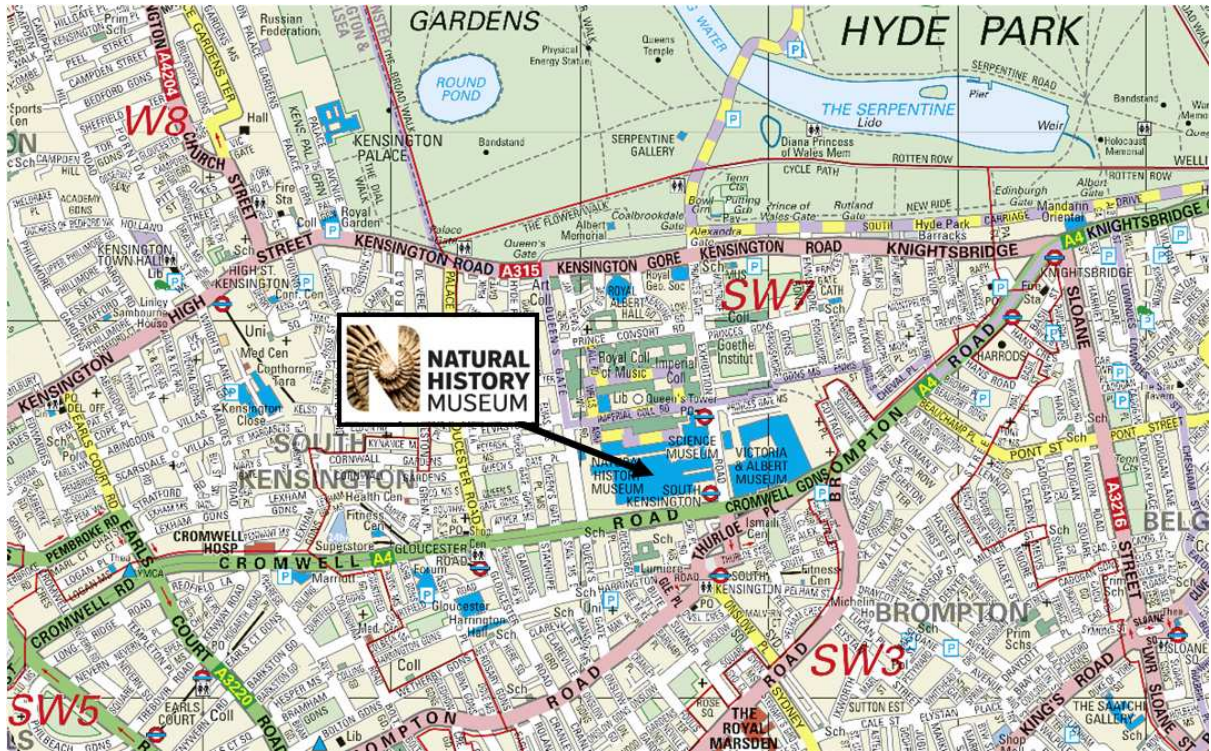




# Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Natural History Museum





The **Natural History Museum** is one of three large museums on Exhibition Road, South Kensington, London, England (the others are the Science Museum, and the Victoria and Albert Museum). Its main frontage is on Cromwell Road. The museum is an exempt charity, and a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

This name was formally acquired in 1992. It was formerly named 'British Museum (Natural History)' and commonly referred to as the "British Museum of Natural History", or now the "Natural History Museum of London".

The museum is home to life and earth science specimens comprising some 70 million items within five main collections: Botany, Entomology, Mineralogy, Palaeontology and Zoology. The museum is a world-renowned centre of research, specialising in taxonomy, identification and conservation. Given the age of the institution, many of the collections have great historical as well as scientific value, such as specimens collected by Darwin. The Natural History Museum Library contains extensive books, journals, manuscripts, and artwork collections linked to the work and research of the scientific departments. Access to the library is by appointment only.

The museum is particularly famous for its exhibition of dinosaur skeletons, and ornate architecture — sometimes dubbed a cathedral of nature — both exemplified by the large Diplodocus cast which dominates the vaulted central hall.



### **Entry is free**

(There is a charge for some temporary exhibitions)

### **Opening times**

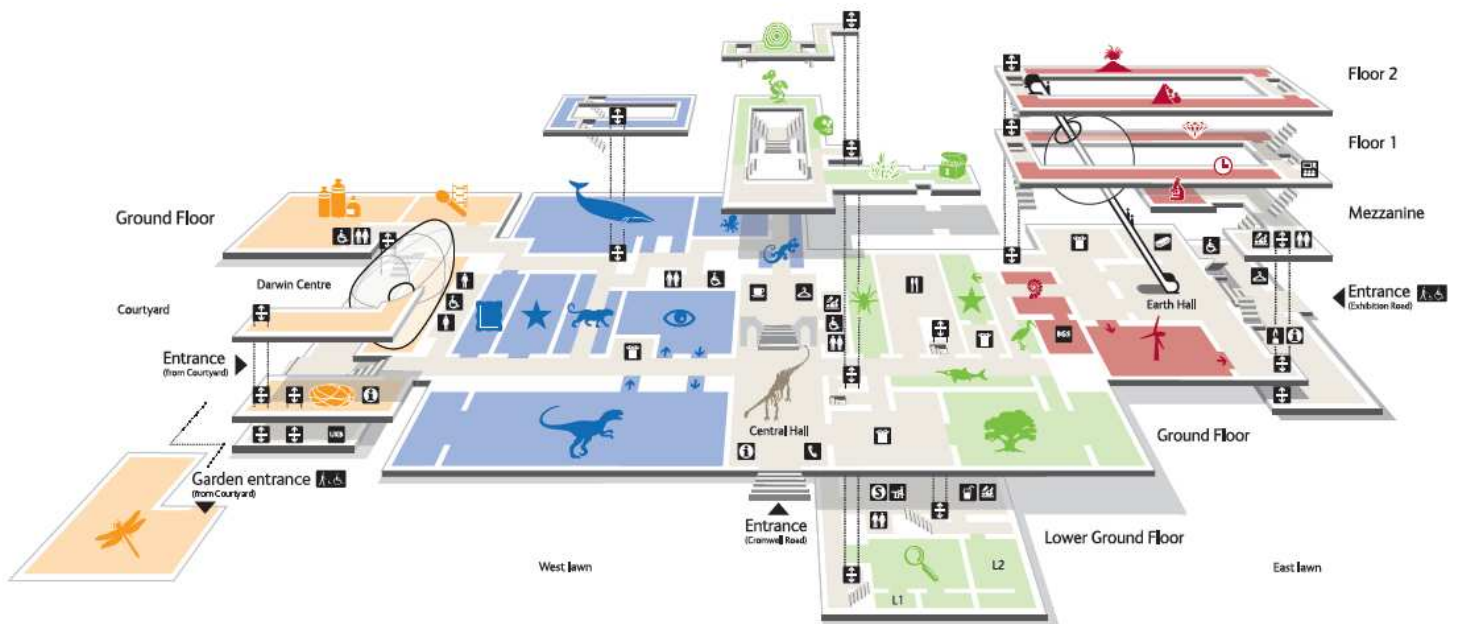
#### **Open every day**

10.00 - 17.50

#### **Last admission**

17.30

**Last Friday of the month** open until 22.30 for [Lates](#).



### Orange Zone

- Cocoon (entrance)
- Attenborough Studio
- Wildlife Garden (entrance outside)
- Zoology spirit building

### Blue Zone

- Dinosaurs
- Fishes, Amphibians and Reptiles
- Human Biology
- Images of Nature
- Jerwood Gallery
- Marine Invertebrates
- Mammals
- Mammals (blue whale)

### Green Zone

- Birds
- Creepy Crawlies
- Ecology
- Fossil Marine Reptiles
- Giant Sequoia
- Investigate Centre
- Minerals
- Our Place in Evolution
- Treasures Cadogan Gallery
- The Vault
- Waterhouse Gallery

### Red Zone

- Earth Lab
- Earth Today and Tomorrow
- Earth's Treasury
- From the Beginning
- Lasting Impressions
- The Power Within
- Restless Surface

### Information and tickets

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|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Toilets            | Picnic Area                |
| Accessible toilets | School Reception           |
| Baby care room     | Flett Events Theatre       |
| Cloakroom          | Faith Room                 |
| Shop               | Centre for UK Biodiversity |
| The Restaurant     | British Geological Survey  |
| Deli Café          | Telephones                 |
| Central Hall Café  | L1 Learning Room 1         |
| Snack Bar          | L2 Learning Room 2         |
| Lifts              |                            |

## Galleries



The entrance to the Earth Galleries, designed by Neal Potter

of rocks, minerals and gemstones behind glass in a dimly lit gallery. *Lasting Impressions* is a small gallery containing specimens of rocks, plants and minerals, of which most can be touched.

- Earth Lab
- Earth's Treasury
- Lasting Impressions
- Restless Surface
- Earth Today and Tomorrow
- From the Beginning
- The Power Within
- Visions of Earth

## Red Zone

This is the zone that can be entered from Exhibition Road, on the East side of the building. It is a gallery themed around the changing history of the [Earth](#).

The *Earth Lab* is a gallery that centres around geology, and contains specimens of fossils, minerals and rocks. The "Lab Area" is only open to reserved groups and the gallery, allowing the use of microscopes. It is currently without step free access. *Earth's Treasury* shows specimens

of rocks, minerals and gemstones behind glass in a dimly lit gallery. *Lasting Impressions* is a

small gallery containing specimens of rocks, plants and minerals, of which most can be

touched.



*Gyps fulvus* (Griffon vulture)

## Green zone

- Birds
- Creepy Crawlies
- Ecology
- Fossil Marine Reptiles
- Giant Sequoia and Central Hall
- Minerals
- The Vault
- Our Place in Evolution
- Plant Power
- Primates
- Investigate



Skeleton of *Triceratops horridus* at the dinosaur area

## Blue zone

- [Dinosaurs](#)
- Fishes, Amphibians and Reptiles
- Human Biology
- Jerwood
- Marine Invertebrates
- Mammals
- Mammals ([Blue Whale](#))
- Nature Live



Moving roaring model of a *T. rex* in the dinosaur area

### **Orange zone**

- Wildlife Garden
- Darwin Centre