



Seeing the Capital Differently

Football

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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

Arsenal Football Club Museum

Avenell Road, Highbury, N5 1BU
020 7704 4040 www.arsenal.co.uk/museum.htm
transport: Arsenal u/g; Finsbury Park u/g & rail; buses 4, 19,29,91,106,153,236,253,259,279
facilities: *disabled access and wcs; shop; tours (Mon-Fri 11.00 - please book on the telephone number above)*
opening: Fri 09.30-16.00
admission charge. Bondholders free

the museum shows the history of Arsenal Football Club since its formation in 1886 and has the largest collection of football memorabilia in Britain. It includes an audio-visual theatre for viewing memorable historical moments on film. There are stadium tours that include the museum, press facilities, board room, marble halls & players' tunnel

Duke of Edinburgh pub

299 Green Street, Upton Park, E13
020 8472 2546
transport: Upton Park u/g, Forest Gate rail; buses 25,53, 86,104,238,330,325,376
opening: Mon-Sat 11.00-23.00, Sun noon-22.30
a bar in this pub is devoted to West Ham Football Club and there is a variety of West Ham memorabilia

Regent's Park, NW1

020 7486 7905 www.royalparks.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

Bar Italia

22 Frith Street, W1
020 7437 4520
transport: Leicester Square & Tottenham Court Road u/g; buses 14,19,24,29,38,176
opening: daily
this bar features a big television screen for watching Italian football

Kingsland High Street , E8

transport: Dalston Kingsland rail; buses 30,38,56,67,76, 149,242,243,277
a feature of this street is the Turkish/Kurdish community exclusive male cafés named after Turkish football clubs

Greenwich Park, SE10

020 8858 2608 www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm
transport: Cutty Sark DLR, Greenwich rail; buses 177, 180,188,199,286,386; boat Greenwich Pier
facilities: *Park Café*
opening: daily 06.00-dusk
admission free
you can play football, tennis or go golf putting in this lovely park

Chapel Street Market

Liverpool Road, Islington, N1
transport: Angel u/g; buses 30,73,153,214,274
opening: Tue-Sun; hours varied

a street market stall selling Arsenal football memorabilia

Highgate Wood

Muswell Hill Road, Highgate, N10
020 8444 6129
transport: Highgate u/g; buses 43,134,143,263
facilities: *Oshobasho café in the middle of the woods overlooks cricket & football pitches*
opening: daily 07.30- 1 hour before dusk
the football pitch is in the centre of the woods

Café Kick

43 Exmouth Market, EC1
020 7837 8077
transport: Angel u/g, Farringdon u/g & rail; buses 19,38, 63,341
opening: Mon-Sat noon-23.00, Sun noon-22.30
table football in this French style café/bar with football memorabilia on the walls

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
another park with facilities for football, bowls, cricket, tennis, basketball, miniature golf and boating

Soccer Scene

56 Carnaby Street, W1V & 156 Oxford Street, W1
020 7439 0778/020 7436 6499
transport: Oxford Circus u/g; buses 3,6,7,8,10,12,13,15, 23,25,53,55,73,88,94,98,113,137,139,159,176, 189,C2
shop stocking over 400 football kits, football boots, videos, scarves and badges

Rugby Scene

46 Carnaby Street, W1
020 7287 9628
transport: Oxford Circus u/g; buses 3,6,7,8,10,12,13,15, 23, 25,53,55,73,88,94,98,113,137,139,159,176, 189,C2
shops stocking rugby regalia

Charlton Athletic Football Club

Floyd Road, SE7
020 8333 4010 www.charlton.athletic.co.uk
transport: Charlton rail; buses 161,177,180,380,472, 486
opening: daily stadium tours (please ring the above number for details as times vary)
admission charge
see behind the scenes of a football club on one of these tours

Bruce Castle Museum

Lordship Lane, N17
020 8808 8772 www.brucecastlemuseum.org.uk/
transport: Bruce Grove & White Hart Lane rail; buses 76, 123,149,243,259,279,341
facilities: *disabled access & wcs; library of local history of Haringey & archives of the Borough of Haringey; parking; café (Suns 13-16.30); picnic area; sales desk for postcards, prints & books; tours by arrangement*
opening: Wed-Sun 13.00-17.00
admission free
this museum has a grandfather clock donated by Tottenham Hotspur football team

Museum of Rugby

Rugby Road, Twickenham, Middx, TW1
020 8892 2817

www.rfu.com/twickenham/museum.cfm

transport: Twickenham rail; buses 281,H20,R62

facilities: *disabled access & wcs; parking; refreshments; shop; tours which include the dressing room & players tunnel (Tue-Sat at 10.30, noon, 13.30, 15.00, Sun 15.00. Booking advisable on above telephone number)*

opening: Tue-Sun 10.00-17.00, Sun 14.00-17.00. Ticket holders only on match days
admission charge

covers the history and growth of rugby football by using interactive displays, period set pieces and items from the Langton Collection. Harry Langton collected paintings and prints, balls and boots, toys and games, ceramics and sculptures to illustrate his love of football. Also on display is the Calcutta Cup made from 270 silver rupees and crafted with cobra handles and an elephant lid.

the Twickenham Experience Tour visits the famous ground, the dressing rooms, medical suite and commentary box and is highly recommended

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

opening: daily 09.00-18.00

plenty to keep the family happy in this central London park - adventure playground with sandpits, an Astro Turf football pitch, basketball court, toddlers' gym, climbing tower, helter-skelter, swings and a small zoo especially for petting the animals

Chelsea World of Sport

Chelsea Village, Fulham Road, SW6
020 7915 2222

transport: Fulham Broadway u/g; buses 11,14,28,211, 295,391

facilities: *tours of Stadium (daily except match days at 11.00,13.00,15.00 for 75 mins. Advance booking on number above)*

opening: daily Mon-Fri 10.00-18.00, Sat-Sun 10.00-16.00; match days 09.00-1 hour before kickoff
admission charge

the World of Sport covers all sports not just football but it has a special area devoted to Chelsea Football Club and Stamford Bridge Stadium. It looks at the history of the Club and its players and has memorabilia, cups, models, a wall of fame and a screen showing footage of the previous year's matches

tours include the changing rooms, manager's seat in the dugout, players' tunnel and press room

White Swan pub

The Riverside, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW9
020 8892 2166

transport: Twickenham rail; buses 33,490,H22,R68,R70

facilities: *meals & snacks lunch and evening*

opening: all permitted hours

a collection of memorabilia about Rugby football, including shirts and photographs, is kept in display cabinets

Blackheath Rugby Club

The Rectory Field, Charlton Road, Blackheath, SE3
020 8858 1578 www.blackheathrugby.co.uk

transport: North Greenwich u/g, Blackheath & Westcombe Park rail; buses 53,54,108,422

the oldest open rugby club in the world founded in 1858, had a leading role in the formation of both the Football Association and the Rugby Union.

Mile End Park, E2

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

facilities: *ecology centre and arts pavilion*

opening: stadium Mon-Fri 09.00-22.00, Sat-Sun 09.00-18.00 (telephone 8980 1885)

the sports stadium offers athletics, football, tennis, cricket and gymnastics

American Bar

St James's Place, SW1
020 7493 0111

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

opening: all permitted hours

this sports bar features American football and has memorabilia of the game - helmets, baseball caps and team chevrons

Rugby Tavern

19 St James's Street, SW1
020 7405 1384

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

a pub with satellite television for all the major rugby games and appropriate memorabilia scattered about

The Elusive Camel

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

here you will find large televisions for watching southern hemisphere sport including football and cricket while drinking Australian lager

Footballers

Green Street and Barking Road, E6

transport: Upton Park u/g; buses 5,58,104,147,330,376

a recently unveiled bronze statue (2003) shows four footballers with the World Cup. Erected to celebrate the Wembley Victory of 1966 of England over West Germany the four footballers are Bobby Moore, Geoff Hurst, Martin Peters & Ray Wilson

West Ham United Museum

Green Street, E13
020 8548 2748/8548 2700 (tickets)

transport: Upton Park u/g; buses 5,15,58,104,115,147, 330,376

facilities: *it is hoped to offer stadium tours in the near future*

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-18.00, Sat 09.00-18.00
admission charge

this museum traces the history of the Club from its foundation in 1895 as the Thames Iron Works Football Club including its time as Champions The collection of memorabilia includes medals, caps and jerseys of Bobby Moore, Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters

Hackney Marshes

Homerton Road, E9

transport: Leyton u/g, Hackney Wick rail; buses 26,30, 236,308,W15

this expanse of former marsh land is listed in the Guinness Book of Records as having the largest collection of football pitches in world (over 80). It is known as the home of English 'Sunday soccer'

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

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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