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Weapons

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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

Bank of England Museum

Bartholomew Lane, EC2R
020 7601 5545 www.bankofengland.co.uk

transport: Bank u/g, Liverpool Street u/g & rail,
Fenchurch Street rail; buses 8,11,21,26,35,47,48,76,133,
149,242,344

facilities: *audio guide; disabled access with prior notice if possible; shop; group tours*

opening: daily 10.00-17.00
admission free

an unusual item in this collection on banking and finance are the pikes and muskets that were used to defend the Bank during the Gordon Riots in 1780. These anti-Catholic riots caused a break-down of law and order in London for several days during that year

British Museum

Great Russell Street, WC1B
020 7323 8000 www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk

transport: Russell Square & Tottenham Court Road u/g;
buses 10,24,29,73,134

facilities: *audio guides for certain displays including the Parthenon Sculptures (6 languages); disabled access & wcs; licensed restaurant (self-service) and snacks (daily Mon-Sat 10.00-16.30, Sun noon-17.30); shop selling books, postcards, posters and replicas; eyeOpener gallery tours of 50mins +Spotlight talks of 20mins*

opening: daily Sat-Wed 10.00-17.30, Thur-Fri 10.00-20.30. Great Court Mon-Wed 09.00-21.00, Thur-Sat 09.00-23.00, Sun 09.00-18.00. Clearance 10mins before closing
admission free except for some tours - donation welcomed

as might be expected in the collection of a National Museum, here you will find displays of arms and weapons from throughout history. A Roman bronze face mask decorated with battle scenes, a Saxon iron helmet, weapons from the Vikings, from South and Central America, the North American Indians and Egypt are among the displays

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

this City of London Livery Company has amongst its treasures the dagger used in 1381 by Sir William Walworth, Prime Warden of the Company and Mayor of London, to fatally wound Wat Tyler, the leader of the Kentish rebels during the Peasants' revolt. The revolt among Kentish and Essex peasants was against three oppressive poll taxes imposed between 1377 and 1381

Imperial War Museum

Lambeth Road, Lambeth, SE1
020 7416 5320 www.iwm.org.uk

transport: Lambeth North & Elephant & Castle u/g; buses 1,12,45,53,59,63,68,100,159,168,171,172,176,188,344, C10

facilities: *library; licensed café; bookshop*

opening: daily 10.00-18.00
admission free

this leading museum, dedicated to the history of war and established to honour those who have served in the military throughout history, has an interesting collection of military weapons. Outside 'guarding' the entrance are

two 15 inch (38cm) naval guns weighing a 100 tons (1016 kilos) each

Inns of Court and City Yeomanry Museum

10 Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, WC2A
(off Chancery Lane)
020 7405 8112

transport: Chancery Lane u/g; buses 8,17,25,45,46,242, 341

opening: by prior arrangement

here you will find the military weapons of those regiments that make up the City Yeomanry - the Inns of Court Regiment (the Devil's Own) which dates back to the Napoleonic Wars, and the City of London Yeomanry (Rough Riders) which was raised out of the soldiers who served with the Imperial Yeomanry during the Boer Wars in South Africa (1880-1 & 1899-1902)

Windsor Castle

Windsor, Berks, SL4
01753 831118 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

in the Grand Vestibule of the oldest royal residence to have remained in constant use by reigning monarchs, there are patterned displays of trophies, arms and armour

Enfield Lock

Ordnance Road, EN3

transport: Enfield Lock rail; buses 121

an island in the River Lee was developed from 1856 as an arms factory producing precision manufacture weapons. Its best known product was the Lee Enfield Rifle first produced in 1895; the 'Lee' in the name actually refers to the inventor of the mechanism, not the river. After producing millions of rifles used throughout the world, the factory finally closed in 1988 with the old machine shops becoming modern workshops. Much of the site of Enfield Island Village as it is now known is being developed for housing

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 houses, in the King's Guard Chamber, a magnificent 3000 piece collection of arms - muskets, pistols, bayonets and swords

Museum of the Order of St John

St John's Gate, St John's Lane, Clerkenwell, EC1M
020 7324 4070 www.sja.org.uk/history

transport: Farringdon u/g & rail; buses 55,56,153

facilities: disabled access to ground floor only; disabled wcs; library by appointment; giftshop; tours of gatehouse & crypt (Tue, Fri, Sat 11.00 & 14.30)

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-17.00, Sat 10.00-16.00
admission free - donation welcome for tour of gatehouse & crypt

the collection covers the arms and armour of the Knights Hospitaller and includes Rhodian and Maltese pieces of armour. Also shown are cannon (presented by King Henry VIII), drawings, maps and portrait medals

HMS Belfast

Morgans Lane, Tooley Street, SE1
020 7940 6328 www.iwm.org.uk

transport: Tower Hill u/g, Tower Gateway DLR, London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 42,47,78,381; boat London Bridge City Pier
facilities: limited disabled access; Walrus café on board; souvenir & bookshop; can be hired for corporate events, children's birthday parties etc

opening: daily Mar-Oct 10.00-18.00 (last admission 17.15), Nov-Feb 10.00-17.00 (last admission 16.15)
admission charge

a Southampton class cruiser launched in 1938 and used as a Royal Navy gun ship during the 2nd World War when it played its part in the destruction of the German battlecruiser 'Scharnhorst' and in the Normandy landings. Retired in 1965 it is now a permanent museum moored in the Pool of London near Tower Bridge

Firepower

Warren Lane, Woolwich, SE18
020 8855 7755 www.firepower.org.uk

transport: Woolwich Arsenal rail; buses 51,53,96,99,244, 291
facilities: disabled access; parking; café; gift shop; riverside park and walk nearby

opening: daily 10.00-17.00
admission charge

this museum looks at the history of the science of artillery, weapons, ammunition and guns from the 14th century until the 20th century. The use of audio visual and interactive displays with simulators add extra emphasis especially the Field of Fire where you can relive the experiences of 20th century gunners in both war and peace. There is also a display of guns and mortars collected by Lieutenant-General Sir William Congreve in 1778

the new Cold War Gallery opened in 2004 with displays of the largest guns from the post-war period

Museum of London

150 London Wall, EC2Y
020 7600 0807 www.museumoflondon.org.uk

transport: Barbican, St Paul's & Moorgate u/g, Liverpool Street u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,56,100, 172,242

facilities: audio tapes and braille sheets, disabled access via ramps, disabled wcs, library, restaurant and snacks, shop

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.50, Sun noon-17.50 (last admission 17.30)
admission free

the Museum traces the fascinating story of London from prehistoric times to the end of World War 1 and is the largest, most comprehensive city museum in the world. Among its collection are weapons from Roman and Saxon times, prehistoric axes & knives and 14th century daggers

National Army Museum

Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, SW3
020 7730 0717 www.national-army-museum.ac.uk

transport: Sloane Square u/g; buses 11,211,137,239; boat Cadogan Pier

facilities: disabled & wheelchair access to all galleries; snacks and light lunches; museum shop with souvenirs; gifts & books

opening: daily 10.00-17.30
admission free

here is a record of the British army's activities over five centuries from 1415. A special display shows the development of hand-held weapons from pikes and swords to revolvers, rifles, pistols and machine guns

Regimental Museum of the Royal Fusiliers

Tower of London, Tower Hill, EC3N
020 7709 0765

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

facilities: sales desk

opening: daily Apr-Oct 10.00-17.30, Nov-Mar 10.00-16.45
admission charge

everything to do with the Royal Fusiliers. Uniforms, battle relics, commemorations and weapons including a 17th century "fuzil" (flintlock musket)

Royal Armouries

Tower of London, Tower Hill, EC3
020 7709 0765 www.hrp.org.uk

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

opening: Mar-Oct Mon-Sat 09.00-17.00, Sun 10.00-17.00; Nov-Feb Tue-Sat 09.00-16.00, Sun-Mon 10.00-16.00

part of admission charge to Tower

the Tower of London has played many roles throughout its turbulent history - Royal fortress, palace, armoury, prison and home to the Crown Jewels. Here in the Royal Armouries you can see displays that illustrate its use as an arsenal (a depository for weapons). The White Tower still has a display of arms but the main collection is now housed in Leeds, Yorkshire at The Royal Armouries Museum which was opened in 1996 as the new home for the national collection of arms and armour

Metropolitan Police Historical Museum

New Scotland Yard, Room 1328A, St James's, SW1H
020 8305 2524

transport: St James's Park u/g; buses 11,24,88,211

opening: the Crime Museum is not open to public (it is used as a lecture theatre on subjects to do with Criminology). The rest of the Museum is at present closed to the public but it is hoped that a new policing museum will open shortly at the old Bow Street Police Station

here you can find out everything about London's Metropolitan police force and its history. The police force has always carried weapons of some description and here you can see 236 examples of truncheons (dating from 1764), 25 swords, 10 cutlasses and an early pistol carried by a Bow Street runner

a special collection of items designed to give police officers practical instruction on how to detect and prevent crime are kept in the Crime Museum and include weapons used in murders and serious assault in London. The Museum is now used as a lecture theatre for talks on aspects of criminology such as forensic science,

pathology, law and investigation. Unfortunately this part is not open to the public

Valence House Museum & Art Gallery

Becontree Avenue, Dagenham, Essex, RM8
020 8595 8404

transport: Becontree u/g, Chadwell Heath rail; buses 5, 62,87,128,129,364,368

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

a display of Anglo-Saxon ornaments and weapons from the district round Dagenham

Victoria and Albert Museum

Cromwell Road, SW7
020 7942 2000/0870 442 0808 24hr information
www.vam.ac.uk

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 14,49,70,74, 345,C1

facilities: disabled access and wcs; library; café and restaurant; shop; tours

opening: daily 10.00-17.45, Wed 10.00-22.00
admission free

Britain's National Museum of Art and Design was created to accommodate the contemporary works manufactured for the 1851 Exhibition and has been collecting fine and applied art from all countries, styles and periods ever since. The display in the Toshiba Gallery of Japanese Art has swords and armour from Japan

Admiralty Arch

Trafalgar Square & The Mall, SW1

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

two stone statues can be seen on either side of the Arch on the Mall side. One is Navigation (with a sextant) and the other Gunnery (with a gun)

Kensington Gardens

Marlborough Gate, Bayswater Road, W2

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

opening: daily 05.00am - dusk

standing in the gardens is the Powder Magazine dating from 1764-5 that was used for storing gunpowder

Royal Gunpowder Mills

Beaulieu Drive, Waltham Abbey, Essex, EN9
01992 707370 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 (used 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

Gunmakers Company

48/50 Commercial Road, E1
020 7481 2695

transport: Whitechapel & Aldgate East u/g; buses 25,253

opening: enquire on telephone number above

this City of London Livery Company was established in 1637. The Proof House dates from 1757 and is still used to test and mark small arms gun barrels for public safety. There are galleries where guns are tested, a court room and a touch plate of proof marks of gun makers

Wallace Collection

Hertford House, Manchester Square, W1M
020 7563 9500 www.the-wallace-collection.org.uk

transport: Bond Street u/g; buses 2,13,30,74,82,113, 139,189,274

facilities: disabled access; library; shop; tours

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

besides a collection of 16th-19th century European and Oriental firearms and edged weapons there are sporting guns with painted barrels, cannon cast with scenes of Greek mythology and 19th century French paintings showing the use of weapons

James Smith and Sons (Umbrellas) Ltd

53 New Oxford Street, WC1
020 7836 4731

transport: Tottenham Court Road u/g; buses 1,7,8,10,14, 19,24,25,29,38,55,73,98,134,176,390

opening: Mon-Fri 09.30-17.25, Sat 10.00-17.25

this interesting umbrella shop has an unusual collection of sword sticks

Royal Artillery War Memorial

Hyde Park Corner, W1

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

this war memorial of 1925 is of a Howitzer gun and bronze figures. Inscribed 'Here was a Royal fellowship of Death' there are bas-reliefs of gunners in action and friezes showing horse artillery and Peace as a female figure and winged horse. Sculptured by Charles Sargeant Jagger with a base by Lionel Pearson it honours the dead of South Africa 1899-1902

Grenadier pub

18 Wilton Row, SW1
020 7235 3074

transport: Hyde Park Corner & Knightsbridge u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,14,16,19,22,36,38,52,73,74,82,137,C1

facilities: barfood (noon-14.30,18.00-21.30); restaurant (noon-13.30,18.00-21.30); real ales

opening: Mon-Sat noon-23.30, Sun noon-22.30

military memorabilia decorates this pub including bayonets and sabres

St Katharines Dock

St Katharine-by-the-Tower, E1
www.stkaths.co.uk

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

standing by the sundial in this converted dock is a cast-iron 36 pounder French 18th century cannon

National Maritime Museum

Romney Road, Greenwich, SE10
020 8858 4422 www.nmm.ac.uk

transport: Greenwich DLR & rail, Cutty Sark DLR; buses 177,180,188,199,286,386; boat Greenwich Pier
facilities: disabled access to all levels & galleries; Caird Library (open Mon-Fri 10.00-16.45 by arrangement 020 8312 6607); restaurant; bookshop; tours by arrangement

opening: daily 10.00-17.00 (last admission 16.30)
admission free

this museum traces the development of Britain's might as a sea power from King Henry VIII's Tudor fleet through the voyages of discovery to 20th century naval warfare in the Falklands and the Gulf. The Trade and Empire Gallery has a Nordenfolt machine gun of 1890 and a rack of 24 Brown Bess muskets dated 1805. In the All Hands Gallery children can find out about life at sea over the last 1000 years with interactive displays on diving, propulsion, gunnery, cargo-handling & signalling. There is also a model of the 74 gun ship HMS Cornwallis (1813)

Wilkinson Sword Museum

19-21 Brunel Road, W3
020 8749 1061

transport: East Acton u/g; buses 7,70,72,272,283

opening: prior application
admission free

this museum belongs to the famous manufacturer Wilkinson Sword and displays examples made by the company. Established in 1772 to manufacture guns, the company was appointed Royal Gunmaker to King George III in 1804. In the mid-1880s it developed its skills into sword making (especially bayonets), then knives & razor blades and other products. It still produces military, presentation (including the Stanligrad Sword of 1943) and commemorative swords. A special Golden Jubilee Sword was made for Queen Elizabeth II. The Company can do repair work and trace sword histories

Machine Gun Corps Memorial

Hyde Park Corner, W1

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

a 1st World War memorial of 1925 to the Machine Gun Corps shows the figure of David leaning on Goliath's sword. It is flanked by a Vickers machine gun and is by Francis Derwent Wood

James Purdey and Sons

57 South Audley Street, W1
020 7499 1801

transport: Hyde Park Corner & Marble Arch u/g; buses 2,10,16,36,73,74,82,137,148,414,436

this shop has sold sporting guns since 1814

Ye Grapes pub

16 Shepherd Market, W1
020 7499 1563

transport: Green Park u/g; buses 8,9,14,19,22,38
facilities: meals and snacks lunchtime & evening

opening: all permitted hours

this old pub has a gun room theme with crossed skulls, matching flintlocks and mounted gamebirds

Tower Wharf, EC3

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

on certain dates The Honourable Artillery Company fire four Royal Guns as salutes at noon on Tower Wharf. There are 62 salutes for the Sovereign's birthday (April 21st), accession (Feb. 6th) and coronation (June 2nd) and 41 for the State Opening of Parliament, the birth of a royal child and other commemorative dates. The basic Royal Salute is 21 rounds. 20 more are added because the Tower is a Royal Palace and a further 20 for the City of London

another 41 gun salute takes place in Hyde Park (usually in the morning) on the same days

Coutts and Co.

440 Strand, WC2
020 7753 1000

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 6,9,11,13,15,23,77A,91,176

opening: banking hours

on display in this City bank is a case of ten 19th century muskets that were kept as a safety measure after the anti-Catholic Gordon Riots of 1780. Another set is kept at Druimmonds Bank in Trafalgar Square

Royal Tank Regiment Memorial

junction of Whitehall Place & Whitehall Court, SW1

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

this 2002 9ft (2.7 m) bronze five-figure statue shows a comet tank crew of 1945 - a driver, a co-driver, a gunner, a loader and a commander, all with equipment. The plinth has an interpretation of the flag flown on General Elles's tank at the Battle of Cambrai in 1917 while in the pavement there are arms of the units. The inscription reads 'in tribute to crewmen who have served in Heavy Section & Heavy Branch Machine Gun Corps., Tank Corps Royal, Tank Corps & Royal Tank Regiments since tanks were first used in combat in Sept 1916', The bronze is by Vivien Mallock

Golden Hinde

Cathedral Street, SE1
020 7403 0123/0870 011 8700 www.goldenhinde.co.uk

transport: London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 17,21,35,40,43,47,48,133,149,381,501,521,P3; boat Bankside
facilities: tours are included in the price; children's overnight adventures by arrangement

opening: daily 10.00-17.30 but please check beforehand
admission charge

this reconstruction of the sailing ship that Sir Francis Drake used to sail round the world in 1577, has 14 cannon on the gun deck

Horse Guards and Parade

Whitehall, SW1
020 7414 2360

transport: Westminster u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,109,159; boat Westminster Millennium & Embankment Piers
facilities: tours by arrangement

opening: the building has occasional special open days. The Changing of the Guard ceremony takes place daily 11.00 (10.00 Suns)

Horse Guards was built in 1745 to act as the official entrance to Buckingham Palace and that is why it is still guarded by the sovereign's troops. It stands on three sides round a forecourt with a central arch and clock tower

a Turkish gun stands on the Parade Ground. It was made by a Chief Gunner in 1524 and captured in Egypt by the British army in 1801. It is decorated with lions' heads, a crocodile, a lion pointing to the Pyramids and a sphinx. The inscription reads 'the [song] of the age, the great sultan commander ordered dragon guns to be made; when they breath roaring like thunder may the enemy's forts be razed to the ground. The year of hegira 931'

Guards Crimea Monument

foot of Lower Regent Street, SW1

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

this statue of a 1859 military gun and mortar commemorates the 22,162 guardsmen who fell in the Crimean War. The figures are cast from Russian guns

Cannon Hall

Cannon Place, Cannon Lane, Hampstead, NW3

transport: Hampstead u/g, Hampstead Heath rail; buses 46,210,268

the bollards outside the house are made from cannon hence the name of the house

Royal Artillery Barracks

Grand Depot Road, Woolwich, SE18
020 8781 3710

transport: Woolwich Arsenal rail; buses 122,161,291,386,
on the Parade Ground stands the Bhurtapore Gun. Dating from 1677 it was captured at the Siege of Bhurtapore in India in 1826 when the British intervened in a dispute over the Raj succession. Weighing 17¾ tons it stands on a dolphin-like shaped gun carriage decorated with elephants and lions

St James's, Bermondsey

Thurland Road, SE16
020 7740 1031

transport: Bermondsey u/g; buses 47,188,225,381,P13
the 10 bells were cast from cannon captured at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815

William Evans Gun and Rifle Makers

67a St James's Street, SW1

transport: Green Park u/g; buses 8,9,14,19,22,38

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-18.00, Sat 10.00-16.00

this is an original gun and rifle makers' shop

Peter the Great

Millennium Quay, Deptford, SE8

transport: Deptford rail; buses 47,188,199

this statue of 2001 commemorates the visit in 1698 of Czar Peter the Great of Russia to the shipyards at Deptford where he came to learn all about designing ships. He is shown wearing a tricorne hat, holding a telescope and a pipe of tobacco and looking out over the River Thames. Two British cannon stand on either side of the statue

Mallet's Mortar

junction of Repository Road, Hillreach & Artillery Place, Woolwich, SE18

transport: Woolwich Dockyard rail; buses 122,161,291, 386,469,486

this 1857 mortar with a calibre of 36" (91 cm) is the largest British mortar ever made. It was designed for the Crimean War but was not finished in time to be used

Charterhouse

Charterhouse Square, EC1
020 7253 9503

transport: Barbican & Farringdon u/g & rail; buses 55, 56,153

facilities: *guided tours only*

opening: Weds April-July guided tour at 14.15
admission charge

in the Great Hall of this former charity school for boys are two cannons resting on a wheeled carriage and grouped with gunpowder barrel and balls - all are made of wood

Further Afield

Royal Engineers Museum

Prince Arthur Road, Gillingham, Kent, ME4
01634 822839 www.royalengineers.org.uk

transport: Gillingham rail

facilities: *monthly workshops for children, trails & quizzes; disabled access; parking; light refreshments; shop; tours by appointment (please telephone 01634 82251)*

opening: daily Tue-Fri 10.00-17.00, Sat-Sun 11.30-17.00
admission charge

this museum specialises in the history of the Royal Engineers ('The Sappers'). It illustrates the development of the engineers in both war and peacetime and looks at aviation, diving, surveying, photography and bridge building. It uses appropriate sound effects, working models, interactive displays and full size equipment among the collection there is a Brenna torpodo brought back from the Western Front during the 1st World War and the only surviving Zulu shield from Rorke's Drift. Rorke's Drift (South Africa) was the scene in 1879 of the defence of a supply station by 150 British troops against 4000 Zulus

Fort Amherst Heritage Park & Caverns

Docks Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4

01634 847747

www.fortamherst.co.uk

transport: Chatham rail

opening: daily Apr-Oct; Sat-Sun Nov, Jan-Mar 10.30-16.00

admission charge

this complex was originally built in the 1750s to protect the Royal Dockyard at Chatham. It covers 7 acres and you can see the gatehouse, a gunpowder magazine where gunpowder was stored, the barracks and the underground tunnel complex that links the different parts

Explosion! (The Naval Firepower Museum)

Priddy's Hard, Gosport, Hants, PO12 4LE
023 9250 5600 www.explosion.org.uk

transport: by road M27 Junction 11, Portsmouth Harbour
rail + ferry & free shuttle bus at peak periods

facilities: coffee shop; shop; tours for groups

opening: daily Apr-Aug 10.00-17.30; Thur,Sat,Sun Nov-Mar 10.00-16.30 (last admission 1 hour before closing)
admission charge

these 18th century former naval ordnance buildings house a naval firepower museum that traces the development from gunpowder to the Exocet Missile, using audio-visual, scene setting, computer interactives and hands-on displays. It looks at the human, social and moral consequences of warfare with themes on small arms, cannon & guns, shells & munitions, mines, torpedoes, the atom bomb and the story of the munitions workers

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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