



*Seeing the Capital Differently*

## Cricket

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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

### **Lords Cricket Ground/MCC Museum**

St John's Wood Road, St John's Wood, NW8  
020 7432 1033      www.lords.org

transport: St John's Wood u/g (10mins walk), Marylebone rail (15mins walk); buses 13,46,82,113,139,187,189,274  
facilities: *limited disabled access; library; restaurant and snacks nearby; shop for prints, books, souvenirs and cricket equipment; tours by arrangement*

opening: daily except match days. Tours at noon & 14.00 (additional tour at 10.00 during summer) It is advisable to phone to check opening times  
admission charge

*the museum covers the history and equipment of the sport of cricket. Amongst the memorabilia are bats, balls, bails, an urn containing the Ashes, portraits of famous members and Staffordshire pottery figurines of cricketers. A guided tour is highly recommended. Outside, the gates serve as a memorial to the first-class batsman and bowler William Gilbert Grace (1848-1915) and are carved with the initials WGG and stumps, bails, bat and ball*

### **Brit Oval Cricket Ground**

Kennington Oval, Kennington, SE11  
020 7582 7764 information

transport: Oval u/g, Vauxhall u/g & rail; buses 3,36,59, 155,159,185

admission: tickets may be purchased by writing to the ticket office

*one of the famous London cricket grounds and HQ of the Surrey County Cricket Club since 1880. The memorial gates celebrate the England and Surrey batsman Sir Jack Hobbs (1882-1963). There is also a statue by Ritchie Walter of another famous England cricketer, Sir Leonard Hutton (1916-1990)*

*at the present time (Spring 2004) the Vauxhall end of the ground is being demolished to make way for a new stand (backed with a living plant screen) and new hospitality & banqueting facilities. Due for completion May 2005*

### **Pavilion End pub**

23 Watling Street, EC4  
020 7236 6719

transport: Mansion House & St Paul's u/g; buses 8,11,26, 76,100,172,242

opening: Mon-Fri 11.00-22.30

*this appropriately named pub has a cricketing theme*

### **Brompton Cemetery**

Fulham Road, SW10  
020 7352 1201      www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm

transport: West Brompton u/g & rail; buses 14,74,190, 211,328,C3

opening: daily 09.00-dusk  
admission free

*this Victorian cemetery of 40 acres was originally the 'West of London & Westminster Cemetery' and has some notable graves among its 200,000. One belongs to the cricketer John Wisden (1826-84)*

### **Vincent Square, SW1**

transport: Victoria u/g & rail; buses 11,24,36,88,185, 211,C10

*a cricket pitch in the heart of London. 10 acres of playing field belonging to Westminster School complete with clubhouse*

### **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

*you will find a cricket pitch in the centre of the woods with a strategically placed cafe*

### **Cricketers pub**

The Green, Richmond, Surrey,  
020 8940 4372

transport: Richmond u/g & rail; buses 33,65,190,290, 337,391,419,485,490,H22,H37,R68,R70

opening: Mon-Sat 11.00-23.00, Sun noon-22.30; Matches April-Sept on Wed, Fri, Sat

*the local teams play cricket on the Green opposite this pub at the weekends. Matches have been played here since 1660*

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

020 7486 7905      www.royalpark.co.uk

transport: Baker Street & Regent's Park u/g; buses 13, 18,27,30,74,82,113,189,274,C2

facilities: *disabled access; Rose Garden Buffet, Park Café, Broadwalk Café, Boathouse Café; guided nature walks; breeding centre visits; bee keeping demos (phone 020 7486 7905 for information or look on park noticeboards)*

opening: daily 05.00-30 mins before dusk

*this royal park has facilities for playing football, cricket, hockey, rugby, rounders, netball and softball. Rowing boats can be hired on the lake*

### **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 125 acre (50.5 hectares) park was originally the private park of the 17<sup>th</sup> century Valentines Mansion. It has lakes, an aviary, walled, rose and American gardens and facilities for many different sports including bowls,cricket, football, tennis, basketball and miniature golf*

### **The Australian (restaurant)**

29 Milner Street, SW3  
020 7589 6027

transport: Sloane Square & Knightsbridge u/g; buses 19, 22,137,C1

*cricket bats, prints and photographs of Australian cricketers and cricket decorate this restaurant*

### **Mile End Park, E2**

www.mileendpark.co.uk

transport: Mile End u/g; buses 25,277,D6,D7

opening: daily ring 020 8980 1885 for details

*you can play football, cricket and tennis, take part in athletics or use the gym at this East London sports stadium*

### **The Elusive Camel bar**

121 Lower Marsh, SE1  
020 7633 0270

transport: Lambeth North u/g, Waterloo u/g & rail; buses  
1,12,53,59,68,76,159,168,171,172,176,188,211,341

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

*devoted to southern hemisphere sport this bar has a large  
television screen for watching football and cricket while  
drinking Australian lager*

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