



*Seeing the Capital Differently*

## Fish & Fishing

### 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

**Please Note:** any restaurants are listed for their decoration or historical connections, not for the food they serve. There are many fish restaurants in London and it is recommended that you use one of the published Restaurant Guides to find recommendations for fish eating

### 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)  
admission free

*this leading national museum has over 65 million specimens and adds about 350,000 annually. The theme of the Museum is reflected in the 1873-1880 architecture with its lifelike mouldings of animals, birds, fish and plants. Those on the western half are of living species, those on the eastern half of extinct species*

*you will find an interesting display of preserved species of marine and freshwater fish and amphibians. The newly completed Darwin Centre shows the scientific work of the museum with the 'spirit collection' of 200,000 reptiles and amphibians, 2 million fish, 2 million molluscs and 3 million crustaceans. The name 'spirit' comes from the alcohol used for preservation*

### Fishmongers Company

north side of London Bridge, EC4

020 7626 3531 www.fishhall.co.uk/company.html

transport: Monument u/g, Cannon Street & London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 15,36,40,43,47,48,133,149,344

opening: not normally open to public but special days and free tours may be arranged. Please enquire

*on display is the dagger used in 1381 by Sir William Walworth, Prime Warden of Fishmongers and Mayor of London, to kill Wat Tyler, leader of the Kentish rebels during the Peasants Revolt*

### Harrow School Old Speech Room Gallery

Church Hill, High Street, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex, HA1

020 8869 1205

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

facilities: sales desk; tours of school by appointment (Mon-Sat 09.30-17.00, small charge phone 020 8423 1524)

opening: term time except Wed; Mon, Fri, Sun 14.30-16.00. Tue & Thur 16.30-18.00  
admission free

*puffer fish skeletons are amongst the items on display*

### Jewel Tower

Old Palace Yard, Abingdon Street, Westminster, SW1P

020 7222 2219

www.english-heritage.org.uk

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

facilities: no disabled access; refreshments; jewellery & souvenir shop

opening: Apr-Oct daily 10.00-18.00; Nov-Mar Wed-Sun 10.00-16.00

admission charge

*the moat is home to several fish*

### Pitshanger Manor Museum

Mattock Lane, W5

020 8567 1227

www.ealing.gov.uk/pitshanger

transport: Ealing Broadway & Ealing Common u/g; buses 65,83,112,207,297,E1,E2,E7,E8

facilities: disabled access; hot & cold drink; shop; group tours by arrangement

opening: Tue - Sat 10.00-17.00

admission free

*the Hull Grundy Collection of Martinware Pottery includes pieces in the shape of flowers, birds, fish, monsters and toby jugs. The Martin Brothers (1873-1923) were the first English studio potters*

### Syon House and Park

Brentford, Middlesex, TW8

020 8560 0883/London Aquatic Experience 020 8847

4730

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

*there is a trout fishery in the park and the London Aquatic Experience has a display of tropical fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds and small mammals*

### The Lobster Pot

3 Kennington Lane, SE11

020 7582 5556

transport: Kennington u/g; buses 133,155

opening: Tue-Sat noon-14.30, 19.00-22.45

*a gimmicky seafood restaurant with seagull squawks and foghorns, The proprietor and his wife dress in Breton tops and sailor jackets!*

### Valence House Museum and Art Gallery

Becontree Avenue, Dagenham, Essex, RM8

020 8595 8404

transport: Becontree u/g, Chadwell Heath rail; buses 128,129

facilities: parking; refreshments (Sats only); souvenir & bookshop; tours by arrangement

opening: Tue-Fri 09.30-13.00,14.00-16.30, Sat 10.00-16.00

admission free

*among the museum's collection are items that relate to Barking fishing industry*

### Lee Valley Regional Park

01992 702200 (information centre)

www.leevalleypark.org.uk

*the park stretches 26 miles 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*

*there are ten managed fisheries and a further nine licensed to clubs, comprising 26 gravel pits and 11 river*

venues. You will need an Environmental Agency rod licence (from Post Offices) and a Park Permit (enquire on telephone number above). There is some day fishing and then tickets can be purchased on site from the Fishery Bailiff

### **Walthamstow Reservoirs**

Lee Valley Road, Chingford, E4  
020 8808 1527

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

*an East London venue for a day of fishing*

### **Billingsgate Fish Market**

Trafalgar Way, Poplar, E14  
020 7987 1118 [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk)

transport: Blackwall/West India Quay DLR; buses 15, D6,D7,D8

opening: Tue-Sat 05.00-08.30

*this famous fish market is open to both traders and the public and here you will find the largest collection of fish for sale in the United Kingdom. Unfortunately you may only buy in bulk. The Market moved from its historic setting in Lower Thames Street (near the Tower of London) in 1982. If you want to see the market at its most active you must go early!*

### **Trafalgar Tavern**

Park Row, Greenwich, SE10  
020 8858 2437

transport: Greenwich DLR & rail, Cutty Sark DLR; buses 177,180,188,199,286,386; boat Greenwich Pier  
facilities: food (Mon noon-16.00, Tue-Sat 14.00-22.00, Sun noon-17.00); real ales

opening: Mon-Sat 11.30-23.00, Sun noon-22.30

*a famous tavern historically known for serving whitebait suppers to Liberal Ministers at the end of Parliamentary Sessions in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Their opponents met at the Brunswick Hotel & Tavern (later The Ship which closed in 1908) on the other side of the Thames in Blackwall. Whitebait can still be found on the menu*

### **Queen Elizabeth Gate**

near Apsley Gate, Hyde Park, W1

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

*salmon feature on the cast-iron gates sculptured by David Wynne. Designed by Guiseppi Lund the gates were erected in 1993 to celebrate the 90th birthday of the late Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother*

### **James Hulbert**

Swan Lane, off Lower Thames Street, EC4

transport: Monument u/g, Cannon Street u/g & rail; buses 15,35,40,43,47,48,133,149,344

*the statue commemorates James Hulbert, Warden (1718-20) of the Fishmongers Company, a City of London Livery Company; by Robert Easton 1724*

### **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 Mon-Fri 10.00-16.15, Sat 11.00-16.15  
admission charge includes entry to galleries

*the gilded mosaics in the Chancel are of birds, fish, animals and greenery and date from the 1890s*

### **Hampstead Heath**

East Heath Road NW3,  
020 7485 4491

transport: Hampstead u/g, Hampstead Heath & Highgate rail; buses 24,46,168,210,268,271,H3

*six of the Heath's ponds may be fished and a free permit is available from the telephone number above. A National Rivers Authority annual licence must be held. Please remember that no fishing is allowed between 15<sup>th</sup> March and 15<sup>th</sup> June*

### **Green's Restaurant and Oyster Bar**

36 Duke Street, SW1  
020 7930 4566

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

opening: Mon-Sun 11.30-15.00, 17.30-23.00 (no Sun opening May-Sept)

*this seafood and oyster restaurant has dark oak panelling, booth seating and wall-to-wall oil paintings*

### **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

*fishing is allowed in Pen ponds between 16 June and 14 March but a permit is necessary. Please telephone number above. Pen Ponds are supposedly well-stocked with pike*

### **St Magnus the Martyr Church**

Lower Thames Street, EC3  
020 7626 4481

transport: Monument u/g; buses 15,35,40,43,47,48,133, 149,344

opening: Tue-Fri 10.00-16.00, Sun 10.00-14.00

*post-war stained glass shows the coat of arms of the Fishmongers Company, a City of London Livery Company. The Company holds its annual service in the Church*

### **Merchant Seamen's War**

#### **Memorial/Mercantile Marine Memorial**

Trinity Square Gardens, Tower Hill, EC3

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

*this war memorial commemorates both World Wars. The Merchant Seamen's War Memorial is the temple-shaped structure nearest the road and was sculptured after the 1<sup>st</sup> World War by Sir Edwin Lutyens; the sunken garden behind was added in 1955 to commemorate the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and is known as the Mercantile Marine Memorial. It is by Sir Edward Maufe with sculpture by Sir Charles Wheeler.*

statues of fishermen in souwesters stand next to merchant seamen in uniform while panels show gods & other sea-related deities. Both memorials have the names of those who died listed under the names of the ships - the first section lists ships of the Merchant Navy, the second the boats of the Fishing Fleets

### 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 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 largest of the royal parks has fishing facilities in the Serpentine as long as you have a permit (telephone number above)

### Windsor Castle

Windsor, Berks, SL4

01753 831118 [www.the-royal-collection.org.uk](http://www.the-royal-collection.org.uk)

transport: Windsor rail; Green Line coach from Victoria

facilities: audio guide; disabled visitors should contact visitors' office; shop for books, postcards & gifts; pre-arranged tours for groups

opening: daily Mar-Oct 09.45-17.15 (last admission 16.00); Nov-Feb 09.45-16.15 (last admission 15.00) admission charge

the woodcarving in the King's Dining Room with its fish and fruit is by Grinling Gibbons

### London Hilton Hotel

22 Park Lane, W1

020 7493 8000

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

opening: bar daily bar Mon-Sat 17.00-01.00, Sun 17.00-22.30

Trader Vic's Pacofoc Island bar and restaurant is in 1950s South Pacific style with bamboo, fish, coral, canoes & Kon Tiki graphics

### Just Fish

Unit 14, Thomas Neale Centre, Shorts Gardens, WC2

020 7240 6277

transport: Covent Garden & Tottenham Court Road u/g; buses 1,14,19,24,29,38,176

stocks anything to do with fish - games, mobiles, fridge magnets, fossils etc etc

### New River Walk

Canonbury Grove, N1

transport: Highbury & Islington & Essex Road rail; buses 4,19,33,38,43,56,73,271,341

the old watchman's hut was originally used by a 'linesman' from the water supply company whose job it was to stop fishing and bathing in the drinking water

### Bank (restaurant)

1 Kingsway, WC2

020 7379 9797

transport: Holborn u/g; buses 1,8,19,25,38,55,59,68,91,168,171,188,242

a fish restaurant with a ceiling decorated with fish fins

### Les Trois Garcons

1 Club Row, E1

020 7613 1924

[www.lestroisgarcons.com](http://www.lestroisgarcons.com)

transport: Shoreditch u/g; buses 8,26,35,47,48,55,67,78,149,242,243

opening: Mon-Thur 19.00-22.00, Fri-Sat 19.00-22.30

restaurant décor includes stuffed swordfish, shark and dolphin

### Bushy Park

Sandy Lane, Hampton, Middlesex, TW12

020 8979 1586 [www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm](http://www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm)

transport: Teddington & Hampton Court rail; buses 111, 216,411,416,451,461,465,513,726,R68

opening: daily 05.00-22.30 Woodland Gardens 09.00-dusk

another park for horse riding and fishing (permits from 020 8781 9500)

### Farlows

9 Pall Mall, SW1

020 7839 2423

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

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

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-18.00, Thur 09.00-20.00, Sat 10.00-18.00

the oldest fishing goods shop in London

### Bedfont Lakes Country Park

Clockhouse Lane, Bedfont, Middlesex, TW14

01784 423556

transport: Feltham rail; buses H26,116

facilities: parking; guided walks (small charge)

opening: daily summer 07.30-21.00 or dusk, winter 07.30-16.30

admission free

fishing is one of the activities to be enjoyed in this country park

### Westminster Cathedral

Victoria Street, SW1

020 7798 9055

transport: Victoria & St James's Park u/g; buses 11,24,26,76,211

facilities: gift shop (Mon-Fri 09.30-17.15, Sat-Sun 10.00-16.45)

opening: daily: church April-Oct 07.00-20.00, Nov-Mar 07.00-19.00; campanile 09.00-17.00

admission: free to church; charge for the lift up the campanile

fish 'swim' among waves in the marble floor of the Chapel of St Andrew while the ceiling shimmers like fish scales

### Wheeler's Restaurant & Oyster Bar

19 Great Tower Street, EC3

020 7626 3685

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

this fish and oyster restaurant has its the walls decorated with cartoons relating to fish and fishing

### 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*

### **Fairlop Waters**

Forest Road, Ilford, Essex

transport: Fairlop & Barkingside u/g; buses 150,167,169, 247,275,462

*a 40 acre (16 hectares) park with lake where you can go sailing, canoeing, fishing, play golf, horseride or enjoy nature walks*

### **Old Billingsgate Market**

Lower Thames Street, EC3

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

*built in 1876 as a market to trade in fish it is now offices. The original Billingsgate Market moved to docklands in 1982. This building has a sculpture of Britannia and two golden dolphin weathervanes on its roof*

### **Livebait Waterloo**

43 The Cut, SE1  
020 7928 7211

transport: Southwark u/g, Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 45, 63,100

opening: Mon-Sat noon-25.00, 17.30-23.30

*this fish restaurant is tiled and looks like an old fashioned fishmonger's shop*

### **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

*here an area of the lake has been set aside for fishing carp, perch and roach*

### **Pescador**

33 Pratt Street, NW1  
020 7482 7008

transport: Mornington Crescent & Camden Town u/g; buses 24,27,29,46,88,134,168,214,253

opening: Tue-Fri 18.00-23.00, Sat 13.00-23.00, Sun 13.00-22.00

*a décor to match the name. Here you will find fishing nets, model boats and plates with a naval theme*

### **Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood**

Cambridge Heath Road, E2  
020 8983 5200 www.museumofchildhood.org.uk

transport: Bethnal Green u/g, Cambridge Heath rail; buses 8,106,253,309,D3,D6

*facilities: limited disabled access; library; parking; refreshments; shop; tours by arrangement*

opening: Mon-Thur, Sat-Sun 10.00-17.00  
admission free

*one of largest collections in the world devoted entirely to the history of children and all aspects of childhood especially toys. Displayed in a wrought-iron building that was originally at the Victoria and Albert Museum in South Kensington, it was established on this site in the 1860s. The outside of the building is decorated with mosaic scenes of various occupations- architecture & building, astronomy, botany, chemistry, fishing, haymaking, hopping, flowers, mechanics, mowing, music, painting, picking apples, geometry, ploughing, poetry and sculpture*

### **City of London School**

corner John Carpenter Street & Queen Victoria Street, SW1

transport: Mansion House u/g, Blackfriars u/g & rail; buses 388

*the lighting outside this school was put up in 1882 and is of Coalbrookdale wrought iron. The lights are entwined by fish*

### **Queen Mary's Gardens**

Inner Circle, Regent's Park, NW1

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

opening: 07.00-dusk

*a small lake with a waterfall & rockery water garden provide an attractive feature of these gardens. Stocked with large carp the lake is the appropriate place to have a bronze sculpture of an eagle poised with wings spread as if about to catch fish*

### **River God (Father Thames)**

William Henry Walk, Nine Elms Lane opposite Ponton Road, SW8

transport: Vauxhall u/g & rail; buses 44,156,344

*this 1988 triangular relief by Stephen Duncan shows an underwater bearded river god lifting a dolphin. Fish, lobster, eels, octopus and a water baby surround it*

### **Barmy Arms**

The Embankment, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW1  
020 8892 0863

transport: Teddington rail; buses 281,R68

opening: all permitted hours

*this pub, situated near to the River Thames and Twickenham Rugby Football Ground, has a collection of rugby and angling memorabilia, photographs and paintings*

### **Francis Francis Angling Club**

The Embankment, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW1

transport: Teddington rail; buses 281,R68

*members of this angling club can be seen fishing from punts along the river*

## **Slightly Further Afield**

### **Flower Pot Hotel**

Ferry Lane, Henley-on-Thames, Berks, RG9  
01491 574721

transport: by car: 2 miles the other side of the river from Henley down a single track lane off the main road to Maidenhead

opening: all permitted hours

*here you can see a good stuffed fish collection in the public bar*

### **Brighton Fishing Museum**

201 King's Road Arches, Brighton, BN1  
01273 723064

transport: Brighton rail

*facilities: shellfish stalls, a smokehouse & a smoked fish shop are all nearby; disabled access & wcs*

opening: daily 09.00-17.00

admission free

*this local museum displays a fishing boat alongside memorabilia about seafront life, photographs and local history archives. It also operates a 12-seater passenger boat 'The Skylark' off the beach in the summer*

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