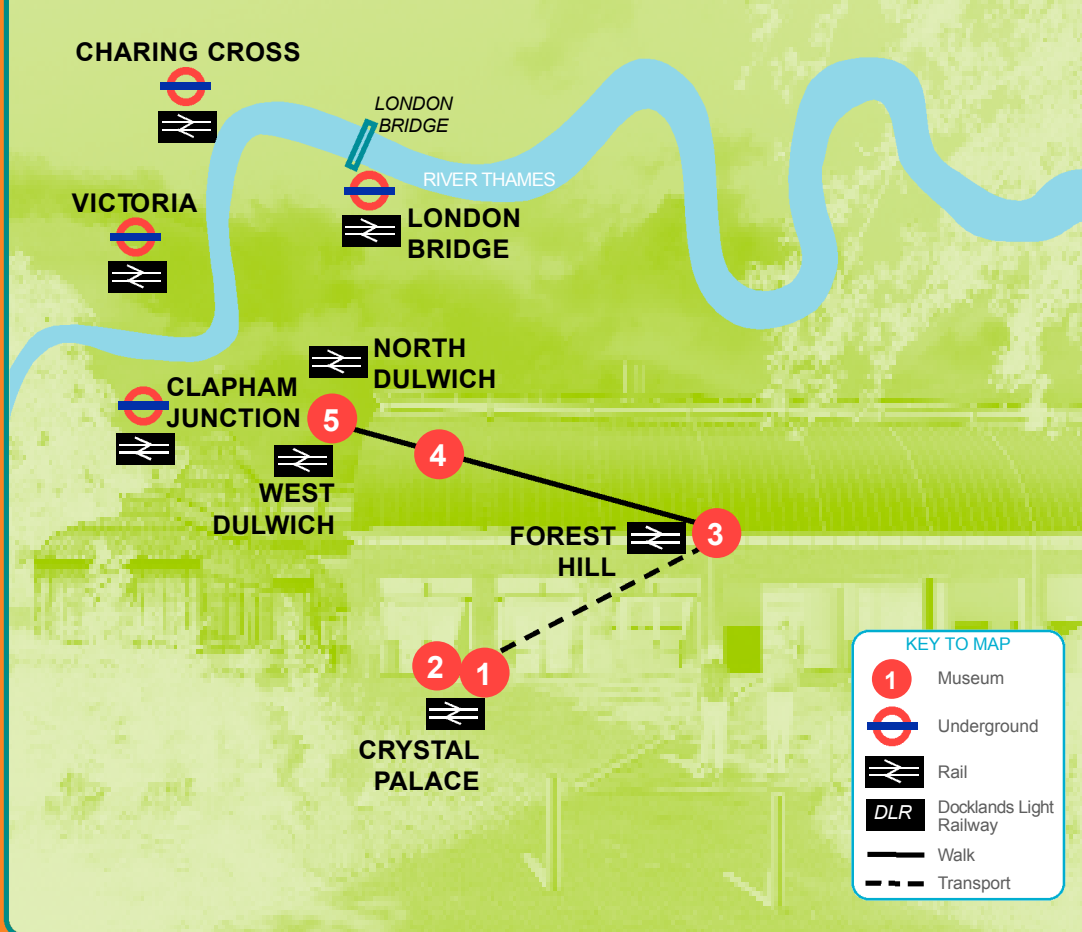


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Parks, pictures and prehistoric monsters...**THE HILLTOPS OF SOUTH LONDON. . .****Full day with half day option**

This trail will lead you through some extraordinary sights of south London. Prepare to be amazed by ... the oldest public art gallery in the country, a school that dates back to the 1600s, a museum inspired by one man's passion for the wonders of the world and ... life-size dinosaurs! From some of the highest points of the capital, you will see all this - and more!

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**Crystal Palace Park**

Thicket Road, SE20

[www.bromley.gov.uk/leisure/](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/leisure/)

Open: daily

A park created by Sir Joseph Paxton with the world's first Dinosaur Park

**Crystal Palace Museum**

Anerley Hill, SE19

[www.crystalpalacemuseum.org.uk](http://www.crystalpalacemuseum.org.uk)

Open: 1100-1630 Sat-Sun BH

Admission charge

Tel: 020 8676 0700

An exhibition of the history of The Crystal Palace burnt to the ground in 1936

**Horniman Museum**

100 London Road, SE23

[www.horniman.ac.uk](http://www.horniman.ac.uk)

Open: 1030-1730 daily

Tel: 020 8699 1872

An illustration of the cultural and natural world

**Dulwich Park**

College Road, SE21

Open: daily

A forerunner of modern country parks

**Dulwich Picture Gallery**

Gallery Road, SE21

[www.dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk](http://www.dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk)

Open: 1000-1700 Tue-Fri; 1100-1700

Sat, Sun, BH

Admission charge

(free to children and students)

Tel: 020 8693 5254

A collection of European old master paintings

**CHILDREN'S/FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

**Crystal Palace Park** – children's play-ground and maze, dinosaur area and cafe.

**Horniman Museum** – with new Aquarium and a wide range of family activities and events, including story telling and art and craft sessions. The 16 acres of gardens are ideal for play and picnics.

**Dulwich Picture Gallery** – free admission for children to the Gallery and exhibitions. Occasional 'drop-in' family events.

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Horniman Museum - the cafe ©Peter Cook



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**TRAIL SUMMARY**

This full day trail\* starts at Crystal Palace Station. The **Crystal Palace Museum** is open Saturday, Sundays and some bank holidays, you discover the history of the Crystal Palace, relocated here from its original site of Hyde Park until it burnt down in 1936. There are spectacular views from the park, which is also home to the National Sports Centre built in the mid-1960's and life-size prehistoric animals.

A short bus ride takes you to the **Horniman Museum and Gardens** where you will be treated to a unique range of exhibitions, events and activities illustrating the cultural and natural world. After a stroll around the Museum Gardens, walk through historic Dulwich Park to the **Dulwich Picture Gallery** to view a magnificent collection of old master paintings. The collection is one of the oldest in Great Britain, put together between 1790 and 1795.

A short detour takes in the famous independent school Dulwich College (which numbers among its former pupils Bob Monkhouse and Raymond Chandler).

\* Alternatively, the Horniman Museum, Dulwich Park and Dulwich Picture Gallery can be done as a half day trail.

Plan your own journey by visiting Transport for London's website [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk).

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This trail begins at Crystal Palace Park. Here is the site of the former 'Crystal Palace', transferred from Hyde Park after the Great Exhibition of 1851 - the venue for Victorian celebration of Britain's achievements. The building was destroyed by fire in 1936. Crystal Palace Station adjoins the park, with a half hourly rail service from Victoria and Charing Cross.

From the station, walk up Anerley Hill and discover the history of the Crystal Palace at the **Crystal Palace Museum**. Located in the former Crystal Palace School of Engineering, established in 1872, this is the only building left after the fire. The museum features photographs, displays, models and artefacts of the great building. Behind the Museum, at the top end of the park, are the remaining terraces of the original Palace.

Retracing your steps to the station, walk left of the ticket hall past the National Sports Centre to the world's first 'Dinosaur Park' dating from 1854 when Sir Joseph Paxton constructed Crystal Palace Park. Following a £4 million restoration programme, returning the display and landscape area to its former glory, the area depicts a journey through prehistoric time, with life-size dinosaur statues together with other prehistoric reptiles and mammals, and examples of geology, spanning 350 million years of Britain's evolution. The main park café adjoins this area.

The London Mayor's office is currently developing proposals to rejuvenate the Park, which could see a new Sports Centre, an increased amount of accessible parkland, a museum extension, boating lake and city farm.

Catch a bus to the **Horniman Museum** in Forest Hill. Numbers 176 and 197 run from the Penge entrance while number 363 departs from the Crystal Palace Parade at the top of the park. Alternatively, take a train to Forest Hill and walk along London Road – approximately eight minutes' walk from Forest Hill station. Or take a short bus ride (numbers 176, 185 and 197) from the station.

The Horniman, with a collection of 350,000 objects, illustrates the cultural and natural world with a range of exhibitions, events and activities. These are inspired by three main collections: 'World Cultures' (Ethnography) including an 'African Worlds' Gallery, the first permanent exhibition in Britain dedicated to African art and culture; 'Natural History', retaining a unique Victorian feel where you will find mammal, bird, fish and insect

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exhibits in their original cases as well as a new spectacular Aquarium and the dynamic 'Musical Instruments' Gallery exhibiting an internationally renowned collection of musical instruments. There are also changing temporary exhibitions and a cafe. The lovely gardens cover 16 acres, have good views over London and are ideal for picnics.

Continue walking along London Road, turn left into Dulwich Common and enter **Dulwich Park** through Roseberry Gate on the right hand side. Created in 1890 this park, considered by some to have been the forerunner of modern country parks, started life as farmland and a group of meadows known as 'five fields'. Many of the ancient oaks, used as boundary markers, survive today. Several gardens are scattered around the park including the 'American

Garden' with some of the most spectacular rhododendrons and azaleas in south east London. The park has sporting facilities, a boating lake, duck pond and café.

Walk through the park to the College Gate exit, opposite which you will find the Dulwich Picture Gallery. The walk from the Horniman Museum will take about 30 minutes. (The P4 bus, operating every 12 minutes passes both museums).

The **Dulwich Picture Gallery** was the first purpose-built art gallery in England, designed by Sir John Soane in 1811. A new extension by Rick Mather opened in 2000. Inside is one of the oldest collections in Britain with an impressive selection of European old master paintings of the 1600s and 1700s. Paintings include works by Poussin, Claude, Rubens, Murillo, Van Dyck, Rembrandt,

Watteau, Gainsborough and many others. A licensed café opens onto landscaped gardens.

Adjoining the gallery is the original (much altered) Jacobean College building. Dulwich College is half a mile away along College Road, where it relocated in 1870.

A 15 minute walk along Galley Road will take you to West Dulwich Station for trains to Victoria, or a 10 minute walk (or Number 37 bus) through Dulwich Village takes you to North Dulwich Station for trains to London Bridge.

