



Seeing the Capital Differently

Trees

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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

the trees in this leaflet are listed because they are unusual, exotic or decorative. There are many beautiful trees in London especially in the parks and squares and places to see good examples of the most common are given below:

plane trees - can be seen throughout the city especially along some of the major streets and in the many squares and parks. Some grow to great height and age. Some of the best can be seen at

- ❖ Berkeley Square, W - a 1789 tree believed to be the oldest in London
- ❖ Mount Street Gardens, W1 - 200 years old
- ❖ Fitzroy Square, W1 - planted 1817
- ❖ 9-10 Park Square East, NW1 - planted 1817 to commemorate Battle of Waterloo
- ❖ Cornwall Gardens - planted 1879 believed to be tallest in London

cedars - examples of these magnificent trees can be found in:

- ❖ Forty Hall Museum grounds, Forty Hill, Enfield, Middlesex EN2
- ❖ Chiswick House grounds, Hogarth Road, W4
- ❖ Osterley Park House gardens, Isleworth, Middlesex TW7
- ❖ Boston Manor House gardens, Brentford, Middlesex TW6
- ❖ Mount Clare, Minstead Gardens, Roehampton, SW15 - planted 1773 by the landscape gardener, Capability Brown
- ❖ Templeton House, Priory Lane, Roehampton, SW15

others:

- ❖ Beech - Richmond Park, TW10 - 19th century trees
- ❖ Chestnut - Bushy Park, Hampton, Middlesex, TW12 - along Chestnut Avenue
- ❖ Oaks - Alexandra Palace and Park N22 - Richmond Park, TW10 - 300-400 years old with twisted contorted trunks
- ❖ Giant Sequoia - Brookwood Cemetery Woking, Surrey - an avenue
- ❖ Weeping Willows - St James's Park, SW1 - by the lake
- ❖ Indian Bean - outside Houses of Parliament, SW1

Chelsea Physic Garden

66 Royal Hospital Road, SW3
020 7352 5646 www.cpgarden.demon.co.uk
transport: Sloane Square u/g; buses 11,19,22,137,211, 239,319

facilities: disabled access via 66 Royal Hospital Road; library by arrangement; home-made teas; gift and plant shop; tours by arrangement

opening: Apr-Oct Wed noon-17.00, Sun 14.00-18.00
admission charge

the largest outdoor olive tree in Britain standing 30ft tall was planted in 1901. The garden also has the oldest cedar trees in Britain (planted 1683) and a honey locust tree with spines on its trunk - it comes from the Far East

Drapers Company

Throgmorton Avenue, London Wall, EC2N
020 7588 5001

transport: Bank u/g, Moorgate u/g & rail; buses 56,76, 100,133

admission by prior application

this City of London Livery Company garden has ancient mulberry trees - four black and one Japanese

Hogarth's House

Hogarth Lane, Great West Road, Chiswick, W4
020 8994 6757 www.cip.org.uk/heritage/hogarth

transport: Turnham Green u/g, Chiswick rail; buses 190, 237,267, E3

facilities: disabled access to ground floor only; sales desk; tours

opening: Apr-Oct Tue-Fri 13.00-17.00, Sat-Sun 13.00-18.00; Nov-Mar Tue-Fri 13.00-16.00, Sat-Sun 13.00-17.00. Closed January

admission free

the gardens have a mulberry tree dating from the time of the artist William Hogarth (1697-1764)

Keats' House

Keats' Grove, NW3
020 7435 2062 www.keatshouse.org.uk

transport: Belsize Park & Hampstead u/g, Hampstead Heath rail; buses 24,46,168,268,C11

facilities: audio guide by arrangement; library by arrangement; shop; tours

opening: Apr-Oct Mon-Fri 10.00-13.00,14.00-18.00, Sat 10.00-13.00,14.00-17.00, Sun 14.00-17.00; Nov-Mar Mon-Fri 13.00-17.00, Sat 10.00-13.00,14.00-17.00, Sun 14.00-17.00

admission free

the gardens contain the plum tree under which the poet John Keats (1795-1821) wrote 'Ode to a Nightingale'

Museum of Garden History (formerly St Mary-at-Lambeth)

Lambeth Palace Road, Lambeth, SE1
020 7401 8865 www.museumgardenhistory.org

transport: Lambeth North u/g, Victoria, Waterloo & Vauxhall u/g & rail; buses 3,77,344,C10

facilities: disabled access; light lunches & teas; shop for seeds, plants, books and prints; tours

opening: mid-Feb-Dec Mon-Fri, Sun 10.30-17.00
admission free

the museum covers the history of John Tradescant the Elder who, as gardener to Robert Cecil, 1st Lord Salisbury, stocked Hatfield House gardens. He later became gardener to King Charles I. His son, John Tradescant the Younger succeeded him as gardener to Charles I. Both men journeyed to Virginia to collect new plants including the tulip-tree & yucca

the gardens (a former churchyard) contain several old gnarled trees including striped holly, a strawberry tree, service tree and smoke bush

Kew Gardens/Royal Botanic Gardens & Museums

Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey, TW9
020 8332 5655/recorded information 020 8940 1171
www.rbgekew.org.uk

transport: Kew Gardens u/g & rail, Kew Bridge rail; buses 65,237,267,391,419; boat Kew Pier

facilities: disabled access; Orangery, White Peaks, Pavilion & Victoria Gate restaurants & snacks (10.00-one hour before closing); shops; tours from Victoria Gate Visitors' Centre (daily 11.00, 14.00 no charge)

opening: March-Aug Mon-Fri 09.30-18.30, Sat-Sun 09.30-19.30; Sept-Oct daily 09.30-18.00; Oct-Feb daily 09.30-16.15; Feb-Mar daily 09.30-17.30 (last admission and closure of glasshouses is 30 mins before closing time) admission charge

the gardens have many, often rare and exotic, species of trees and are especially attractive in the spring when the cherries are flowering (especially those in the Japanese Landscape Garden). Also in the Japanese Garden is a 'Hinoki', a conifer native to Japan used for high-quality building work and carving. It was planted in 1976 by the Japanese Prince & Princess (now Emperor)

Kew is also renowned for the glass Palm House built in the 1840s by Decimus Burton that stocks both useful (coffee,cocoa, coconut, banana, rubber, breadfruit) and ornamental tropical plants & trees. The Temperate House displays sub-tropical trees and plants by geographical regions including the Dragon Tree from Canary Islands (bright red resin known locally as Dragon's blood) which is used as medicine and a dye by Italian violin makers; and the Chilean wine palm raised from seed in 1846 & now standing 55ft (17m) high

elsewhere in the gardens you can find different varieties of oak, monkey puzzle trees, conifers including giant redwoods and maples

Royal College of Physicians Portrait Collection

11 St Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, NW1
020 7935 1174 x374

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

facilities: library; tours by arrangement

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-17.00

admission charge

the garden contains cedars, magnolias and the Hippocrates Tree. Planted in 1965 this plane tree is from a cutting raised in Chelsea Physic Garden. A marker beneath the tree declares that it is a descendant of one on Cos under which Hippocrates taught

Spencer House

27 St James's Place, SW1
020 7499 8620 www.spencerhouse.co.uk

transport: Green Park u/g; buses 8,9,14,19,22,38
facilities: tours every 20mins. No children under 12 years admitted

opening: Feb-July, Sept-Dec Suns 11.45-17.45 (last admission 16.45)

admission charge - timed tickets

among period furniture is a screen of gilded palm trees and arched fronds

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

the former Greater London arboretum is located next to the Dragonfly Sanctuary. Access is from Abbey View, Waltham Abbey, Essex, EN9. transport: Waltham Cross rail or by car

Ye Olde Mitre Tavern

Mitre Place, Hatton Garden leading to Ely Place, EC1
020 7405 4751

transport: Chancery Lane u/g; Farringdon u/g & rail; buses 8,25,45,63,341,342

opening: Mon-Fri 11.00-22.00

one corner of the bar has the remains of the cherry tree around which Queen Elizabeth I is supposed to have danced

Monkey Puzzle pub

30 Southwick Street, Paddington, W2
020 7723 0143

transport: Edgware Road u/g, Paddington u/g & rail; buses 6,7,12,15,16,23,27,36,94,98

opening: all permitted hours

this pub has a Monkey Puzzle tree (Chilean Pine) in the garden

Trafalgar Square, WC2

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

each December a Christmas tree is donated by the City of Oslo as thanks for the help given to the Norwegian people during the 2nd World War. It is erected in the Square covered with sparkling white lights and provides a focal point for Christmas carol singing

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

on the north edge of the lake is a fossil tree put there in 1845 as part of the collection of the Royal Botanic Society. Graceful willows hang over the lake

Barbican Arts Centre

Silk Street, EC2
020 7588 9023

transport: Barbican u/g, Moorgate u/g & rail; buses 56,76,100,133,153

opening: conservatory: Sats. The Centre: Mon-Sat 09.00-23.00, Sun noon-23.00

this rooftop conservatory has 2000 species of tropical plants & trees, an aviary of finches and quails, and a pond with carp. It is said to have London's finest selection of flora outside Kew Gardens

Greenwich Park

Greenwich, SE10
020 8858 2608 www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm

transport: Cutty Sark DLR, Greenwich & Maze Hill rail; buses 53,170,180,188,199,286,386; boat Greenwich Pier

opening: daily 06.00-dusk

admission free

exotic trees including some species of oak can be found in The Flower Garden. Queen Elizabeth's oak (in fact a sweet chestnut) was unfortunately toppled by gales in 1992. It was supposed to be the tree round which King Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn had danced and Queen Elizabeth I had played as a child. Hollow inside it was later used as a lockup for those breaking park rules

Primrose Hill, NW3

020 7486 7905 www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm

transport: Chalk Farm & Camden Town u/g; buses 31, 274,C2,C11

opening: 24 hour

a chestnut tree commemorates the birth of Shakespeare. The original tree stood for 300 years eventually dying in the 1950s. In 1964 another was planted to celebrate Shakespeare's 400th anniversary

Green Park, W1

020 7930 1793

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

opening: daily 05.00 - midnight

a peaceful park of plane trees, 950 of them in 53 acres (21.4 hectares). Legend says that no flowers will grow in this park either because 1) it was built on the banks of Tyburn river which flowed through the grounds where executions took place, or because 2) nuns died in the snow after being turned out of St James Hospice by Henry VIII who wanted to use the hospice for a banquet

Tavistock Square, WC1

transport: Euston Square & Russell Square u/g, Euston u/g & rail; buses 10,24,29,59,68,73,91, 134,168

opening: daily 08.00-dusk

this square has a copper-beech tree planted by the Indian statesman and prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru (1889-1964) in 1953

a cherry tree was also planted in 1967 to commemorate the victims of the Hiroshima Atom Bomb

Trinity Hospital

Crane Street, Greenwich, SE10
020 8858 1310

transport: Cutty Sark DLR, Maze Hill rail; buses 177,180, 188,199,286,386; boat Greenwich Pier

opening: by prior appointment only
admission charge

there is a 300 year old mulberry tree in the gardens

Savill Garden

Windsor Great Park, Windsor, Berks
www.savillgarden.co.uk

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

opening: daily Mar-Oct 10.00-18.00, Nov-Feb 10.00-16.00

admission charge

the gardens were created in 1932 and have displays of rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias and unusual trees and shrubs

St Botolph-without-Aldersgate

Aldersgate Street, EC1
020 7606 0684

transport: Barbican & St Paul's u/g, Moorgate u/g & rail; buses 8,25,56,100,153,172,242

opening: Mon-Wed, Fri 11.00-15.00, Thur 12.45-14.30
Also for Lord Mayor's Show (Sat nearest 9 Nov)

the 18th century hexagonal pulpit of inlaid mahogany has a pedestal in the form of a palm tree

Kensington Gardens

Bayswater Road & Kensington Gore Road, Bayswater, W8
020 7298 2100

transport: Queensway, Notting Hill Gate & High Street Kensington u/g; buses 9,10,12,49,52,70,94

opening: daily 05.00 - dusk

the Elfin Oak -an 800 year old tree stump carved with brightly painted fairies, elves and pixies either from the oak itself or from plaster. It was made by the children's book illustrator, Ivor Innes between 1928 and 1930 to complement the statue of Peter Pan also in the Gardens. It has recently be made an unusual Grade II Listed Building as it is regarded as of special historic interest

it depicts the world of the Little People - Wookey the Witch with her jars of health, wealth and happiness; Huckleberry the Gnome carrying a bag of berries; Grumples & Groodles, the Elves being woken by Brownie, Dinkie, Rumplocks & Hereandthere stealing eggs from the crows' nest

the Flower Walk also has an association with Peter Pan - the weeping beech is allegedly the tree into which Peter Pan is reputed to have climbed

other varieties can be found elsewhere in the Gardens - maidenhair tree, lucombe oak, sweet chestnuts, hollies (in the grounds of the Palace)

St Mary the Virgin, Wanstead

Overton Drive, St Mary's Avenue, E11

transport: Wanstead u/g; buses 66,101,145,308,W13, W14

the pulpit columns in this church are in the shape of palm trees

West India Quay

quayside east of DLR line, Isle of Dogs, E14

transport: Canary Wharf u/g & DLR, West India Quay DLR; buses 277,D3,D7,D8

the 1999 sculpture 'Original Form' by Keith Rand uses a douglas fir tree.

Hyde Park, W1/W2

020 7298 2100 www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm

transport: Knightsbridge, Hyde Park Corner, Marble Arch & Lancaster Gate 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

in 2000 a black and white pebble mosaic was laid out on the pathway in the north east part of the park near to Marble Arch. This is the Reformers Tree that commemorates the struggle for political enfranchisement in the 19th century. The inscription round the edge gives an explanation while pointer markers incorporated in the design direct the visitor to various parts of the park.

the original tree was burnt down in 1866 during the Reform League riots and the stump became a notice board for political demonstrations and a gathering point for meetings. In 1872 Speakers' Corner was designated for this purpose and has remained one of three places in London where public speaking is allowed (if you like to hear both speakers and hecklers on almost every imaginable subject then Sunday afternoon is best!) . A

new Reformers' Tree was planted on the spot of the original tree by the Prime Minister James Callaghan in 1977

the Park has a magnificent collection of trees including a lovely Caucasian elm in the Rose Garden

Canonbury Tower

Canonbury Square, Islington, N1

transport: Highbury & Islington u/g & rail, Canonbury rail; buses 30,38,56,73,271,277,341

opening: by written application

the mulberry in the gardens of what remains of this Tudor mansion is said to date from the 1600s

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 formal gardens with one of the oldest yews in England. In the Woodland there is a mulberry tree said to have been planted by the Huguenots in the 18th century

City of London Cemetery

Aldersbrook Road, Manor Park, E12
020 8530 2151

transport: Manor Park & Ilford rail; buses 25,86,191,104,147

facilities: heritage trails (telephone number above for details)

opening: summer Mon-Fri 09.00-19.00, Sat-Sun 09.00-17.00; winter daily 09.00-17.00

here in this large cemetery you will find cedars, maidenhair, monkey puzzle and strawberry trees and a show of rhododendrons in the spring. Plans are underway to build a visitors' centre, exhibition centre and café

Euston Square Gardens

Euston Road, NW1

transport: Euston Station u/g & rail; buses 10,18,30,59,68,73,91,168,253

these gardens outside the station have a tree growing as a memorial to the travelling public and railway workers who have lost their lives or been injured whilst travelling on the railways or working in the railway industry. It was planted on the 29 March 2001 by the Rail Unions (ASLEF,RMT,TSSA) for International Rail Safety Day

Victoria Embankment Gardens, SW1/WC2

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

in these gardens near the River Thames there is an Indian bean tree that was planted to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation in 1953

another is known as The Fossil Tree. This dawn redwood got this name because until 1941 it was known only from fossils

Cadogan Place Gardens, SW1

transport: Sloane Square & Knightsbridge u/g; buses 19,22,137,C1

a mulberry to be found in these gardens dates from the 19th century

St George's Fields, W2

transport: Marble Arch u/g; buses 6,7,12,15,16,23,36,98,148,414,436

here, in this 2.5 acres of woodland in the midst of 1970s buildings, is one of the oldest plane trees in London. Among other rare plants in this small inner London wood are tree ferns and New Zealand tea tree plants

Timeless Trees

Ezra Street, E1
020 7701 0438

transport: Shoreditch & Bethnal Green u/g, Cambridge Heath rail; buses 8,26,48,55,106,253,D3

facilities: bonsai courses

opening: Sat 10.00-16.00, Sun 08.00-15.00

this shop specialises in bonsai, bamboos and Japanese maples

Hampton Court Palace

East Molesey, Surrey, KT8

020 8781 9500 www.hrp.org.uk

transport: Richmond u/g, Hampton Court rail; buses 111,216,411,416,461,513,727,R68; boat Hampton Court
facilities: audio guides in 6 languages; disabled access (wheelchairs available); disabled wcs; parking; Tiltyard Tearoom or Privy Kitchen Coffee Shop, ice cream kiosks; 4 themed shops (Base Court, Garden, Tudor Kitchen, Barrack Block); costumed guides and family trails; free group tours (choose from daily programme)

opening: daily mid Mar-Oct Mon 10.15-18.00, Tue-Sun 09.30-18.00 (last admission 17.15); Nov-mid Mar Mon 10.15-16.30, Tue-Sun 09.30-16.30 (last admission 15.45)
admission charge

this former Royal palace has magnificent trees in the grounds including yews dating from 1707, a single oak tree over 1000 years old and a wisteria planted in 1840 near the Vine House

Marble Hill House

Richmond Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW1

020 8233 7435 (information), 020 7413 1443 (box office)
www.english-heritage.org.uk

transport: Richmond u/g & rail, Twickenham & St Margarets rail; buses 33,290,490,H22,R68,R70
facilities: audio tape with hearing loop to ground floor; disabled access to ground floor (1 wheelchair available); snacks & meals (200m from house); shop; guided tours by arrangement; group access only during winter months

opening: Wed-Sun Apr-Sept, 10.00-18.00, Oct 10.00-17.00 (last admission 30 mins prior to closing)
admission charge

the grounds of this 1729 Palladian riverside villa have the largest American Black Walnut and the tallest Bay Willow and Italian Alder trees in Great Britain. The original avenue to the house is lined by lovely horse chestnuts

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

*on display is a slice through the trunk of a Giant Sequoia
felled in 1892. Have fun counting the rings to work out its
age!*

Syon House and Park

Brentford, Middlesex, TW8
020 8560 0883/London Aquatic Experience 020 8847
4730 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

*in these lovely 55 acre (22.2 hectares) gardens and
parkland, landscaped by Capability Brown, are over 3000
exotic mature trees including mulberries. Over 40% are
over 100 years old*

Southwark Cathedral

Montague Close, Borough High Street, SE1
020 7367 6700 www.dswark.org.uk

transport: Southwark u/g, London Bridge u/g & rail;
buses 21,35,40,43,47,48,133,149,343,344,381; boat
Bankside Pier

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-18.00, Sun 11.00-17.30

*the Millennium Courtyard is planted with a row of liquid
amber trees*

Highgate Wood

Muswell Hill Road, Highgate, N10
020 8444 6129

transport: Highgate u/g; buses 43,134,143,263

facilities: *Oshobasho café*

opening: daily 07.30- 1 hour before dusk

*these deciduous woods of 70 acres (28 hectares) have
oaks, hornbeams, holly, beech and birch*

Queen's Wood

Queens Wood Road, N10

transport: Highgate u/g; buses 43,134,143,263

*formerly known Churchyard Bottom Wood this is an area
of ancient woodland with oaks up to 250 years old,
hornbeams and wild service tress*

Archbishop's Park

Lambeth Palace Road, Lambeth, SE1

transport: Lambeth North u/g, Waterloo u/g & rail; buses
3,77,344,C10

*created in 1900 this park of 9 acres (3.6 hectares) was
given to the public by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Here
you will find Indian bean, copper beeches and planes*

Lesnes Abbey Woods

between Abbey Road, Knee Hill & Woolwich Road, SE2

transport: Abbey Woods rail; buses 99,229,244,469,B11

*this wood has a sweet tree chestnut with a face that has
the nickname 'Sleeping Druid'. There is also an old
mulberry tree*

Gordon Square, WC1

transport: Euston Square & Russell Square u/g, Euston
u/g & rail; buses 10,24,29,59,68,73,91,134,168

opening: daily 08.00-dusk

*this is one of the most beautiful of the Bloomsbury
Squares with lawns and a mix of evergreen & deciduous
trees including a weeping ash*

St James's Park, SW1

020 7930 1793 www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm

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

opening: daily 05.00-midnight; band performances Sat-
Sun to end Aug 15.00-16.30 & 1800-19.30

*this lovely Royal park with its view of Buckingham Palace
across the lake was used by King Henry VIII for hunting
and was opened to the public by King Charles II. It has
graceful weeping willows and a fig tree beside the lake
and a Tree Protection Order on its plane trees*

Ham House

Ham Street, Richmond, Surrey, TW10

020 8940 1950 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/southern

transport: Richmond u/g & rail; buses 65,371

facilities: *disabled access & wcs; parking; licensed
restaurant in the Orangery; tours*

opening: house Apr-Oct Mon-Wed, Sat-Sun 13.00-17.00;
gardens all year Mon-Wed, Sat-Sun 11.00-18.00

admission charge

*here you will find the Ilex Walk (evergreen holm oaks), a
Judas Tree, a Pencil Cedar and a Christ's Thorn. The
house forecourt was planted as a topiary by the National
Trust and has clipped drums of bay, cones of yew, laurel
and low box hedging*

Abbey Garden

Westminster Abbey

Deans' Yard, Parliament Square, SW1

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

opening: Tue-Thur April-Sept 10.00-18.00, Oct-Mar
10.00-16.00

admission free

*900 years old and originally a herb garden, these gardens
are part of the Abbey and are now a retreat and croquet
lawn for the pupils of Westminster School. There are five
plane dating from 1850, a knarled weeping fig with very
large leaves and a white mulberry. In the summer the
garden is used for brass band concerts*

Fulham Palace and Museum

Bishops Avenue, Fulham, SW6

020 7736 3233

transport: Putney Bridge u/g, Putney rail; buses 14,22,39,
74,85,93,220,265,270,C4

facilities: *audio tour guide for outside & garden; disabled
access; shop; tours on 2nd Sun in month at 14.00 or by
arrangement*

opening: Mar-Oct Wed-Sun 14.00-17.00, Nov-Feb Thurs-
Sun 13.00-16.00

admission charge for Palace; gardens free daily 08.00-
dusk

*the gardens attached to this home of the Bishops of
London has evergreen oaks, a cedar of Lebanon, a Judas
tree, a 150 year old Black Walnut, a blue Atlas cedar, a
sweet chestnut and a paper bark maple that is now
extinct in the wild*

Osterley Park House

Jersey Road, Isleworth, Middlesex, TW7

01494 755566 (infoline) www.osterleypark.org.uk

transport: Osterley u/g ½ mile; Syon Lane rail 1½ miles;
buses H28, H91

*facilities: parking; refreshments; shop; tours by
arrangement*

opening: house 1 April-end Oct Wed-Sun 13.00-16.00;

park daily 09.00-19.30 or dusk

admission charge to house; park free

*originally an Elizabethan house and then converted to
neo-classical design in the 18th century this interesting
house has an equally interesting garden. There is a drive
of chestnut trees, three lakes (1750s), a Doric temple to
Pan by William Chambers and a semi-circular garden
house of 1780 by Robert Adam. There is an arboretum for
trees of special scientific interest and a pinetum with
exotic evergreens. The cork oak is probably 200 years old
and the Lebanon cedar was planted in the 1760s. In all a
great deal to admire*

Temple

EC4

020 7797 8182 Inner Temple/020 7427 4830 Middle
Temple

www.innertemple.org.uk/www.middletemple.org.uk

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: garden Mon-Fri noon-14.30

*magnificent rows of plane trees + maple tree presented
by the Canadian Bar Association on the occasion of its
75th anniversary Sept 1990*

Canada Square

Isle of Dogs, E14 www.canarywharf.com

transport: Canary Wharf u/g & DLR, West India Quay
DLR; buses 277,D3,D7,D8

*within this modern development of high rise office blocks
are 19 species of North American trees*

Beale Arboretum

Cockfosters Toad, Hadley Wood, Enfield, Middlesex, EN4

020 8216 3900

transport: Hadley Wood rail; buses 298,399

opening: Weds April-Oct 14.00-17.00

*in 10 acres (4 hectares) of woodland there are 800
varieties of trees including national plant collections of
eleagnus and hornbeam and lovely specimens of conifers,
oaks and maples*

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