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## HARRY POTTER PLACES

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# PRIOR INCANTATO

Welcome to the **A Novel Holiday** travel guidebook, *Harry Potter Places Book 1—London and London Side-Along Apparations*, the first of five guidebooks designed to help *Harry Potter* Fans (**Potterites**) visit places found in the United Kingdom of Great Britain (the **UK**) that are associated with the *Harry Potter* Universe (the **Potterverse**). In the Potterverse, you'll find:

- Real-life places mentioned within J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* novels.
- Real-life locations where *Harry Potter* movie filming took place.
- Real-life sites that significantly influenced *Harry Potter* movie studio set design.

The **Prior Incantato** section is the *Harry Potter Places Travel Guidebook Introduction*. As such, it contains important explanations of the symbols and terminology found within each of the five *Harry Potter Places* (**HPP**) travel guidebooks.


## **Harry Potter Places Portkeys**


To assist Potterites using eBook-reading devices that don't have a web browser—devices from which you cannot apparate—or Potterites using a printed HPP travel guidebook, we've created **HPP Portkeys**: Internet-posted PDFs containing all the Internet resource links provided in each section of every HPP book.


Go to **HarryPotterPlaces.com**. Click on the link for **Book One**, then click on the **Supplementums** link. There you can access the Portkeys.

## **Harry Potter Places Ratings Icon Guide**

It took more than three years of research, but we managed to find *sixty-eight (68) Potter Places in the UK*—specifically on the island of Great Britain. However, not all of these sites are places every Potterite will enjoy. Thus, we assessed each for their reasonable importance to an average Potterite's UK holiday, and created icons that provide an *at-a-glance* recognition of their rating.

 The **Great Site** icon indicates a Potter Place you don't want to miss. These are important sites mentioned in the books, or film locations readily recognized in real-life.

 The **Might Be Fun** icon identifies places some Potterites might find disinteresting, or unworthy of the inconvenience required to reach them. Each Might-Be-Fun Site's entry explains why it received that rating.

 The **Skip It** icon is assigned to places we strongly suggest you *avoid* visiting, and the Site's entry explains why. Although we provide SatNav/GPS coordinates and/or addresses for Skip-It-rated sites, we do not provide directions for finding them, nor are Skip-It sites included in *any* of the suggested *Harry Potter Places* itineraries. Potterites divinely inspired to visit any Skip-It site should investigate the location using the information provided in its Site entry, then create their own itineraries.

# LUMOS LONDON



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Ancient and modern, exciting and exhausting, bright and beautiful, dark and dank—almost any descriptive term, *and its antonym*, can accurately be used when describing **London, England**. And, although London's status as the capital city of both **England** and the **United Kingdom** has never been officially granted by statute or decree, no one on the planet would naysay that status.

What began as a single square mile of city founded by the Romans over two thousand years ago (*Londinium*), **Greater London**—aka, **Central London**—now encompasses more than 600 square miles of land, and nine million inhabitants.

For several years, the city of London has accommodated more International visitors annually than any other city in the world. Similarly, London's Heathrow airport receives more International travelers than any other airport in the world. In 2012, London will lay claim to another world record, when it becomes the first city ever to host the modern Summer Olympic Games for a third time.

To learn more about this marvelous city's history and numerous Non-Potter attractions, consult a London Muggle travel guidebook, or peruse the following websites:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/London>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\\_of\\_London](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_London)

<http://www.visitlondon.com/>

<http://www.london.gov.uk/>



## London Has the Most Harry Potter Places in the World

### There Are 18 Central London Harry Potter Sites

🧐 13 Great Sites

🧐 2 Might-Be-Fun sites

🧐 3 Skip It sites

### There Are 10 London Side-Along Apparation Sites

🧐 5 Great Sites

🧐 3 Might-Be-Fun sites

🧐 2 Skip It sites

**London Side-Along Apparations** are Potter places outside of Central London that you can quickly reach by train, visit, and then return to London—usually allowing time to also trek to several other Harry Potter sites on the same day.

In the **Specialis Revelio London** section, you'll find tips for planning your London Potter Places and Side-Along visits, as well as **Five Suggested London Potter Itineraries** for seeing the *best* of them, based on the number of days you have to visit, and the amount of energy you intend to expend.

## Ready-Made Harry Potter Tours

Google “Harry Potter Tours” and you'll find loads of links to companies that offer Ready-Made Harry Potter Tours (**Potted Tours**).

**Please Note:** *None* of the authors of, or research contributors to, *Harry Potter Places* have ever experienced *any* of the Potted Tours offered on the Internet!

**Ms. Tara Bellers** is an extraordinarily thorough *Harry Potter Places* researcher who lives in the US. As of November, 2011, she has personally designed and enjoyed **three UK Potter trips**. Back in 2009, Tara penned the following comments about Ready-Made Harry Potter Tours—and her opinion hasn't changed since then:

“When planning my [first] Harry Potter trip, I looked at these [Potted Tours] and used them to start compiling a list of Potter Places I wanted to visit. I considered booking one of them for a while, but they just felt so incomplete to me—none of them included everything I wanted to see. By planning our own trip, my friends and I ended up seeing much more, and staying much longer at the best places, for less than half the cost of any [Potted Tour] package.”

We wholeheartedly agree with Tara's sentiments. Potted Tours do not currently include everything an avid Potterite would wish to visit in London, or beyond. Furthermore, Potted Tours are almost always far more expensive than personally-planned Potter tours.

**We suggest that Potterites *avoid* Potted Tours, unless you are blessed with a Big Budget.** Potterites who can afford a modicum of extraneous expense *should* consider

consider reading HPP Book Two's **Specialis Revelio Oxford** section. There you'll learn about the **Duke Humfrey's Library** dilemma.

## The *Harry Potter Places* Suggested London Potter Itineraries

🧐 The Best London and London Side-Along Potter Places are film locations that have retained readily recognizable features. Our Suggested London Potter Itineraries are designed to assist Potterites to visit as many of the Best Potter Places as possible, based on the number of days you'll be Pottering in London, and the amount of energy you anticipate being able to expend each day.

🧐 No Skip-It-rated Potter Places are included in *any* of our Suggested Itineraries. Potterites divinely inspired to visit one or more of the London or London Side-Along Skip-It sites should investigate each individual Skip-It site—using the information provided in its *Harry Potter Places* Site Entry—then create your own itinerary.

### Each *Harry Potter Places* Suggested London Potter Itinerary Identifies:

- The most efficient order for visiting London Potter Places and Side-Alongs on any given day.
- The maximum amount of time to spend at each site.
- The approximate between-site travel time and transportation method(s).
- The Site Entry where you can find **specific** between-site travel directions.
- A bold “at” symbol [**@**] indicates that you must pay strict attention to the time! To keep on schedule, arrive at, or leave from, a site *no later* than the time we specify.
- A bold pound and dollar sign [**£/\$**] indicates when shopping and/or meal time is allocated.

### Beginning and Ending Each Suggested London Potter Itinerary

Each *Harry Potter Places* Suggested London Potter Itinerary identifies the Tube or Railway Station related to each itinerary day's first and last site locations.

To obtain directions from your London lodgings to the first itinerary site each morning, and directions back to your lodgings from the last itinerary site each evening, consult the **Transport for London** website.

📄 <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/>

**TAXI** Please Note: Although traveling via public transportation is always cheaper for beginning or ending a London itinerary day, taking a Taxi is almost always an option—particularly at the end of a long day of sightseeing.

## #1: The Quick-Quill Trip

### Only time for a ONE-DAY London Potter Place tour?

See 7 of London's Best Potter Places and 1 London Side-Along in one day.

<http://HarryPotterPlaces.com/b1/08bQuickQuill.pdf>

## #2: The Kwikspell Crusade

**You have TWO DAYS to Potter in London, but don't want to be rushed?**

See 11 of London's Best Potter Places and 2 Side-Alongs in two days.

<http://HarryPotterPlaces.com/b1/08cKwikspell.pdf>

## #3: The Huffandpuff Expedition

**Want to cram as many London Potter Places as possible into TWO DAYS?**

Visit all but 1 of London's Best Potter Places, plus 2 Side-Alongs in two days.

**Please Note: We call this the *Huff-and-Puff Expedition* because it is an exceptionally *arduous* itinerary!** The Huffandpuff Expedition may be too demanding for young children, seniors, or portly Potterites unaccustomed to frequent periods of rapid walking between sites, and being on their feet *all day long*.

<http://HarryPotterPlaces.com/b1/08dHuffandpuff.pdf>

## #4: The Padfoot Prowl

**You have THREE DAYS to Potter in London and don't mind rushing just a bit?**

Enjoy this 3-day tour of *all* the Best London Potter Places and 4 Side-Alongs.

Although far less arduous than our Huffandpuff Expedition, the Padfoot Prowl does include several 10- and 15-minute rapid walks. Parties that include young children, seniors, or portly Potterites may prefer the **Potter Promenade** four-day itinerary.

<http://HarryPotterPlaces.com/b1/08ePadfoot.pdf>

## #5: The Potter Promenade

**You have FOUR DAYS to Potter around London?**

Happy You! This *almost* leisurely-paced itinerary will lead you to *all* the Best London Potter Places and 6 Side-Alongs within four days.

<http://HarryPotterPlaces.com/b1/08fPromenade.pdf>

Please remember that your **Harry Potter WB Studio Tour** visit must be accomplished on a day *apart from* the days you spend following our Suggested London Potter Itineraries.

# DEATH EATERS' BRIDGE



(SITE #1)

## The London Millennium Footbridge

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millennium\\_Bridge\\_\(London\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millennium_Bridge_(London))

Google Maps UK: 51° 30' 35" N, 0° 5' 54" W or 51.509722, -0.098333

Bensons Mini: K-5 / Bensons Street: M-5

Collins Mini: pg 51, E-1 / Collins Atlas: pg 16, D-4

 Tube Station: Mansion House



Original Tour Bus Saint Paul's Cathedral Red/Yellow Stops or Big Bus Stops 45/18

Operation Hours / Entry Fee: None

Visit Time: Schedule at least 30 minutes just to take Potter bridge pix.

### Parseltongue Pointers:

- Southwark Bridge = "SUTH-uck"
- Thames River = "TEMZ"



Chapter One of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* [HbP] begins with a description of the Muggle Prime Minister's outrage over his government being blamed for recent freakish murders and disasters—particularly the collapse of the **Brockdale Bridge**. Approximately a dozen motoring Muggles were dumped into a river when the Brockdale Bridge suddenly, and inexplicably, snapped cleanly in two.

[http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Brockdale\\_Bridge](http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Brockdale_Bridge)

The Brockdale Bridge doesn't exist in real-life. Rather than recreate the destruction of a fictional automobile bridge, *HbP* filmmakers elected to use the iconic **London Millennium Footbridge** to dramatize the Muggle world violence perpetrated by Voldemort. A handful of Potterites have complained about this choice, because *HbP* was set in 1996, two years before Millennium Footbridge construction began. Happily, most Potterites have thoroughly enjoyed the visually exciting twisting and buckling of the Millennium Footbridge's destruction—especially in the **IMAX 3-D** version of the movie.

Stretching across the Thames River from Peter's Hill walkway (just south of **Saint Paul's Cathedral**) to the **Tate Modern** art gallery, the Millennium Footbridge is the only



steel suspension bridge in London. Originally opened on June 10th, 2000, the bridge was closed that same day. When thousands of opening day *Save The Children* charity-walk participants marched over it, their passage caused the bridge to dangerously wobble from side-to-side. A one minute YouTube video shot on opening day dramatically demonstrates how serious the sway was!

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eAXVa\\_XWZ8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eAXVa_XWZ8)

Thereafter nicknamed the *Wobbly Bridge*, stabilization modifications required another two years of construction. The Millennium Footbridge was finally reopened in 2002—without the wobble.

## Death Eaters' Bridge Potter Pix Pointers

The order of our five Potter Pix Pointers is based on approaching the Millennium Footbridge from the north (after visiting Gringotts Bank or Saint Paul's Cathedral; or, if walking to the bridge from the Mansion House tube station). If you approach the Millennium Footbridge from the south (after visiting Borough Market), reverse the order.

### Death Eaters' Bridge Potter Pic #1



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On either side of the Millennium Footbridge's north entrance are steps leading down to **Paul's Walk**, a sidewalk that borders the north bank of the Thames, and runs beneath the bridge. From Paul's Walk, on the east side of the bridge, you can line up a pic similar to the following *HbP* screenshot. If someone else can take the pic with you standing at the top of these steps, so much the better.



[*Half-Blood Prince* screenshot (enhanced)]

## Death Eaters' Bridge Potter Pic #2



[©2009 Tara Bellers]

At the central section of the Millennium Footbridge, where the support cables dip below the railing, stop and have your pic taken while dramatically grasping the railing in terror. To recreate the following *HbP* screenshot, have someone kneel down on the bridge next to you and thrust a camera out *beyond* the railing, with its lens pointed back up at you. Be sure that the camera's lanyard is securely tied to the camera operator's wrist!



[*Half-Blood Prince* screenshot (enhanced)]

### Death Eaters' Bridge Potter Pic #3

Also while on the central section of the Millennium Footbridge, take a pic of the next bridge to the east (toward Tower Bridge); **Southwark Bridge** is an *Order of the Phoenix* Harry Potter Fly-By Bridge (Site #4).



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## The Clink Prison Museum

<http://www.clink.co.uk/>

This museum occupies the original site of the **Clink Prison**, a notoriously brutal London prison that operated from 1144 to 1780, when it was burned to the ground by rioting Protestants. The prison's name was derived from the *clinking* noise made by the various manacles, fetters, and chains worn by its prisoners. In fact, Clink Prison is the origin of the phrase, "*in the clink*." Plan to spend at least 30 to 45 minutes here.

**Open** 7 days a week at 10am. Check the website for closing times during your visit.

**2011 Admission:** Adults £7 (\$11); Children under 16, Seniors over 60, and Students with an ID, £5.50 (\$9).

[**TIP:** See the **Leaky Cauldron; Prisoner of Azkaban (Site #7)** for a comparison of the Clink Prison Museum, the London Bridge and Tombs Experience (London Pass free entry), and the London Dungeon.]

## Nearby Potter Places

 **Gringotts Bank (Site #5)**, a 15 minute walk or a 20 minute ride/walk.


 **Hogwarts Staircase (Site #6)**, a 4 to 5 minute walk.

 **Leaky Cauldron, Prisoner of Azkaban: Borough Market (Site #7)**, a 10 minute walk.

## Going to The Death Eaters' Bridge

### From Hogwarts Staircase (Site #6)


A 4 to 5 minute walk.

 If you exit Saint Paul's Cathedral from the South Churchyard entrance, you'll see the Millennium Footbridge directly to the south. If you exit from Saint Paul's Great West Door entrance, turn left and walk around the cathedral to the crosswalk in front of the South Churchyard entrance. ♦ Cross the street to Peter's Hill walkway and continue south to the north bank of the Millennium Footbridge.



### **From Original Tour Bus Saint Paul's Cathedral Red/Yellow Stops, or Big Bus Stops 45/18**

A 6 minute walk.

 You'll be on the north side of Ludgate Hill when you disembark the bus. Head east toward Saint Paul's Cathedral. [Consider following the **Hogwarts Staircase (Site #6)** directions for popping into the Saint Paul's Cathedral Shop before heading to the Death Eaters' Bridge.] ♦ At the next crosswalk, turn right and cross to the south side of the street. ♦ Turn left and head southeast to Peter's Hill walkway (directly across the street from the cathedral's South Churchyard entrance). ♦ Turn right and walk south to the north bank of the Millennium Footbridge.

# LITTLE WHINGING ZOO

## (SITE #9)

### The London Zoo

<http://www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo>

**Google Maps UK:** 51.535556, -0.155833 (The Zoo's *street address* doesn't bring up a map that accurately identifies the entrance.)

**Zoo Address:** ZSL London Zoo, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RY

**Warning!** Do not trust any directions that route you *through* the park, or *through* the Zoo. You cannot enter the Zoo from any place other than its main entrance, at the northern section of Regent's Park Outer Circle.

**Bensons Mini:** C-1 / **Bensons Street:** E-1

(The Zoo's main entrance is *beyond* the north edge of both Bensons maps.)

**Collins Mini:** pg 10, A-2 / **Collins Atlas:** pg 41, F,G-1, pg 42, A-1

 **Tube Station:** Camden Town



**Original Tour Bus** Madame Tussauds Red/Yellow/Black/Gray Stop *or* Big Bus Stop 32/5

**Operation Hours:** Open at 10am every day of the year except Christmas Day. The Zoo closes at 4pm in the Winter, 5:30pm in the Summer.

**Entry Fee:** Consult the Zoo's website for ticket prices and special offers available during the dates of your visit. Tickets can be purchased online up to six months in advance, however Internet-purchased tickets are dedicated to a specific date and are non-refundable. Discount family tickets are available online. Individuals tickets cost the same online as they do at the Zoo's entrance, but you can avoid the queues by booking online and enter via the fast track gate. (The London Pass includes free, fast track entry to the Zoo.)

**Visit Time:** Our directions are designed to facilitate a **Rapid 1 Hour Harry Potter Pic & Shop Visit**. A 90 minute Zoo visit is optimal, as it allows extra time to enjoy the Potter sites and the gift shop. Schedule 2 to 6 hours if you have time to enjoy *more* of the London Zoo—it's a world-class Zoo, after all!

### General Zoo Visit Tips:

(1) To be safe, schedule at least 45 minutes total travel time before *and* after your Zoo visit. The journey to the Zoo is longer and more complicated than jaunts to other Central London Potter places. Whether traveling via the Tube or an open-top Tour Bus, you'll be walking or City-Bussing it between your arrival point and the Zoo's entrance.

(2) Maps of the Zoo's layout are available on the Visitor Information webpage.

<http://www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo/visit/>



These maps are available for free *at* the Zoo, so you don't need to print one from the website to pack and bring with you.

### Parseltongue Pointers:

- Whinging = "WIN-jeeng" (*not* "WINE-jeeng")  
[To "whinge" is to complain or protest in an annoyingly persistent manner. Although similar to the definition of "whining," its pronunciation is different.]
- Madame Tussauds = "mah-DAM too-SODS" ... *French*: "mah-DAM chew-SO"
- Marylebone = "MERRILY-bone"



J.K. Rowling's **Little Whinging** is a fictional town just south of London, in Surrey, England, where Harry lived with the Dursleys at #4 Privet Drive. In *Sorcerer's Stone*, Harry was grudgingly allowed to accompany his cousin to the **Little Whinging Zoo** on Dudley's birthday. It was while visiting the Zoo's **Reptile House** that Harry discovered he could speak **Parseltongue**—communicate with a snake.

All of the *Sorcerer's Stone* Little Whinging Zoo scenes were filmed in and around the London Zoo's Reptile House.

### Potter Zoo Pic #1

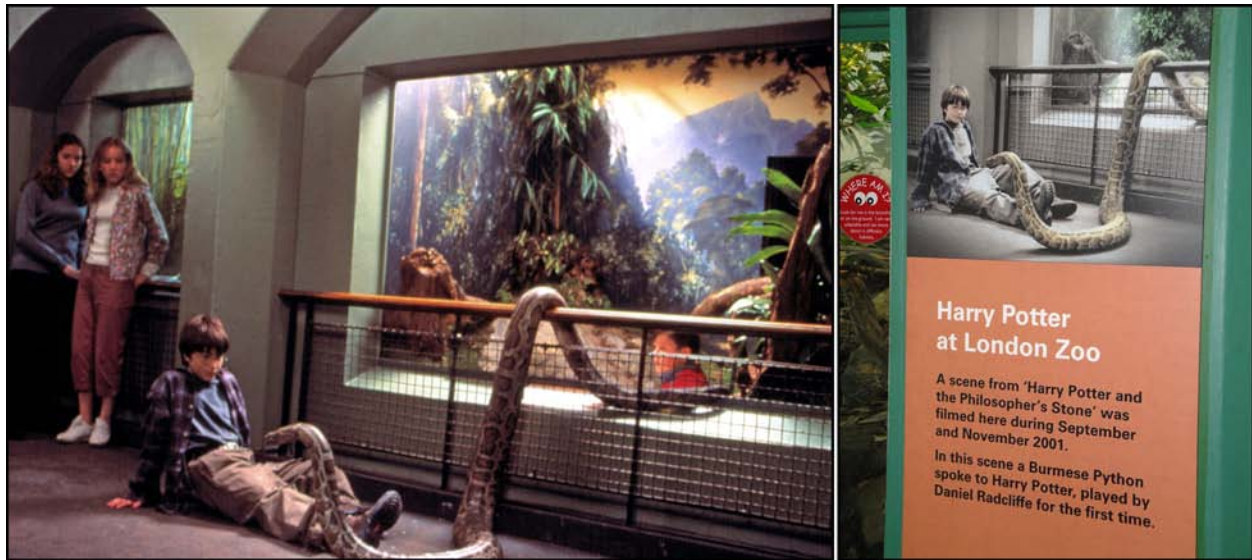


[*Sorcerer's Stone* screenshot (enhanced)]

After entering the Zoo via its main entrance, look ahead and to your right (south and slightly west) for the path that leads to the Reptile House. Have your photo taken outside the entrance.

Just inside the Reptile House is the snake display tank used to film *Sorcerer's Stone* scenes. You can't miss it! A Harry Potter information sign featuring a promotional photo is posted next to the tank.

## Potter Zoo Pix #2, 3, and 4



[SS promotional photo (enhanced)] [©2009 Tara Bellers]



[Sorcerer's Stone screenshot (enhanced)]

In real life, the snake tank used to film *Sorcerer's Stone* scenes contains a **Black Mamba**. The London Zoo's Reptile House doesn't have a **Brazilian Boa Constrictor** (the *book's* snake), nor a **Burmese Python** (the *movie's* snake). However, there is a **Basilisk** on display here! After taking pix at the Black Mamba tank, find a Zoo employee to direct you to the **Plumed Basilisk** display tank.

## The London Beatles Store

<http://www.beatlesstorelondon.co.uk/>

**Google Maps UK:** 231 Baker Street, London NW1 6XE

Just two shops south of the Sherlock Holmes Museum, this store sells everything *Beatles*: music, photos, high quality collectibles, as well as low cost souvenirs and trinkets.

**Open every day** from 10am to 6:30pm. No Admission fee.

## It's Only Rock 'n' Roll

<http://www.itsonlyrocknrolllondon.co.uk/>

**Google Maps UK:** 230 Baker Street, London NW1 5RT

Directly across the street from the London Beatles Store, this store is dedicated to all *other* rock 'n' roll stars and bands' memorabilia. The wares found here are not limited to English rock-n-rollers. Elvis fans will thoroughly enjoy this store.

**Open every day** from 10am to 6:30pm. No Admission fee.

## Nearby Potter Places

 Muggle Wax Museum: Madame Tussauds (Site #14): A 35 minute walk or walk/bus journey.




## Going to Little Whinging Zoo


### From Camden Town Underground Station

From Camden Town Tube Station, you can either walk all the way to the Zoo, or do a walk-ride-walk journey via a City Bus. Both of these options take approximately 30 minutes.

**TAXI** If you'd rather just take a taxi to the Zoo, ignore Camden Town Tube Station's **To The Zoo** signs. Instead, head in the opposite direction, following signs to the **Camden High Street** exit. ♦ Walk about 1 ½ blocks south on Camden High Street to **Greenland Street** for the nearest 24-hour Taxi Queue. Taxi fare to the Zoo may range from £7 to £12 (\$11 to \$19), depending on the day, the time, and the traffic.

### Take a City Bus to the Zoo from Camden Town Tube Station

   A 7 minute walk to the bus stop, a 13-15 minute bus ride, then a 7 minute walk to the Zoo.

 Follow the Camden Town Tube Station's **To The Zoo** signs. They'll lead you to the **Kentish Town Road** exit, which is on the station's east side—the side *opposite* to the Zoo, but closest to where you can catch a City Bus to the Zoo. ♦ When you emerge, turn right and walk to the intersection of Kentish Town Road, Camden Road and Greenland Road. Look for the **World's End Pub**. ♦ Cross **Camden Road** and turn right to walk west toward





# KNIGHT BUS



## PICKUP PLAYGROUND

(SITE #22)

### Abbots Langley, Hertfordshire

**Google Maps UK:** Gadeside Roundabout, Leavesden, Hertfordshire WD25 7

[The address above identifies a point just south of the **roundabout** nearest this site, and the entrance to the **Warner Bros. Studio Tour (Site #27)**.]

**Please Note:** Although officially titled, *Warner Brothers Studio Tour—the Making of Harry Potter*, we prefer to call this attraction the **Harry Potter WB Studio Tour**, abbreviated **HPST**.

🚏 London's Euston Railway Station [**EUS**]

🚏 Watford Junction Railway Station [**WFJ**]

**Travelcard Zone:** Site #22 is located *outside* the London Travelcard Zones, but Oyster cards are accepted at EUS and WFJ.

**Central London to Side-Along One-Way Travel Time:** 37 to 45 minutes

🚌 A special Shuttle Bus runs between WFJ and the HPST every 20 minutes.

**TAXI** Taxis are available at WFJ.

**Operation Hours or Entry Fee:** None. This is a private Muggle Neighborhood.

**Visit Time:** See the **Warner Bros. Studio Tour (Site #27)**, and the site rating information below.

**Potter Props:** Potterites who drive to the HPST should consider bringing an **empty roll-along suitcase** to the Knight Bus Pickup Playground—trunk-sized, if possible.



## Site Rating Explanation

### **The Knight Bus Pickup Playground Earns a Great Site Rating:**

- When combined with a visit to the Harry Potter WB Studio Tour via public transportation or rental car.

In **Specialis Revelio London Part Two**, you'll find a link to the **Harry Potter Warner Bros. Studio Tour Itinerary Planning Supplementum**. Directions for including a Knight Bus Pickup Playground visit on your HPST day are provided there.

### **If Not Visited During Your HPST Day Itinerary, the Knight Bus Pickup Playground Earns a SKIP-IT Rating Because:**

- Including round-trip travel time, at least **2 hours and 10 minutes** must be scheduled for this trip.
- Although there are several screenshot reproduction opportunities in this area, only one of them will look exactly like what was seen on screen.

Many Potterites consider this time expenditure excessive in relationship to what little can be photographed.

**Please Note:** The Knight Bus Pickup Playground is **not** included on any of the *Harry Potter Places* Suggested London Itineraries.

## The Knight Bus Pickup Playground Film Sites

After inflating **Aunt Marge** in *Prisoner of Azkaban*, Harry ran away from the Dursley's home, dragging his trunk behind him. After only a few blocks, Harry realized he had no place to go, and collapsed on the curb next to a playground. Much to his surprise, **The Knight Bus** magically arrived to pick him up.

These *POA* scenes were filmed on two streets in a Muggle Neighborhood located just east of the **southern Aerodrome Way roundabout** in Abbots Langley, Hertfordshire. At the time of filming (2003), this neighborhood was across from the **Leavesden Studios back lot fence**. Today, the southern Aerodrome Way roundabout is where the **Harry Potter WB Studio Tour entrance** is located.





[©2011 Tara Bellers—the HPST under construction in July of 2011.]

**Please Note:** For some unknown reason, **Google Maps UK** images identify the road north of this roundabout as **Airfield Way**. According to real-life road signs, it is **Aerodrome Way**.



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The *POA* **Playground Set** was built in an open space just east of the roundabout, on the north side of **Dowding Way**.

# THE END

Thus ends the adventures of  
Harry Potter Places Book One ...

Please join us in Harry Potter Places  
Book Two—OWLS: Oxford  
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