



Information for Autistic Visitors



Visitor Information

Old Royal Naval College

The Old Royal Naval College (ORNC) has over 500 years of history, from Tudor Palace to a hospital for sailors, a naval training college to a tourist attraction.

The site has three main venues: the Visitor Centre, the Painted Hall and the Chapel. The Skittle Alley and the Clore Learning Centre are sometimes open to the public.

Opening and Closing Times

Winter opening hours

mid-September to mid-June
10:00–17:00

Summer opening hours

10:00–18:00
mid-June to mid-September.

The grounds are open daily

08:00–23:00.

The ORNC is open daily except Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Some buildings may be closed to the public due to events.

For up-to-date information on planned closures please go to:
ornc.org/opening-times

Access to the ORNC

There are a number of entrances to the site. Please see the map on the next page.

There is no set route to follow. You can visit the buildings in any order.

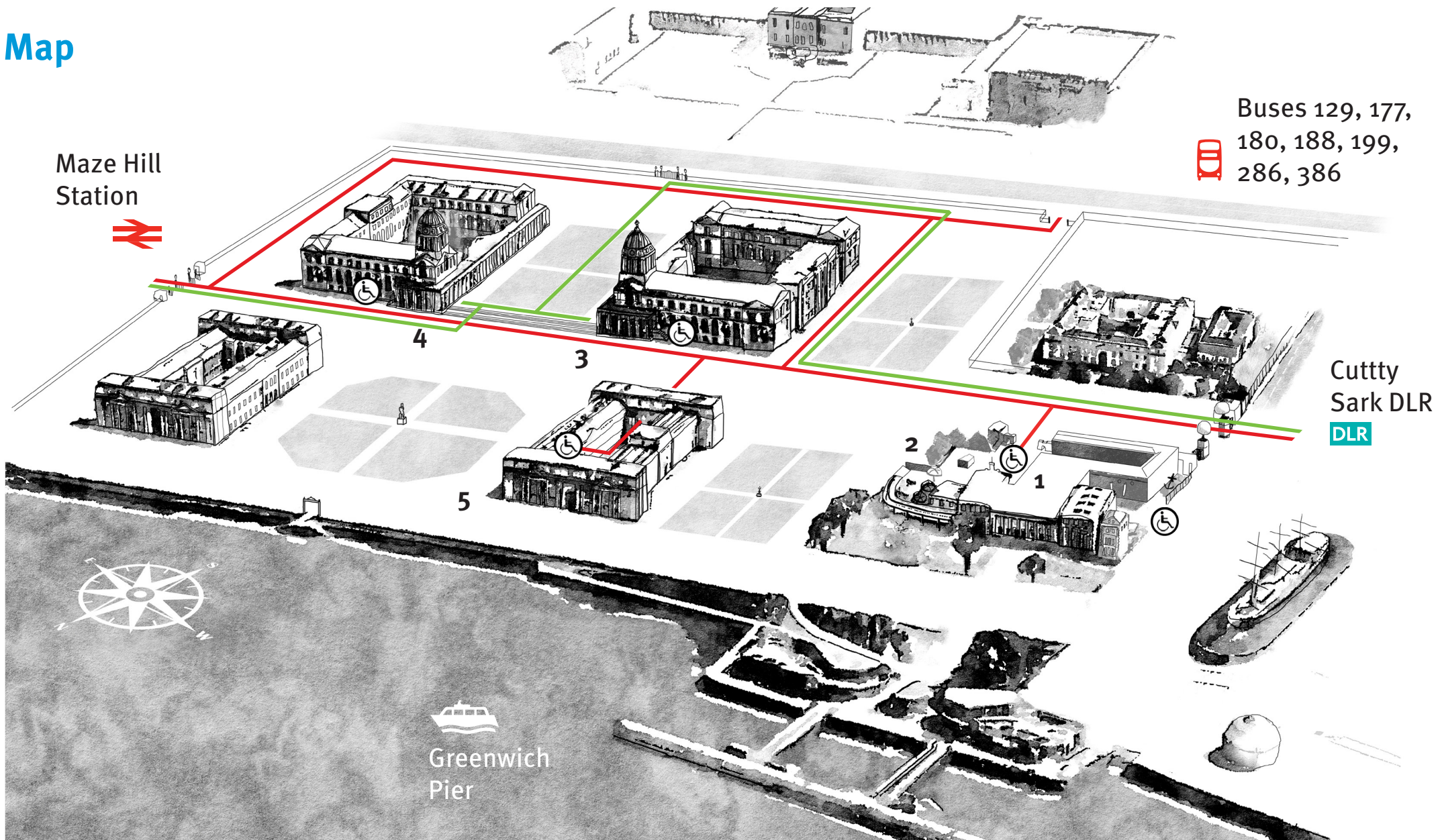
Free Guided tours are available every day and begin in the Visitor Centre. The tours take you around the grounds and the buildings, and tells of the amazing history of the site. Please visit the Welcome desk for more information.

Reduced Noise routes to the Painted Hall and Chapel

Musical instruments can sometimes be heard as you pass Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance in King Charles court.

If you would like a slightly quieter route to the Painted Hall and Chapel, please see the reduced noise routes on the map on the next page.

Map



Buses 129, 177,
180, 188, 199,
286, 386

Cutty
Sark DLR
DLR

- 1 Visitor Centre Toilets, Information
- 2 Old Brewery Food & drink, toilets
- 3 Painted Hall (Closed for conservation)

- 4 Chapel
- 5 Admiral's House

— Accessible route
— Reduced noise route

Facilities

Signage and Assistance

Inside all of the buildings of the ORNC there are signs to help you. In each building there are staff and volunteers who can help you if you need assistance. They wear blue t-shirts and/or fleece tops and have walkie-talkie radios. All staff and volunteers have a badge with their name on.

Food and Drink

The Old Brewery is located next to the Visitor Centre and serves hot and cold drinks, cakes and sandwiches (and hot food from 12.00 midday).

There are three entrances to the Old Brewery. There is door-free access from the Visitor Centre which is only accessible while the Visitor Centre is open. There are push/pull doors from the courtyard and from the colonnade.

Old Brewery opening times

10:00–23.00 Monday to Saturday

10:00–22.30 Sunday

For more information please go to:
oldbrewerygreenwich.com

Toilets

There are toilets located in every building. There is an accessible toilet in every building.

Quiet Spaces

There are quiet spaces in and around each building. If, while you are visiting, you find that you need somewhere quiet to retreat to, please ask a member of staff or volunteer who will assist you.

Alarms

Should an alarm sound, follow the instructions of the staff and volunteers, and make your way through any exit door.

The meeting points during a fire alarm are by the New Zealand War Memorial outside the Visitor Centre, or by the statue in the Lower Grand Square if you are near the Painted Hall or Chapel.

Locations



The Visitor Centre at the Old Royal Naval College

Visitor Centre

The Visitor Centre tells the history of the ORNC and of the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site. The centre contains interactive displays and ‘try ons’ from different periods of history. You can get further information and maps of the site from the Welcome Desk.

There are three entrances/exits. From the river the entrance consists of one revolving door and two push/pull doors with accessible push buttons. From the Old Brewery there is an automatic door and from the Cutty Sark there is an automatic door.

The Visitor Centre can sometimes be quite noisy and busy, especially during school holidays and bank holidays. The quietest times to visit are from 10:00–11:00 and from 16:00 onwards.

The ORNC shop is located in the Visitor Centre and sells a wide range of gifts and souvenirs inspired by the art and architecture of the ORNC.

Locations



The Painted Hall at the Old Royal Naval College

The Painted Hall

The Painted Hall is closed to the public until April 2017.

An ambitious conservation project began in September 2016, to clean and conserve the painted ceiling after decades of deterioration.

In April 2017, we will run Painted Hall Ceiling Tours, allowing visitors to get up close to the painted ceiling during conservation via a special Observation Deck.

Ceiling tours will last for one hour. They will be available for visitors aged 5 and above.

The Observation Deck has 56 stairs, with a lift for visitors with access difficulties. Only one wheelchair user may access the Observation Deck per tour due to regulation. Visitors will be required to wear a hard hat and high visibility jacket. Safety briefings will be given before accessing the Observation Deck.

For more information go to:
ornc.org/paintedhall

Locations



The neo-classical Chapel at the Old Royal Naval College

Chapel

The Chapel is one of the finest eighteenth-century interiors in the UK, designed by James 'Athenian' Stuart and featuring an altarpiece by the painter Benjamin West.

Entry to the Chapel is by stairs. If you are a wheelchair user and would like to visit the Chapel please ask one of our staff or a volunteers to assist you. We have staff trained in using the stair-mate.

The Chapel is generally not noisy, though it may feel busy at times.

Occasionally the Chapel organ needs tuning, which can be noisy. If you are visiting the Chapel please ask our staff or volunteers on arrival if the organ will be tuned that day.

The Chapel hosts regular music concerts and performances. It is also an active place of worship and runs regular services. It is also sometimes used for schools activities.

For more information go to: ornc.org/chapel

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The Skittle Alley at the Old Royal Naval College

Skittle Alley

The Ripley Tunnel provides a weatherproof route between the Painted Hall and the Chapel. It is reached by a spiral staircase from the Chapel.

Just off the tunnel is a basement room that was originally used as an infirmary. It was converted into the Skittle Alley in 1864, to relieve the boredom of the pensioners.

The Victorian Skittle Alley is regularly opened to the public for

games using traditional wooden skittles and old wooden practice cannonballs for bowling balls. There is noise when the skittles fall and the Skittle Alley can sometimes feel busy.

When the Skittle Alley is open there will be a volunteer to assist visitors.

For more information and opening times, please go to:
ornc.org/skittle-alley

Further Information

Website

For more information on the ORNC and its history, go to:
ornc.org

To see our upcoming events - including learning activities, musical performances at the Chapel and more, go to:
ornc.org/events

Contact

You can contact us by phone at:
+44 (0)20 8269 4747

You can also contact us by email at:
info@ornc.org

Feedback

If you have any feedback about your visit to the ORNC we have feedback forms available in all of our buildings. Please do let us know what you think.