, Herts

01992 702200 [www.leevalleypark.com](http://www.leevalleypark.com)

transport: Rye House rail 1 mile

facilities: disabled access except for upper storey of Gatehouse & Tower where spiral staircase; disabled wcs; shop

opening: Easter-end Sept Sun 11.00-17.00; school summer holidays Sun-Fri 11.00-17.00  
admission charge

*the grounds of this 15<sup>th</sup> century gatehouse are home to the Rye Mead Nature Reserve where kingfishers and woodpeckers may be seen. It also boasts London's largest breeding colony of common terns. Open daily, enquiries can be made on 0279 793720*

## **Lesnes Abbey Woods**

between Abbey Road, Knee Hill & Woolwich Road, SE2

transport: Abbey Woods rail; buses 99,229,244,469, B11

*these woods are home to woodpeckers, ring necked parakeets and tawny owls*

## **Isleworth Ait**

River Thames, Isleworth, Middlesex

transport: Richmond u/g & rail, St Margarets & Syon Lane rail; buses 117,267,H37

*standing in the River Thames this island has 10 acres (4 hectares) of mixed woodland and wilderness. 50 species of bird have been seen there including herons, three species of woodpecker, kingfishers, treecreepers & dunlin. There is also a breeding colony of ring-necked parakeets*

## Kenwood House

Hampstead Lane, NW3  
020 8348 1286 [www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)

transport: Archway or Golders Green u/g then bus 210, Hampstead Heath rail (1 mile)

facilities: *audio guides (French, German, Italian, English); disabled access & wcs; wheelchair hire available; cotton gloves supplied for visually impaired visitors to touch cornices, fire surrounds etc; parking; Brew House Café; gift & bookshop; special tours by arrangement, Taster tours every Wed. 14.30 (check in advance)*

opening: daily Apr-Sept 10.00-17.30, Oct 10.00-17.00, Nov-Mar 10.00-16.00

admission free

*the gardens, designed by Robert Adam (1728-92), have a reservoir, Thousand Pound Pond (Concert Pond) that is now the site for summer concerts. Next to it is Wood Pond (also known as Lily Pond) with lilies, a wildlife island and waterfowl. Surprisingly there are no predatory fish in this pond.*

## Highgate Wood

Muswell Hill Road, Highgate, N10  
020 8444 6129

transport: Highgate u/g; buses 43,134,143,263  
facilities: *Oshobasho café*

opening: daily 07.30- 1 hour before dusk

*these deciduous woods of 70 acres (28.3 hectares) with foxes, bats, owls, sparrowhawks, moth. beetles, butterflies*

## And Further Afield

### Eagle Heights Bird of Prey Centre

Lullingstone Lane, Eynsford, Kent, DA4  
01322 866466 [www.eagleheights.co.uk](http://www.eagleheights.co.uk)

transport: M25 Junction 3, M20 Junction 1, Eynsford rail 1½ miles

facilities: *flying displays Mar-Oct noon & 15.30, winter weekends noon & 15.00; Indoor demos daily reptiles 13.45, owls 14.15*

opening: Mar-Oct daily 10.30-17.00, Nov-Feb weekends 11.00-16.00

admission charge

*if you like to learn about the conservation and rehabilitation birds of prey (eagles, falcons, vultures, owls) and on certain days to watch flying displays and to have hands-on experience then this centre is well worth the effort*

### Leeds Castle

Maidstone, Kent, ME17  
01622 765400

transport: road M20 Junction 8; Bearsted rail (special all in one ticket covers rail, coach to Castle, admission)

facilities: *parking*

opening: daily Mar-Oct 10.00-17.00, Nov-Feb 10.00-15.00

admission charge to castle & museum

*in the grounds of this lovely castle there live over 100 species of endangered birds. There are parakeets, cockatoos and hornbills, while ducks and black swans swim on the lake*

### Bird of Prey and Conservation Centre

Old Warden Park, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, SG18  
01767 627527

transport: road A1 Biggleswade North roundabout & 2 miles west; Biggleswade rail + 3 miles

opening: daily Feb-Oct 10.00-17.00  
admission charge

*another conservation centre for birds-of-prey. Over 300 birds of various species can be seen*

### Raptor Foundation

The Heath, St Ives Road, Woodhurst, Cambs, PE28  
01487 741140

transport: car A14 St Ives exit, A1 Huntingdon exit for St Ives

facilities: *tea room; gift shop; guided tours; camp site; flying displays noon, 14.00 & 16.00; adoption, hunting days and meet the bird days available on request*

opening: daily 10.30-17.00

admission charge

*here 300 raptors and 25 species including owls, falcons, hawks and buzzards receive sanctuary, medical care, and rehabilitation to the wild. Where a bird is permanently injured it is housed and where possible used for breeding purposes. The Foundation also conducts vital research into environmental problems*

### Carew Manor

Church Road, Beddington, Surrey, SM6  
020 8770 4781

transport: Wallington rail

facilities: *advance booking only to view hall, cellars and dovecote; shop*

opening: 2006 Sun 26 March, 7th May, 2nd July, 24th Sept Tours 14.00 & 15.30

admission charge

*this dovecot was built between 1707 and 1727 and would have originally contained 1360 nesting boxes and a revolving ladder (potence) for accessing the boxes. In the 1930s a Roman coffin was found on the ground floor*

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