

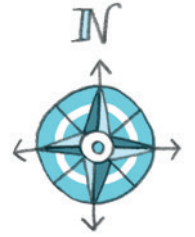


Canal & River Trust

Making life better by water

Visit Limehouse Basin

Limehouse is the gateway between the River Thames and over 2,000 miles of navigable canals. Once a dock, today it's a marina, home to narrowboats, yachts and visiting ocean-going pleasure craft.



A little bit of history

From 1820 until it closed to commercial traffic in 1969, Limehouse Basin was the interchange between the sea and canals. Coal was delivered from the North of England and timber from Norway and Finland. Ice from Scandinavia was supplied to butchers, fishmongers and ice-cream makers in King's Cross.



Best of all
it's FREE!*

Five things to do at Limehouse Basin




- **Spot** the accumulator tower. It used to store water that provided hydraulic power for cranes, locks and swing bridges. Limehouse Basin was a pioneer in cargo-handling technology.
- **Find** The Grapes in historic Narrow Street. It's said to be the setting for Charles Dicken's *Our Mutual Friend*.
- **You** might spot luxury cruisers and yachts in Limehouse Basin.
- **Take** a cycle ride along the Thames Path and view the majestic Thames on its way to the North Sea.
- **Look** for tall ships. When they arrive or leave the basin, traffic in Narrow Street is stopped, barriers come down and the bridge swings open and the tidal sector gates let the boats in and out.

Information




Limehouse Basin
Horseferry Road
Limehouse E14 8DY


No parking. Use DLR to Limehouse

 Toilets

 Pub

 Cycling


 Path

 Allow 1-2 hours for this visit

* Don't forget:


Although the site is always open the facilities and boat trips may not be and some may be chargeable. Please check with local businesses before setting out.

Did you know?...



Coots have a **white spot** on the front of their head and moorhens have a **bright red beak tipped with yellow**, and a white stripe on their side.

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