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Signs and Symbols

February half-term family fun

London Transport Museum, 15-23 February 2020



Families visiting London Transport Museum over February half-term can go on a journey of discovery around its galleries to learn all about the signs and symbols that help travellers navigate London's transport network.

From 15-23 February daily, families can take part in a 'Museum Mission', which will prompt them to explore the Museum's collection as they take part in an array of family activities and challenges dotted around the galleries, with the aim of discovering why signs and symbols are so important to travel in London.

The interactive fun will include designing a new transport symbol inspired by the 'Untangling the Tracks' Thameslink exhibition, dressing up to act out the construction of the world's first Underground, object handling of tickets past and present, creating a personalised Tube roundel, and problem-solving activities.

Families can also join daily drop-in sessions in the Museum's Transportation to play transport themed party games and help create a big artwork in a collaborative colouring activity.

SEN Early Explorer Morning, Saturday 22 February

08:30 to 10:00, advanced booking required due to limited places. Visitors should call (0)343 222 5000 to book.

For families with Special Educational Needs. Families can explore the Museum at a quieter time, free from the general public, and take part in one of the interactive workshops and demonstrations. Many of the gallery sounds are switched off, making the Museum a peaceful place to be. Children can explore the All Aboard family galleries, take part in the 'Signs and Symbols' themed holiday activities, get hands on with genuine parts of transport history and explore the collection with the help of Sensory Bags.

During a visit to London Transport Museum families can also:

- Visit the new **Future Engineers** gallery and get hands-on with interactive exhibits. Try out a palm scanner – the latest in ticketing technology, 'drive' a modern Elizabeth line train, and see your face on the cover of The Engineer magazine.
- See a life-size recreation of the tunnelling shield that helped create the world's first electric Tube railway in the **Digging Deeper** gallery and learn about the history of tunnelling, from the feats of Victorian engineering pioneer James Greathead, to modern day Crossrail.
- Explore the **All Aboard family play zone** where young visitors can play conductor on a real bus, repair a mini Tube train with toy spanners, and work in the 'Lost Property Office'
- Play on real buses and trains.
- Check out the Museum's brand-new café **Canteen**, with views over Covent Garden and a stylish interior that celebrates the legacy of London Transport. Now serving breakfast, cakes and snacks, lunch, and a special menu for children including Locomotive shaped pasta.

All February half term activities take place at London Transport Museum, Covent Garden Piazza. Kids go free.

Prices for adults start from £16.50 online. Save money by booking online in advance at www.ltmuseum.co.uk. Tickets allow unlimited daytime admission to the Museum galleries and temporary exhibitions for a whole year from the date of purchase.

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About London Transport Museum

- London Transport Museum's purpose is to ignite curiosity to help shape the future. The Museum is situated in the heart of Covent Garden and filled with stunning exhibits; the Museum explores the powerful link between transport and the growth of modern London, culture and society since 1800. Historic vehicles, world-famous posters and the very best objects from the Museum's extraordinary collection are brought together to tell the story of London's development and the part transport played in defining the unique identity of the city.
- The Museum is a charity and the world's leading museum of urban transport and a place for everyone to come to understand and enjoy the story of London's journey. No other capital city is defined and shaped so much by its transport as London. Yet the scale of influence of transport can be invisible to those who use it every day. The Museum's collections, together with its lively events and learning programme are a window into the past, present and future of how transport keeps London moving, working and growing, and makes life in our city better. The Museum's charity number is 1123122.
- London Transport Museum is supported by public funding from Arts Council England.

Travel to London Transport Museum:

- Address: Covent Garden Piazza, WC2E 7BB.
- The nearest stations to London Transport Museum are:
 - **Underground:** Covent Garden, Leicester Square, Charing Cross, Embankment, Holborn
 - **National Rail:** Charing Cross and Waterloo

- **Boat:** Embankment or Westminster pier
- **Bus:** Strand or Aldwych

Public information:

- Booking office, events and 24-hour information +44 (0) 343 222 5000

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