



*Seeing the Capital Differently*

## **Mills & Windmills**

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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**

### **Upminster Windmill**

St Mary's Lane, Upminster, Essex, RM14  
01708 772394

transport: Upminster u/g & rail; buses 248,370  
opening: 3rd weekend in month during summer. As  
opening can vary please ring first  
free admission  
*this smock mill still has its original machinery*

### **Wimbledon Windmill Museum**

Windmill Road, Wimbledon Common, SW19  
020 8947 2825

transport: Wimbledon u/g & rail; buses 85,93,265,K3  
*facilities: tea room; sales desk; tours by arrangement*  
opening: Sat-Sun April-Oct 14.00-17.00 or by  
arrangement  
admission charge

*this interesting museum outlines the windmill's history  
(built 1817) and its development as a hollow-post flour  
mill. The collection includes drawings and models  
illustrating the history and development of windmills*

### **Nellie Dean pub**

8-9 Dean Street, W1  
020 7734 2572

transport: Tottenham Court Road u/g; buses 7,8,10,25,  
55,73,98,176  
*the pub sign illustrates the watermill and stream  
mentioned in the famous song about Nellie Dean*

### **Savoy Chapel**

Savoy Place, Strand, WC2

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: Tue-Fri 11.30-15.30  
*a needlework panel of 1600 shows the Garden of Eden  
with a camel, elephant and unicorn. The background has  
a castle, windmill and other buildings. It was presented by  
Sir Harold Wernher of Luton Hoo*

### **Three Mills Island**

Three Mills Lane, Bow, E3  
020 8215 0050

transport: Bromley-by-Bow u/g, Bow Church DLR; buses  
8,25,108,D8,S2  
*facilities: parking in Tesco's car park; Still Café (Mon-Fri  
09.30-23.00, bookings 020 8215 3305)*  
opening: daily 09.30-dusk  
admission charge

*there are only two mills not three on Three Mills Island!  
The House Mill, built in 1776, is a 5 storey, timber-framed  
mill with four undershot water wheels and six pairs of  
millstones. It worked between 1776 and 1940 milling flour  
and grain for the gin distillery next door (now the Three  
Mills Film Studio). It is a Grade I listed building and is  
Britain's oldest and largest tidal mill spanning two  
waterways and four mill races. The water flow still turns a  
turbine that charges a battery that lights a streetlight by  
the bridge*

*the Clock Mill opposite dates from 1817 when it replaced  
an earlier mill. Its Victorian ornate clock tower with  
octagonal turret, bell & weathervane and the conical caps  
of drying kilns have established it as a Grade II listed  
building*

### **Anchor Brewhouse**

Shad Thames, Tower Bridge, SE1

transport: Tower Hill & Bermondsey u/g, Tower Gateway  
DLR; buses 42,47,78,188,381  
*the brewhouse with its boiler house chimney, malt mill  
tower and cupola produced Courage ales between 1789  
and 1982. It has now been converted into luxury  
apartments*

### **Morden Hall Park**

Morden Hall Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4  
020 8687 0094

transport: Morden u/g; Tramlink to Phipps Bridge; buses  
80,118,154,157,163,163,201,293,413  
*facilities: disabled access; tearoom (10.00-17.00 daily)*  
opening: park daily during daylight hours  
admission free

*this former deer park has a network of waterways and  
two water mills dating from the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The mills  
were used for grinding snuff until 1922 and the original  
waterwheel used for grinding the tobacco into powder can  
be seen. Before grinding the tobacco was dried in kilns  
that can be seen from the bridge*

### **Keston Windmill**

Heathfield Road, Keston, Bromley, Kent

transport: Hayes rail; buses 146 (not Suns), 246  
*Kent's oldest surviving windmill refurbished in 1996. It  
stands close to Keston Ponds*

### **Hatfield House**

Hatfield, Herts, AL9  
01707 262823

[www.hatfield-house.co.uk](http://www.hatfield-house.co.uk)

transport: Hatfield rail  
*facilities: licensed restaurant & tea room; gifts and  
garden shop; tours*  
opening: March-Sept Tue-Fri noon-16.00 (guided tours  
only), Sat-Sun 13.00-16.30 (no guided tours)  
admission charge  
*the grounds contain the Cecil Saw Mill and Mill Green. The  
working flour mill dates from 1762 and also houses a local  
history museum*

### **Merton Abbey Mills**

Station Road, Wimbledon, SW19

transport: Colliers Wood u/g; buses 57,152,200,219  
opening: daily 10.00-17.00; craft market Sat-Sun  
*there is a working pottery in the old watermill and a  
museum that outlines the history of the textiles made in  
the mills in the 19<sup>th</sup> century when they were the home of  
the Liberty Print Works*

### **Clerkenwell Tower Mill**

Amwell Street, EC1

transport: Angel u/g, King's Cross u/g & rail; buses 19,  
30,38,73,214,341  
*this former tower mill stands, with its truncated tower, on  
a waterworks site*

### **Shirley Tower Mill**

Post Mill Close, Upper Shirley Road, Croydon  
020 8253 1009

transport: Croydon Tramlink Coombe Lane; bus 466  
*facilities: refreshments; souvenirs*  
opening: 1st Sun of the month June-Oct 14.00-17.00  
admission free

*this tower mill was built in 1854 by Richard Alwen. Closed in 1893 it was fully restored and reopened in 1996. Touch screen interactives, information panels and hands-on displays illustrate its history and it is open on extra days during National Mills weekend in May and the Heritage Open Days in September*

### **Wandsworth Smock Mill**

Trinity Road & Bolingbroke Grove, SW11

transport: Wandsworth Common & Clapham Junction rail; buses 219,319,G1

*built in the 1830s this small mill was used for pumping water from the railway cutting into a lake. The lake was filled in in 1870. A small memorial plaque was erected in 1991*

### **Windmill pub**

27 Tabernacle Street, EC2

020 7786 9621

transport: Old Street & Moorgate u/g & rail; buses 76, 141,214,271

opening: Mon-Fri 11.00-23.00

*this pub has photographs of different types of mills but unfortunately there are no names or locations*

### **Ponders End Flour Mill**

Wharf Road, Enfield, Middlesex, EN3

020 8804 1166 [www.wrightsfLOUR.co.uk](http://www.wrightsfLOUR.co.uk)

transport: Ponders End rail; buses 191,313

opening: working mill but worth writing to see if any chance of visiting

*this is the oldest working industrial building in England. Built in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century it was converted to electricity in 1913 and remodelled in 1950. Owned by G R Wright and Sons it is a major producer of flour*

### **De Hems pub**

11 Macclesfield Street, W1

020 7437 2494

transport: Piccadilly Circus & Leicester Square u/g; buses 3,6,12,13,14,15,19,23,24,29,38,53,88,94,139,159,176

*De Hems is the Dutch word for windmill and this pub has appropriate decoration and paintings of Holland*

### **Royal Gunpowder Mills**

Beaulieu Drive, Waltham Abbey, Essex, EN9

01992 707370 [www.royalgunpowdermills.com](http://www.royalgunpowdermills.com)

transport: Waltham Cross rail (25 min walk); buses 211, 212,213,240,250,505,517

*facilities: disabled access & wcs; café; giftshop; special scientific interest tours by appointment*

opening: daily April-Oct 10.00-18.00 (last admission 17.00)

admission charge

*these mills were used for the manufacture of gunpowder. The museum outlines the history and development of gunpowder & explosives and its production. Using material should as videos and interactive displays, photographs of site development, cog wheels & gear workings, production tools & machinery, a powder boat and a railway engine, you can gain an insight into this interesting industry. You can even dress up as a former employee!*

*the 21 historic buildings stand in 175 acres of parkland. There are a network of canals (for transportation of the gunpowder), woodland and a nature reserve (two-thirds of the site is a Special Site of Scientific Interest) . Wildlife includes Muntjac deer, bats, otters and the largest*

*heronry in Essex although this can only be seen on special guided tours - in all an interesting day out*

### **National Gallery**

Trafalgar Square, WC2N

020 7747 2885

[www.nationalgallery.org.uk](http://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 Wed)*

opening: daily 10.00-18.00, Wed 10.00-20.00

admission free

*among the masterpieces in the collection of this well-known Art Gallery are 'The Mill' (1648) by Claude (1604-82), 'Landscape with a Watermill' (1755) by Francois Boucher (1703-70) and one of the most famous paintings of John Constable (1776-1837) - 'Stratford Mill, River Stour Suffolk' (1820)*

### **Mill Green Museum and Mill**

Mill Green, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, AL9

01707 271362

transport: road; Hatfield rail

*facilities: craft demonstrations on summer weekends*

opening: Tue-Fri 10.00-17.00, Sat-Sun 14.00-17.00

admission free

*this working watermill produces flour. It has a small local history museum that looks at the area around Hatfield*

### **Kingsbury Watermill**

St Michael's Street, St Albans, Herts, AL3

01727 853502

transport: St Albans City rail

*facilities: parking; café and waffles restaurant; gift shop*

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-18.00, Sun 11.00-18.00 (17.00 during winter)

admission charge

*this 16<sup>th</sup> century watermill has a restored working wheel. A small exhibition includes a milling machine and farming implements*

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