

# CityThemes London

*Seeing the Capital Differently*

## Dogs

### Welcome to *CityThemes*

By printing this leaflet you have decided to discover, or rediscover, the sights and delights of **London** in a different way. We hope that you enjoy your explorations of our fascinating and historical capital city.

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

## Carlton House Terrace, SW1

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,6,8,9,12,13,14,15,19,22,23,38,53,88,139,159

*behind the railings of Nos 7-9 is the grave of Giro, the Nazi Ambassador's pet alsatian that died in 1934*

## Highgate Cemetery

Swain's Lane, N6  
020 8340 1834

transport: Archway & Highgate u/g; buses 4,143,210,214,271,C11,W5

opening: west side (only accessible by guided tour) Mon-Fri at noon, 14.00, 16.00, Sat-Sun hourly 11.00-16.00; east side Apr-Sept 10.00-17.00, Oct-Mar 10.00-16.00 admission charge

*family vaults in the West Cemetery include one to Charles Cruft of Crufts Dog Show fame*

## St Mary-at-Lambeth

Lambeth Palace Road, Lambeth, SE1

transport: Lambeth North u/g, Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 3,77,344

opening: daily mid-Feb-Dec 10.30-17.00

*a stained glass window of a pedlar and his dog. The pedlar gave one acre of land to the church (where County Hall now stands) and is remembered in the window. The church is now part of the Museum of Gardening History*

## All Hallows by the Tower Church and Undercroft

Byward Street, Tower Hill, EC3R  
020 7481 2928 [www.allhallowsbythetower.org.uk](http://www.allhallowsbythetower.org.uk)

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

*facilities: audio tours (daily 11.00-16.00); disabled access to Church but not Undercroft; restaurant (Mon-Fri 10.00-22.30); bookshop; group tours by arrangement (10.30-16.00); Queen Mother Centre has herb garden; brass rubbing centre*

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-18.00, Sat-Sun 10.00-17.00 free admission to church

*the recumbent tomb of Thomas Byard Clayton (1885-1992), founder of the ToCH movement, shows him clothed in padre's robes and holding a prayer book. His feet are resting on a scottie dog*

## Chiswick House

Burlington Lane, Hogarth Road, W4  
020 8995 0508 [www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)

transport: Turnham Green u/g ¾ mile, Chiswick rail ½ mile; buses 190,290,E3  
*facilities: audio tour in French & German, hearing loop for video; disabled access with two steps at entrance & a chairlift to upper floors; snacks; giftshop; group tours during winter months*

opening: house Apr-Sept 10.00-18.00, Oct 10.00-17.00 (Sats 10.00-noon only); gardens: daily dawn-dusk admission charge to house; gardens free

*the grave of a family pet dating from 1800 can be found in the gardens above the amphitheatre*

## Queen's Gallery

Buckingham Palace Road, SW1A  
020 7839 1377 [www.royalresidences.com](http://www.royalresidences.com)

transport: Victoria, Green Park & St James's u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,11,14,16,19,22,24,36,38,52,73,74,82,137,185,211,239,507,C1,C10

*facilities: sorry no wheelchairs; sales desk; group visits, private evening tours and viewings*

opening: daily 10.00-17.30 (last admission 17.00) entry by timed ticket admission charge

*Faberge is usually better known as the maker of beautiful jewelled eggs but here are some of his precious stone dogs*

## Temple Church

Inner Temple, King's Bench Walk, EC4  
020 7353 8559

transport: Temple, Embankment & Covent Garden u/g, Charing Cross & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 1,6,9,11,13,15,23,26,59,68,76,77A,91,168,171,172,176,188,341; boat Savoy & Embankment Piers

opening: 10.00-16.00

*the carved font shows St George, playing dogs and a hunting scene*

## George Gordon, 6th Baron Byron

ring road from Hyde Park Corner to Marble Arch, W1

transport: Hyde Park Corner u/g; buses 2,10,16,36,73,74,82,137

*this statue of 1880 shows the poet Byron (1788-1824) meditating on a rock with his dog Boatswain at his feet. It is by Richard C Belt. The granite used in the sculpture was donated by the Greek government because of Byron's involvement in the Greek War of Independence against the Turks*

## Richard Green

East India Dock Road, E14

transport: All Saints DLR: buses 15,D6,D7,D8

*the Green family owned the Blackwall shipyard and were local benefactors. This 1866 statue has Richard Green (1806-63) seated with his dog Hector. The base has scenes of 19<sup>th</sup> century shipbuilding. It is by E W Wyon*

## Windsor Great Park

Windsor, Berkshire

transport: Windsor rail then from Town Centre on foot, car parks on A332 road

opening: 10.00-18.00 or dusk  
free admission except for Savill Garden

*it is reputed that the ghost of Herne the Hunter, wearing the black antler of a stag and riding a black stallion at the head of a pack of black hounds, appears in times of trouble. He supposedly gallops through the Park, eventually vanishing into thin air !*

## Wimbledon Stadium

Plough Lane, Wimbledon, SW19  
020 8946 5361

transport: Haydon Road & Earlsfield rail; buses 44,77,156,270

*facilities: 2 restaurants*

opening: Tue, Fri, Sat 18.30. First race 19.30 admission charge

*an ideal venue for enjoying a meal and an evening of greyhound racing at the same time*

## Pet Cemetery, Hyde Park

Victoria Gate, Hyde Park, W2  
020 7298 2000

transport: Lancaster Gate u/g; buses 10,70,94

opening: on application only

*this private cemetery was built by the Duke of Cambridge in 1880 and between that date and 1967 was the burial place of more than 300 beloved animals. Many of the graves have very moving epitaphs. The key to visit is available from the Park Police Station*

### **Dog and Duck pub**

18 Bateman Street, W1  
020 7437 4447

transport: Leicester Square & Tottenham Court Road u/g; buses 14,18,24,29,38,176

opening: Mon-Fri noon-23.00, Sat 18.00-23.00, Sun 19.00-22.30

*Victorian mosaics and tiling cover the walls of this pub. The wall of the front bar shows a dog holding a duck in its mouth*

### **Walter Rothschild Zoological Museum (Natural History Museum)**

Akeman Street, Tring, Herts, HP23  
020 7942 6171 [www.nhm.ac.uk/museum/tring](http://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

*this museum, attached to the Natural History Museum in South Kensington, opened in 1892 and has a wide collection of animals, reptiles, fish and insects. The section on mammals includes horses, zebra, rhinos, deer, pigs, dolphins and seals - and 88 varieties of dog.*

### **Sir Robert Grosvenor**

Wilton Crescent, SW1

transport: Knightsbridge & Hyde Park Corner u/g; buses 9,10,14,19,22,52,74,137,414

*a 1998 bronze statue of Sir Robert Grosvenor, first Marquess of Westminster (1767-1845) shows him with one foot on a signpost stating 'Chester 197miles', reading a map with two talbot dogs next to him. A shield shows two dogs rampant and a gold wheat sheaf. The dogs were added to the arms in the 17<sup>th</sup> century - used for hunting they are now extinct. The Grosvenor family date back to William the Conqueror when they acquired land in Cheshire. A marriage dowry gave the family the Mayfair district of London and much of the area was developed by the family. Their contribution to London property development is summed up by the quotation by John Ruskin that appears on the monument - 'when we build let us think we build forever'. The statue is by Jonathan Wilder*

### **Blind Beggar and His Dog**

Cranbrook Estate Gardens, west of Regent's Canal, Roman Road, E2

transport: Bethnal Green u/g; buses 8,277,D6

*a bronze group of 1957, the blind beggar and his dog are figures in local Bethnal Green folklore & legend. The beggar's daughter was courted by four suitors, a knight, a gentleman of fortune, a London merchant and an innkeeper's son. When told they must get the consent of her father, the Blind Beggar, they all left except the knight who asked for her hand. At the wedding the beggar revealed himself as no beggar but Henry, the son and heir of Simon de Montfort*

*the statue sits on top of eight stepped concrete blocks on which a fountain plays. It is by Elizabeth Frink*

### **William Hogarth**

Chiswick High Road and Annandale Road, W4

transport: Turnham Green u/g; buses 190,237,267,391,440,E3,H91

*this bronze statue of 2001 bronze shows the artist with brush and palette and his pug-dog 'Trump'*

### **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 to Highgate 1 mile; Hampstead Heath rail 1 mile  
facilities: audio guides (English,French,German,Italian); 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 10.00-18.00, Oct 10.00-17.00, Nov-Mar 10.00-16.00

admission free

*among the fine collection of paintings are two by Gainsborough entitled 'Dogs Fighting' and 'Hounds coursing a Fox'*

### **Walthamstow Stadium**

Chingford Road, Chingford, E4

020 8498 3300 [www.wsgreyhound.co.uk](http://www.wsgreyhound.co.uk)

transport: Walthamstow Central u/g & rail; buses 34,97,158,215,357,W11

opening: Tue,Thur,Sat gates open 18.30 1st race 19.30; Mon & Fri lunchtime

admission charge except lunchtimes when free

*an east London venue to enjoy greyhound racing*

### **Battersea Dog's and Cats' Home**

4 Battersea Park Road, SW8

020 7622 3626 [www.dogshome.org](http://www.dogshome.org)

transport: Battersea Park rail; buses 44,137,344

opening: Mon-Wed & Fri 10.30-16.15, Sat-Sun 10.30-15.15

*this charity's motto is 'Rescue, Reunite, Rehabilitate, Rehome' and the Home exists to take in lost and abandoned dogs and cats. Established in 1860 in Holloway, North London it moved to this site in 1871. Here visitors can see how the Home operates and find out about the work of kennel hands, vets, clinics and the team who pick up strays throughout London. You can meet the volunteers who are always needed for walking and petting and learn about the excellent work done it was at the Home that microchipping of animals and computerised registration systems were pioneered in 1989 and 1993 while during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War a War Dog School trained stray dogs for RedX work of tracking parachutists, laying wire and carrying ammunition*

### **Charterhouse**

Charterhouse Square, EC1

020 7253 9503

transport: Barbican & Farringdon u/g & rail; buses 55,56,153

facilities: guided tours only

opening: Weds April-July guided tour at 14.15  
admission charge

*the greyhound head was the symbol of Thomas Sutton who bought Charterhouse in 1611 and converted it to a charity school for boys and almshouses for gentlemen.*

*The head can be found on the coat of arms, the ends of pews and in the ironwork in the Chapel*

## **Pan Sculpture**

Bowater House, Edinburgh Gate, Hyde Park, W1  
transport: Knightsbridge & Hyde Park Corner u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,14,16,19,22,36,38,52,73,74,82,137  
*a modern statue dominates the centre of the road through the gate from Knightsbridge into Hyde Park. It is of a man, a woman, a child and a dog fleeing from the Pan and is the last sculpture by Epstein (1959)*

## **Tate Britain**

Millbank, SW1P  
020 7887 8000 (recorded info. 020 7887 8008)  
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  
*this major art gallery has fifteen works by the artist George Stubbs (1724-1800) who is well-known for his paintings of dogs, horses and lions. The engraving of a 'Foxhound' dates from 1788*

## **Romford Stadium**

London Road, Romford, Essex, RM7  
01708 762345 (reservations)  
transport: Romford rail; buses 86  
opening: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 18.30 1st race 19.30  
*here you can enjoy an evening of greyhound racing*

## **Battersea Park and Zoo**

Albert Bridge Road, SW11  
020 8871 7540 (zoo) or 020 8871 6374 (playground)  
www.wandsworth.gov.uk  
transport: Sloane Square u/g, Battersea Park & Queenstown Road rail; buses 19,44,45,49,137,140,239, 319,344,345  
opening: park - daily dawn to dusk; zoo -daily Easter-Sept 10.00-17.00; Sat-Sun Oct-Easter 11.00-15.00; playground term time Tues-Fri 15.30-19.00, holidays & weekends 11.00-18.00  
admission free to park and playground. Admission charge to zoo  
*the 1985 monument to the 'Little Brown Dog' was erected originally as an anti-vivisection memorial in 1906 but was removed in 1910. The inscription gives statistics of animal vivisection in 1903 and 1984. It is by Nicola Hicks and it stands on the woodland walk next to Old English Garden*

## **Wallace Collection**

Hertford House, Manchester Square, W1M  
020 7563 9500 www.the-wallace-collection.org.uk  
transport: Bond Street u/g; buses 2,13,30,74,82,113, 139,189,274  
*facilities: disabled access; library; shop; tours*  
opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.00, Sun noon-17.00

admission free

*this collection is considered one of the best in the world for French 18<sup>th</sup> century paintings, porcelain and furniture. Among the paintings are two by Edwin Landseer (1803-73), the artist best known for his animal work including the four bronze lions at the foot of Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square. 'The Arab Tent' (1859) shows an arab mare and foal with two greyhounds & two monkeys) and 'Doubtful Crumbs' (1859) has a terrier gazing at the bone guarded by a dozing mastiff*

## **Sunbeam Weekly and Pilgrim's Pocket**

Cumberland Wharf, Rotherhithe Street, SE16  
transport: Rotherhithe u/g; buses 225,381  
*this 1991 statue by Peter McLean shows a bearded man in the costume of a Pilgrim Father looking over the shoulder of a boy reading the comic 'Sunbeam Weekly'. A dog jumps for attention at their feet*

## **Woman and Dog**

Avondale Square (north side Old Kent Road), SE1  
transport: buses 21,42,53,63,172,363,453  
*a 1962 statue by Anthony Weller has a young woman seated with her arm round a whippet-like dog*

## **Hamshire Gallery**

PO Box 30123, SW13  
020 8287 0123 www.hamshire.co.uk  
opening: by appointment - telephone or use the delightful website  
*this gallery specialises in antique sporting jewellery and dog paintings*

## **Further Afield**

### **Leeds Castle Dog Collar Museum**

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  
*this unusual museum displays over 100 dog collars, many of them medieval including one from the 16<sup>th</sup> century with spikes to protect the hunting dog from wildboar attack. Some of the collars can be handled, some have a braille description*

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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