

School's out for summer



As children across the capital gear up for a long break from the books, make the most of the holidays by trying some of the many free things to do around London.

FROM outdoor activities to enjoy in the sun to fascinating museums and tours, MetroTravel looks at some fun and free places to visit that the whole family can enjoy.

Camley Street National Park King's Cross, N1C

Located on the site of a former coal yard in the heart of King's Cross, this picturesque park is the ideal day out for families. Enjoy pond dipping and nature watching along the banks of the Regent's Canal, or visit the floating forest garden which runs along the middle of the park. Look out for the wide range of wildlife that inhabits the two acres of outdoor space, such as kingfishers, geese, mallards and bats. And be sure to bring a picnic as the park offers idyllic spots to sit and enjoy some alfresco lunch.

Nearest station: King's Cross St. Pancras (Northern, Circle, Hammersmith & City, Metropolitan and Victoria lines)

House of MinaLima Soho, W1D

MinaLima is the team that designed the graphics for the Harry Potter films and JK Rowling's new movie, Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them. Open every day from midday, this exhibition offers Potter

fans a look behind the scenes at their intricate sketches and graphics from the hugely successful films.

Visitors can buy limited edition art prints as well as look at authentic props that were used in the films.

Nearest stations: Tottenham Court Road (Central, Northern lines), Leicester Square (Northern and Piccadilly lines)

London Transport Museum Covent Garden, WC2E

London Transport Museum is hosting a summer of family fun. Children can play in the All Aboard play zone, explore London interactively in the design gallery and take part in architecture workshops in the Designology studio.

Between July 23 and August 7 the museum will also be hosting the Street Party, where children of all ages can take part in creative workshops. They will have the opportunity to design their own street and make 3D models using clay, pipe cleaners and lollipop sticks.

Nearest station: Covent Garden (Piccadilly line)

Crystal Palace Park Bromley, SE19

Home to five Victorian dinosaur sculptures called 'the Monsters', Crystal

Palace Park offers an exciting day out with plenty of history.

Built on the remains of a Victorian prehistoric theme park, the five dinosaurs that sit around the lake were restored in 2003. There's also the national sports centre, farm, playground, maze and an outdoor concert stage, making it an outing fit for the whole family.

Nearest station: Crystal Palace (London Overground)

My Little Boards skate workshop Southbank Centre, SE1



Picture: Southbank Centre

With a number of sessions running throughout Sunday August 14, this skate workshop for four to ten year-olds offers the chance to work on and perfect their skateboarding skills.

Under the tuition of professionals, these 40-minute lessons allow budding skateboarders the chance to learn the basics and master new tricks on their boards. Ramps, boards and pads are provided and the sessions are free but must be booked in advance.

Nearest station: Waterloo (Jubilee, Northern and Bakerloo lines)

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- Don't board a train or bus if you feel unwell
- If you feel unwell, get off at the next stop and seek help from staff
- Avoid pulling the passenger alarm between stations, you'll get help quicker on a platform

■ **Look out for TfL staff who will be handing out free bottles of evian water at stations over the next few months**

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