



Seeing the Capital Differently

Butterflies & Moths

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This leaflet has been designed to allow you to explore as the mood takes you. Both well-known and lesser-known attractions are included and they are randomly listed so that you plan your own itinerary and visit as many or as few as you wish.

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

Greenwich Borough Museum

232 Plumstead High Street, Plumstead, SE18
020 8855 3240

transport: Plumstead rail; buses 96,99,177,180,422,469
facilities: *shop*

opening: Mon 14.00-19.00, Tues-Sat 10.00-13.00, 14.00-17.00

admission free

a collection of butterflies

Harrow School Old Speech Room Gallery

Church Hill, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex, HA1
020 8869 1205

transport: Harrow-on-the-Hill & South Harrow u/g & rail;
buses 258,H17

facilities: *sales desk*

opening: term time except Wed. Mon-Fri, Sun 14.30-16.00, Tue & Thurs 16.30-18.00

admission free

a display of mounted moths and butterflies

Horniman Museum and Gardens

100 London Road, SE23
020 8699 1872 www.horniman.demon.co.uk

transport: Forest Hill & West Dulwich rail; buses 63,122,176,185,P4,P13

facilities: *disabled access & wcs; library (Tue-Sun 14.00-17.30); snacks; shop*

opening: museum daily 10.30-17.30; gardens Mon-Sat 07.15-dusk, Sun 08.00-dusk

admission free

the museum has a comprehensive natural history collection covering Britain and the World and is a valuable source of material for research on evolutionary relationships. As well as the mammals and birds there is a collection of butterflies with over 250,000 specimens

Syon House and Park

Brentford, Middlesex, TW8
020 8560 0883/LAE 020 8847 4730
www.syonpark.co.uk

transport: Gunnersbury u/g, Kew Bridge & Syon Lane
rail: buses 235,237,267,428

facilities: *parking*

opening: butterfly house: March-Sept 10.00-17.00, Oct-Apr 10.00-15.30; gardens daily 10.00-17.30 or dusk
admission charge for house and gardens

in the grounds of this historical Tudor House (remodelled in the 18th century) the London Butterfly House houses, in an under cover garden with pools and cascades, 1000 tropical butterflies and other insects including spiders, leaf cutting ants, scorpions and tropical beetles

Plashet Zoo and Park

Plashet Park, Shrewsbury Road, Forest Gate, E7
020 8503 5994

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

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

admission free

tropical butterfly house stocked May to September so that they can breed and hatch

Three Tuns pub

1 Portman Mews South, W1
020 7408 0330

transport: Marble Arch u/g; buses 2,13,30,74,82,113,139,189,274

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

there is a butterfly collection at the bar

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 11.00-17.00
summer, 10.00-16.00 winter

admission free

canalside pond, meadow & woodland habitats with birds, butterflies, frogs, newts, toads and herons

National Gallery

Trafalgar Square, WC2N
020 7747 2885 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

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, bookshop, tours (daily 11.30 & 14.30 plus 18.30 Weds)*

opening: daily 10.00-18.00, Weds 10.00-20.00

admission free

among the five paintings by Van Gogh that the Gallery possesses is the one entitled 'Long Grass with Butterflies' (1890). There is also a painting by Thomas Gainsborough (1427-88) called 'The Painter's Daughters Chasing a Butterfly' (1756)

Alexandra Palace and Park

Alexandra Palace Way, N22
020 8365 2121 (information) 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

a two hectare nature reserve with secondary woodland, meadow, pond and scrub. It supports various birds (155 species over the past 30 years), 24 species of butterfly and dragonflies

Hyde Park, W1/W2

020 7298 2100 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

admission free

a royal park since 1536 this is the largest of the London parks. Parts of it are left as meadowlands for growing hay and attracting different types of butterfly

Churchill Arms

119 Kensington Church Street, W8
020 7727 4242

transport: Notting Hill Gate & High Street Kensington
u/g; 12,27,28,52,70,94,328

facilities: bar & restaurant (noon-14.30, 18.00-21.30)
opening: Mon-Sat 11.00-23.00, Sun noon-22.30
a collection of butterflies is mounted on the wall of the back bar

Walter Rothschild Zoological Museum (Natural History Museum)

Akeman Street, Tring, Herts, HP23
020 7942 6171 www.nhm.ac.uk/museum/tring
transport: Tring rail + 2 miles
facilities: disabled access to ground floor; parking; café & 2 picnic areas; gift shop
opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.00, Sun 14.00-17.00
admission free
the Victorian Gallery has 2 million mounted butterflies and moths on display

Natural History Museum

Cromwell Road, SW7
020 7942 5000 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). Entomology Department by appointment only
admission free

this world famous natural history museum houses the National Collection of British and Irish Lepidoptera. With over half a million specimens housed in 5000 drawers it is the most important collection in existence. It is housed in the Department of Entomology and can be viewed by special appointment

another collection (Rothschild-Cockayne-Kettlewell) has 2000 drawers of British and Irish butterflies and moths arranged so as to show the many forms of variation

Greenwich Markets

College Approach, High Road, Stockwell Rd and Royal Hill, Greenwich, SE10
020 8293 3110
transport: Cutty Sark DLR, Greenwich rail; buses 177, 180,188,199,286; boat Greenwich Pier
opening: shops, restaurants & bars daily; arts & crafts market Thur-Sun; antiques & collectables market Thur-Fri; food court Sat-Sun

this busy market sells everything from hand-made clothing and pottery to rugs and framed butterflies

Walthamstow Marshes

Lea Bridge Road, E10
transport: Clapton rail; buses 48,55,56,253
one of last few remaining marshes in London the grass is cut regularly to help maintain a diversity of plants and animals. Here you may find Adder's tongue fern, Essex Skipper butterflies, newts, dragonflies and herons

Slightly Further Afield

Bedford Butterfly Park

Renhold Road, Wilden, Bedford, MK44
01234 772770

transport:
facilities: disabled access; parking; tearoom; shop; tours by arrangement; adventure playground

opening: Feb-Oct daily 10.00-17.00
admission charge

conservation park centred on a tropical glasshouse with waterfalls, ponds and beautiful butterflies. There is also a bugs room, leaf-cutting ants and pygmy goats

A great deal of care has been taken in collecting the information in this leaflet but *CityThemes* cannot be held responsible for the accuracy of that information. It can cover only a few of the many interesting sites to be found in London and therefore must not be considered a definitive guide.

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