



Horniman Museum and Gardens

What's On Guide

February – May 2020

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Welcome

The Horniman Museum and Gardens is a wonderful attraction in southeast London where world cultures and the natural world are brought together for everyone to enjoy.

On display are extraordinary collections of natural history, anthropology and musical instruments, as well as an acclaimed aquarium. The beautiful Gardens feature a tropical Butterfly House, animal enclosure, and stunning views across London. Discover more at horniman.ac.uk

Museum and Gift Shop

10am-5.30pm (Café from 9am)

Gardens

Monday – Saturday from 7.15am, Sunday and Bank Holidays from 8am. Close at sunset – please check the website.

Keep in touch

Sign up to our monthly e-newsletter at horniman.ac.uk

Social media handles:

Facebook: /hornimanmuseumandgardens

Twitter: @HornimanMuseum

Instagram: @hornimanmuseumgardens

WiFi

Free Wifi is available throughout the Museum and Gardens.

Exhibitions and Displays

Permian Monsters: Life Before the Dinosaurs

Opens 15 February 2020

252 million years ago, life on Earth was dominated by extraordinary creatures in a period called the Permian. It was a time of fearsome sabre-toothed predators, giant insects and bizarre-looking sharks. The Permian ended with a mass extinction that destroyed 90% of all life, paving the way for the next great rulers... the dinosaurs.

In this fascinating, family-friendly exhibition, which is travelling to the UK for the first time, you can discover

more about this mysterious time period. Come face-to-face with fossil skeletons as well as full-size models and animatronics that bring the Permian period back to life. You can also sift through interactive dig pits and get creative in an art area.

A relaxed opening for families who are unable to visit when the Horniman is busy will take place on Thursday 16 April, 9–10am. For more information, please see the Special Events pages. In addition, look out for Permian Monster activities during the school holidays.

Tickets*: Child £5, Adult £9, Family (up to two adults and two children) £20. Horniman Members and Benefactors enjoy free, unlimited entry. *Prices include a voluntary Gift Aid donation which helps support the work of the Horniman.

To book tickets and for more information, please visit **horniman.ac.uk/permianmonsters**

Permian Monsters: Life Before the Dinosaurs is a travelling exhibition produced by Gondwana Studios

From Birth 'til Death: Scrolled Life Stories

23 May–23 August 2020

Enter a dramatic installation of giant papyrus scrolls and discover local life stories told in symbols. What would your life story look like? This exhibition is the result of a social arts project in partnership with artist R.M. Sánchez-Camus and local organisations including St Christopher's Hospice, Arts Network and a group of asylum seekers in south London.

Free

Stages of Making

Until 19 April 2020

Step into this immersive exhibition where all the artworks have a story to tell about design, techniques and time. Inspired by the history of the Horniman and its collections, visitors can see works including table tops made from yoghurt pots and a giant rag-rug woven from t-shirts.

Stages of Making is co-produced by artist Katie Schwab and a collective of local community members. Visitors can join in daily making activities to contribute to a live

archive or book onto one of the special workshops. See the website for more details.

Free

As I Live and Breathe

Until 4 May 2020

Award-winning, internationally exhibited visual artist Claire Morgan has created stunning new pieces for the Horniman, drawing on the theme of waste and the impact that humans have on their surroundings.

Free

Turn It Up: On Paradoxes

Until 21 June 2020

Jide Odukoya's photographic series shows a contrasting Nigeria through the lens of traditional weddings, highlighting how moments of extravagant celebration are an important part of Nigerian cultural identity because of the fragile wealth that supports it.

Free

February Half Term

Monday 17 to Friday 21 February

We have activities for families every weekday during February half term. All activities are suitable for ages 3–8 years unless otherwise stated. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please check our website for up-to-date information before you visit.

Bath Bomb Workshops

Daily, 10am, 11.30am, 1pm, 3pm, 4pm

Make an explosive bath bomb full of fizzy fun with Einstein's Entertainers! Learn about the science of volcanoes and natural explosions and take home your own piece of bath bomb lava to put in the bath.

Tickets: Child £7.50

MAKE! Permian Volcanoes

Daily, 10.30am–12.30pm and 2–4pm

Join in some volcanic art and craft fun inspired by our new Permian Monsters exhibition. Get crafty and take home your own creation.

Free, drop in

Horniman Explorers: Permian Monsters

Daily, 11am–12.30pm, 2–3.30pm

A fun hands-on family session exploring real museum objects linked to our new Permian Monsters exhibition.

Free, drop in

Easter Holidays

Tuesday 7 to Friday 17 April

We have activities for families every weekday except Mondays throughout the Easter holidays. All activities are suitable for ages 3–8 years unless otherwise stated. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please check our website for up-to-date information before you visit.

MAKE! Spring Birds

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

10.30am–12.30pm

Drop in to make some spring art and craft as part of our bird-themed Easter holiday fun.

Free, drop in

Up in the Air

Friday 17 April, various times

Join Arts Network, a mental health and arts charity, for a fun workshop that explores wellbeing and creativity through the theme of flight. In this arts and crafts activity, visitors will contribute to a collaborative piece and make something to take away with them.

Free, drop in

Horniman Explorers: Egg-splorers

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 11am–12.30pm
and 2–3.30pm**

Drop into the Hand on Base to take part in fun challenges and touch amazing objects from our collections themed around eggs.

Free, drop in

Horniman Easter Fair

Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 April, 10.30am–4.30pm

Enjoy Easter weekend at the Horniman with the whole family. Go on our Easter trail, sit down for some storytelling, have your face painted and join in family activities across the Gardens.

Free entry with some charged activities

May Half Term

Monday 25 to Friday 29 May

We have activities for families every weekday during May half term. All activities are suitable for ages 3–8 years unless otherwise stated. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please check our website for up-to-date information before you visit.

MAKE! Save Our Planet

Tuesday, Thursday, 10.30am–12.30pm

A fun, arty session encouraging children to voice their wishes for our planet's future. Contribute to an art display about climate emergency and take away your own 'save our planet' creation.

Free, drop in

Horniman Explorers: Save Our Planet

Monday and Friday, 11am–12.30pm and 2–3.30pm

Drop into the Hands on Base to touch amazing objects from our collections, and join in challenges exploring how

we can shape a positive future for ourselves and our planet.

Free, drop in

Wellbee-ing

Wednesday 27 May

Join an imaginative arts and crafts activity that explores wellbeing and creativity whilst learning about bees.

Visitors will contribute to a collaborative artwork as well as make something to take home. Run by Arts Network, a mental health and arts charity.

Free, drop in

Special Events

Climate Crisis: Speculative Futures

Thursday 5 March, 6.30–10pm

Join us for a night of interactive experiences created by students from Camberwell, Chelsea and Wimbledon

Colleges of Arts in response to the global climate crisis.

With interventions and activities taking place across the Museum and Gardens aimed at inspiring speculation and

dialogue, this event will showcase creative ideas for a just transition to a post-carbon society designed and produced by students from across art, design and performance.

Tickets: £7.50. Over 18s only.

Crossing Borders: Common Ground

Saturday 21 March, 11am–3.30pm

See the Horniman through new eyes! Come along to this exciting event where all performances, activities and workshops are run by people who have recently arrived in southeast London. Meet your new neighbours and celebrate the diversity of Forest Hill and our local area.

Free

Bright and Early: Permian Monsters Relaxed

Opening

Thursday 16 April, 9–10am

A relaxed, accessible opening of the Permian Monsters exhibition for families who are unable to visit when the Horniman is busy, including children with autism spectrum conditions and neurodiverse families.

A breakout space will be available until 10.30am.

Free, advance booking required.

**To book and for further information, please contact
communitylearning@horniman.ac.uk or 020 8291
8725.**

Pond Dipping

Saturdays 25 April and 30 May

Take part in pond dipping sessions to explore nature and wildlife in our Nature Trail pond. Suitable for children aged 5+.

Tickets: Child £2.50

Celebrating Early Keyboard Instruments:

Masterclasses and Competition

Tuesday 28 April to Friday 1 May

Enjoy early keyboard players performing on the Italian virginals and English square piano at a series of masterclasses and a competition. Hear set works by Scarlatti, G Frescobaldi, J Haydn and WA Mozart among others. Masterclasses will take place on Tuesday (square piano) and Wednesday (virginals). The competition will take place on Thursday and Friday concluding with an

award ceremony and audience prize. Suitable for ages 12+. Please visit the website for full details.

Free, drop in

Maestros Concert by Maggie Cole, Marcia Hadjimarkos and Catalina Vicens

Wednesday 29 April, 7.15–9pm

Special maestros concert by the Horniman Early Keyboard Competition adjudicators who will perform on the square piano and virginals. Suitable for ages 12+. A bar will be available before the concert and at the interval.

Tickets: Adult £5

Dawn Chorus Walk

Saturday 2 May, 5–7am

The best time to experience bird song is in the wee small hours! Join bird expert David Darrell-Lambert on our annual early morning tour of the Horniman Gardens for International Dawn Chorus Day and learn to identify the many bird songs that make up the dawn chorus.

Tickets: Child £5, Adult £7.50

Urban Tree Day

Saturday 16 May

Join us for a family-friendly day of tree exploration and mindfulness. In partnership with The Urban Tree Festival. Suitable for ages 3+.

Free

Horniman Family Rave with Big Fish Little Fish

Sunday 17 May, 2–6pm

Get ready for another Big Fish Little Fish family rave featuring DJ legends of London club-land. Join DJs Readers Wives, Prime Cuts and Bill Brewster for a journey into sound from acid house to hip-hop to drum and bass. There will also be food, bars, craft activities, face painting and plenty more family fun.

Tickets: Child £12.50, Adult £15, pre-walking infant free

Regular Activities for Families

During term time, the Horniman has lots of fun activities for families every week. All activities are free and suitable for ages 3-8 years unless otherwise stated. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please check our website for up-to-date information on times and excluded dates.

Hands on Base Activities

At the weekends, drop into the Hands on Base to touch and explore objects from the amazing collections that make the Horniman special, ranging from African masks to sharks jaws, music and toys.

On Saturday mornings the sessions will have different themes each week, and on Sunday mornings staff are on hand to help you get up close to any of the objects that most fascinate you.

Art Makers

On Saturday afternoons, explore art and craft techniques as a family to create something fabulous inspired by the Horniman's collections.

Tickets: Child £2.50

A World of Stories

On Sunday afternoons some of the best storytellers bring the Horniman's collections alive with tales from around the world. We also have storytelling sessions presented by our deaf storyteller and signed in BSL on selected Sundays – please check our website for dates.

Everyone welcome but most suitable for children aged 5+.

Busy Bees

Every Tuesday morning join lively sessions for under-5s and their parents/carers only. Activities change every week, with stories, songs, outdoor play and a whole lot of Horniman fun. Not suitable for nursery school groups.

Tickets: Child £2.50

Regular Events

Stay in Tune Thursdays

Every Thursday (except during school holidays),

2 – 5.15pm

On Thursdays afternoons during term time, the Horniman becomes an age-friendly space for adults to socialise and enjoy hands-on music sessions, concerts, tours and more. There is extra seating and a more relaxed grown-up atmosphere across the Museum, plus a special offer in the Café. For more information, contact communitylearning@horniman.ac.uk.

Regular programme:

2.30–3.15pm Hands on Music (dementia friendly)

3.30–4pm Hear it Live! (dementia friendly)

4.15–5.15pm The Aftershow - a music appreciation
discussion

Free, drop in

Hear it Live!

Every Thursday, 3.30–4pm

Join us in the Music Gallery every week for concerts featuring our early keyboard instruments from the 17th to 19th centuries. Upcoming performers include Dušan Toroman (square piano), piano), Masumi Yamamoto (virginals) and Callum Anderson (organ). Please visit the website for full details.

Free, drop in

Curiosity Talks

Tuesdays, 4pm and Saturdays, 11.30am

Enjoy talks on a range of fascinating objects and topics, delivered by our Visitor Hosts.

Free, drop in

‘Welcome to the Horniman’ Tours

Wednesdays and Saturdays, 4pm

Sundays, 11.30am

Our Visitor Hosts provide a short introduction to the Horniman on these informal tours.

Free, drop in

Library Open Day

First Sunday of every month, 10.30am–5.30pm

Browse our library collections and see some of the library treasures.

Free, drop in

Horniman Market

Every Sunday, 10am–3pm

Visit our weekly market in the Gardens to enjoy a range of delicious hot food from street food stalls, pick up fresh and seasonal produce from local traders, and treat yourself to irresistible cakes and craft beer.

You will also find regular guest traders specialising in everything from natural bodycare to homemade jams. Special markets take place throughout the year. Please follow us @HornimanMarket or visit the website to find out more.

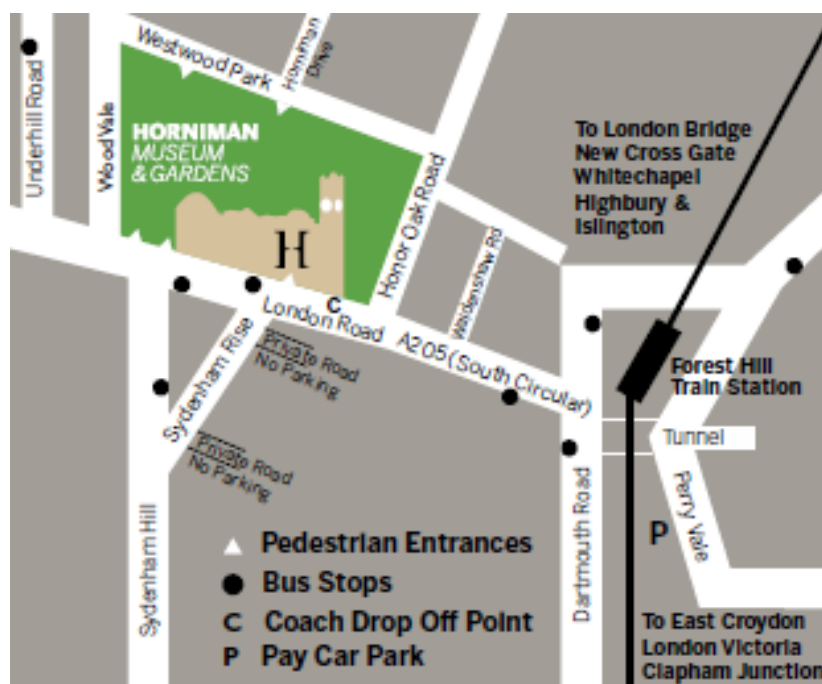
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Great Walrus Tea Party

The walrus needs you! Throw your own Great Walrus Tea Party in June and raise money for the Horniman. You can bake up a storm or stop by the shops for some treats. Every penny you raise will help the Horniman inspire future generations of London's families and schoolchildren.

Find out more at horniman.ac.uk/walrusteaparty or email teaparty@horniman.ac.uk to pre-order your Great Walrus Tea Party fundraising pack.

Visitor Information



Horniman Museum and Gardens

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Telephone: 020 8699 1872

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Website: horniman.ac.uk

Train

Nearest national rail and London Overground station:
Forest Hill.

By bus

Bus number 176, 185, 197, 356, P4 (stop outside).

Bus number 122, 363, P13 (stop nearby).

Car

Located on the South Circular A205. A pay & display car park is available near Forest Hill station. Please do not park on private roads.

Venue hire

Our Conservatory, Bandstand and Pavilion are available for weddings, childrens' parties and corporate events.

Find out more at horniman.ac.uk or email venuehire@horniman.ac.uk for more information.

Support us

As a charity, we use donations to help care for our collections and Gardens. You can support our work by becoming a Horniman Member or Benefactor, sponsoring our Gardens or leaving a legacy. Find out more at horniman.ac.uk or email fundraising@horniman.ac.uk.

Library

Visits are by appointment only. Please email enquiry@horniman.ac.uk.

Access

The Museum and Gardens are wheelchair and buggy friendly with accessible toilets. Limited on-site parking is available for blue badge holders. Call 020 8699 1872 in advance. The Museum has a hearing loop facility. Find out more at horniman.ac.uk.

All details correct at time of going to press. See **horniman.ac.uk** for up-to-date information.

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