

Head down to Acton for action-packed family days

THE LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM DEPOT WILL BE THROWING OPEN ITS DOORS FOR A VERY SPECIAL SUMMER SEASON THIS AUGUST

THE depot, situated in Acton Town, west London, will be open for ten days of family fun, from August 19 to August 23, and from August 26 to August 30. Opening hours are 11am to 6pm each day.

To ensure public safety, the depot will open with the Visit Britain 'We're good to go' standard, and has put new social distancing measures in place. These

include one-way routes, guidance to help people prepare for their trip, enhanced cleaning regimes using anti-viral disinfectant, as well as personal protective equipment and updated training for staff. Because of the social distancing measures, only the depot's train and bus sheds will be open, but there's still masses to see and do.

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The new season has been designed especially for families, giving them the chance to explore this transport treasure-trove during the summer holidays after spending months in lockdown. A special family-friendly trail will take people on a journey through the depot to discover the stories of the historic vehicles that served passengers through the last 200 years. These include a yellow Victorian horse-drawn 'garden seat' bus dating from 1881, and a shiny red 1938 Stock Tube train filled with stylish Art Deco touches. Children will also receive a special sealed pack containing a fun craft kit to make during the visit, and a take-home activity to support their learning in fun and curious ways.

SOUVENIR SHOPPING

The depot shop will be open offering exclusive transport-themed gifts and light refreshments will also be available to buy and enjoy.

Timed tickets can be booked between 11am and 6pm each day, with last entry at 4pm. Adult tickets cost £15, and children's (aged four to 17) tickets are priced at £7.50. Children under three go free. Residents in Ealing, Hillingdon and Hounslow will enjoy a third off when booking tickets, and families are encouraged to walk where possible.

Visitors who own an annual pass for London Transport Museum in Covent Garden will also enjoy a third off when booking.

Sam Mullins OBE, director of London Transport Museum, said: 'Opening our depot for a summer season is unprecedented for us, but when we started thinking about reopening, we wanted to try something new by offering families a



Family fun-filled days: The London Transport Museum Depot in Acton houses more than 320,000 artefacts from the capital's transport history including buses, Tube trains and posters LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM

safe, local, fun day out during the summer holidays. With social distancing and new safety measures in place, we can't wait to welcome people back to experience the depot.'

Timed tickets for the summer family-fun days must be booked in advance online and will be on sale from midday today. To book, visit www.ltmuseum.co.uk

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