



Seeing the Capital Differently

Trains

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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

this theme covers the trains as modes of transport not the railways on which they run, the stations or the people connected with the railways

Kew Bridge Steam Museum

Green Dragon Lane, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8
020 8568 4757 www.kbsm.org.uk

transport: Gunnersbury u/g, Kew Bridge rail; buses 65, 237, 267, 391

facilities: limited wheelchair access; guide dogs welcome; disabled wcs; parking; refreshments at weekends only; bookshop; tours by arrangement

opening: daily (steaming on 2 weekends March-Nov)
11.00-17.00
admission charge

this collection of steam and pumping equipment includes a triple expansion steam engine and four Cornish beam engines, two of which are in steam every weekend. The engines were used to pump the West London water supply for over 100 years. Also displayed are smaller steam engines, traction engines and steam lorries. The collection of Cornish beam and water-pumping steam engines is considered to be one of the finest in the world many Victorian waterworks had their own railways and this one is no exception. A short narrow gauge railway has two steam locomotives 'Cloister' and 'Wendy' run by the Hampshire Narrow Gauge Railway Society for rides on summer weekends

London Transport Museum

Covent Garden, WC2E
020 7379 6344 www.ltmuseum.co.uk

transport: Covent Garden, Leicester Square & Holborn u/g; buses 1,6,9,11,13,15,23,24,29,59, 68,77A,91,168, 171,172,176,188,341

facilities: disabled access & wcs; library; snacks and drinks; shop for posters, postcards, books, models, gifts & souvenirs

opening: daily 10.00-18.00, Fri 11.00-18.00 (last admission 17.15)
admission charge

the history of transport in London includes the L23 steam locomotive from the first underground railway of 1863, underground train video displays and working displays of steam and electric engines and model railways

National Gallery

Trafalgar Square, WC2N
020 7747 2885 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. Free bus service between National Gallery, Tate & Tate Modern every 30mins

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 Weds)

opening: daily 10.00-18.00 Weds 10.00-20.00
admission free

here you can see J M W Turner's painting 'Rain, Steam and Speed: the Great Western Railway'

North Woolwich Old Railway Station Museum

Pier Road, Woolwich, E16
020 7474 7244

www.newham.gov.uk/leisure/museums/moldstn

transport: North Woolwich rail: buses 101,473,474

facilities: disabled access

opening: Jan-Nov Sat-Sun 13.00-17.00; plus Mon-Wed during school holidays
admission free

features historical displays about the railways in London's East End and their impact on the area. Outlined is the development of the Great Eastern Railway included the North Woolwich Railway using photographs, models, timetables, tickets, posters, station furniture and a booking office. Included is the steam locomotive 'Coffee Pot' (No.229) which was built in 1876

Syon House and Park

Brentford, Middlesex, TW8
020 8560 0883 www.syonpark.co.uk

transport: Brentford & Syon Lane rail; buses 235,237, 267,H28

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

a miniature steam train runs in the grounds at weekends and Bank Holidays between April and October

Science Museum

Exhibition Road, SW7
020 7942 4455 www.sciencemuseum.org.uk

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 9,10,14,45,49, 52,74,C1

facilities: disabled access (helpline 020 7942 4446); disabled wcs; library; refreshments; shop

opening: daily 10.00-18.00
admission free

one part of the collection outlines the evolution of transport technology and the development of land vehicles and the carriage of goods & passengers since 1750. The majority of items about railways have been moved to the National Railway Museum in York but the London museum still displays steam trains such as Puffing Billy (1813) and the Rocket (1829)

Great Western pub

Praed Street, Paddington, W2

transport: Paddington u/g & rail; buses 7,15,23,27,36

opening: all permitted hours

the pub sign shows the Great Western line steam trains

Legoland

Windsor, Berkshire
08705 04 04

transport: Windsor rail then shuttlebus from High St

opening: daily mid-Mar-mid-July 10.00-18.00, mid-July-Aug 10.00-20.00, Sept-Oct 10.00-18.00 or dusk
admission charge

this very popular theme park has a lego model village, an assortment of rides including a ghost train, pirate falls, water slides. driving school & road network, boating school and wave surfer. Many of the things to see are made entirely of Lego bricks including the I-Spy Express train ride round park. A good day out for the children - allow 6-7 hours for your visit

Docklands Light Rail

020 7363 9700 www.dlr.co.uk

this mainly above ground railway runs from Bank or Tower Gateway stations to the Isle of Dogs and across the

River Thames to Greenwich and Lewisham, or further east to Stratford, Beckton and in 2005 to London City Airport. It opened in 1987 and has completely automatic driverless trains. Try to get the front seats for the best views of Docklands

Westminster Abbey

Deans' Yard, Parliament Square, SW1
020 7222 5152 www.westminster-abbey.org

transport: Westminster & St James's Park u/g, Victoria & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,109,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

facilities: audio guide & leaflets in 7 languages; guided tours (Apr-Oct Mon-Fri 10.00,10.30,11.00,14.00, 15.00, Sat 10.00,11.00, 12.30; Nov-Mar Mon-Fri 10.00,11.00,14.00,15.00, Sat 10.00,11.00,12.30)

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-16.45 (last admission 15.45); Sat 09.00-14.45 (last admission 13.45); closed Sun except for worship; Cloister daily 08.00-18.00; Chapter House daily 10.00-17.30 Apr-Oct, 10.00-16.00 Nov-Mar admission charge

an 1862 stained glass memorial window to the engineer, Robert Stephenson, shows biblical building (including Noah's Ark and Solomon's Temple), constructions by Stephenson and portrait heads of builders including Archimedes, Michelangelo and Wren. The picture of the steam engine 'Rocket' was added in 1948 to commemorate its inventor, George Stephenson. The window is in the North Choir Aisle

St James the Less Sussex Gardens

Bayswater, W2
020 7262 9976

transport: Marble Arch & Lancaster Gate u/g, Paddington u/g & rail; buses 6,7,12,15,16,23,27,36,94,98

a stained glass window (1952) of the Te Deum is coupled with images of local life - the founder of the Scouting Movement, Lord Baden Powell; the discoverer of penicillin, Sir Alexander Fleming; the church during the 2nd World War with searchlights and the top of the tower missing; and a steam train at Paddington Station

Finsbury Park

Seven Sisters Road, N4

transport: Manor House u/g; Finsbury Park u/g & rail; buses 4,19,29,106,153,210,253,254,259,W3,W7

Finsbury Park Station is the resting place of the pullman carriage 'Doris' - one of the Brighton Belle carriages named after showgirls. The Brighton Belle train ran from Brighton to London between 1932 and 1972

Further Afield

National Railway Museum

Leeman Road, York, YO26
01904 621261 www.nrm.org.uk

opening: daily 10.00-18.00
admission free

this national collection tells the railway story from the Rocket to Eurostar. It has 103 locomotives and 177 other items of rolling stock, 3300 models, 300 nameplates, 6500 items of silver and china, tickets, photographs,

engineering drawings, posters and art. The Reference Library and Archive are open Monday to Friday by appointment

Didcot Railway Centre

on the A4130 from A34 & M4, Didcot, Oxfordshire
01235 817200

transport: Didcot Parkway rail

opening: daily April-Sept 10.00-17.00; weekends Oct-March 11.00-16.00

a collection of steam locomotives, station and signalling running on Isambard Kingdom Brunel's broad gauge trackwork

Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway

Viaduct Station, Sittingbourne, Kent
0871 222 1568

transport: Sittingbourne rail

facilities: special events (ring above number for details)

opening: April-Sept Suns either 11.00-16.00 or 13.00-16.00 (please ring above number for details)
admission charge

here you will be able to see running steam trains and learn about the history of the railway from 1900 to its preservation in 1969. The museum shows items of the original rolling stock used to convey finished paper products from Bowater Factory at Sittingbourne & Kemsley to the docks at Ridham

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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