


A scenic view of a golf course in Greenwich, Connecticut. The foreground is a lush green fairway with long shadows cast across it. In the middle ground, a person is walking on a path, and two dogs are running. The background features a large, ornate building with a prominent dome and a spire, surrounded by dense trees. The sky is clear and blue.

GREENWICH

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Observatory





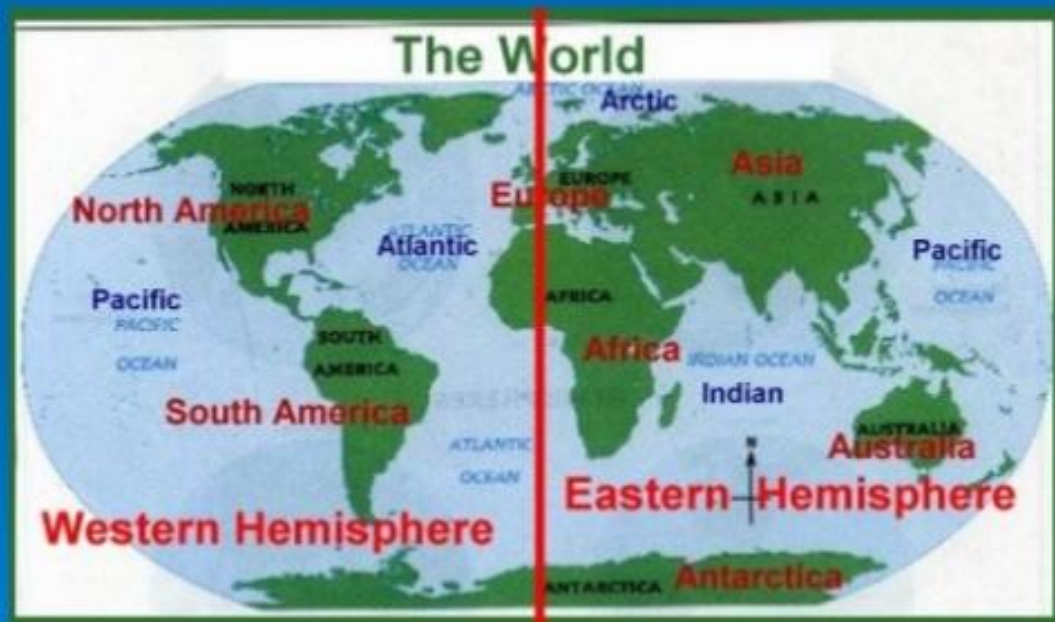
Royal Greenwich Observatory, astronomical observatory and, until its closure in 1998, the oldest scientific research institution in Great Britain. It was founded for navigational purposes in 1675 by King Charles II of England at Greenwich, and the astronomer in charge was given the title of astronomer royal. Its primary contributions were in practical astronomy—navigation, timekeeping, determination of star positions, and almanac publication.



Meridian



The imaginary line that separates East and West is the Prime Meridian. The Prime Meridian passes through Greenwich, England.





The Greenwich Meridian separates east from west in the same way that the Equator separates north from south. Inextricably linked with Greenwich Mean Time, it also sits at the centre of our system of time zones. Its path is determined by the location of an historic telescope, the Airy Transit Circle, which is housed at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich.

National Maritime Museum





The National Maritime Museum houses over 2 million objects related to seafaring; this Greenwich museum has both permanent and changing exhibitions over three floors and possesses the most important holdings in the world on the history of Britain at sea including both British and Dutch maritime art, cartography, manuscripts, and ship models.

Admission to the National Maritime Museum and Queen's House and Astronomy Centre at the Royal Observatory Greenwich are free. Charges apply to planetarium shows, some special events and exhibitions. Charges apply for adult admission to Flamsteed House and the Meridien Courtyard at the Royal Observatory Greenwich.



Fan Museum





This unique museum houses the world's finest collection of fans including exquisite examples from the 18th and 19th century. Exhibitions are changed every 4 months.

The Fan Museum's beautifully restored houses date from 1721 and provide a superb and elegant setting, together with the landscaped Japanese-style garden, the spectacular orangery with its much-admired mural and fascinating gift shop.

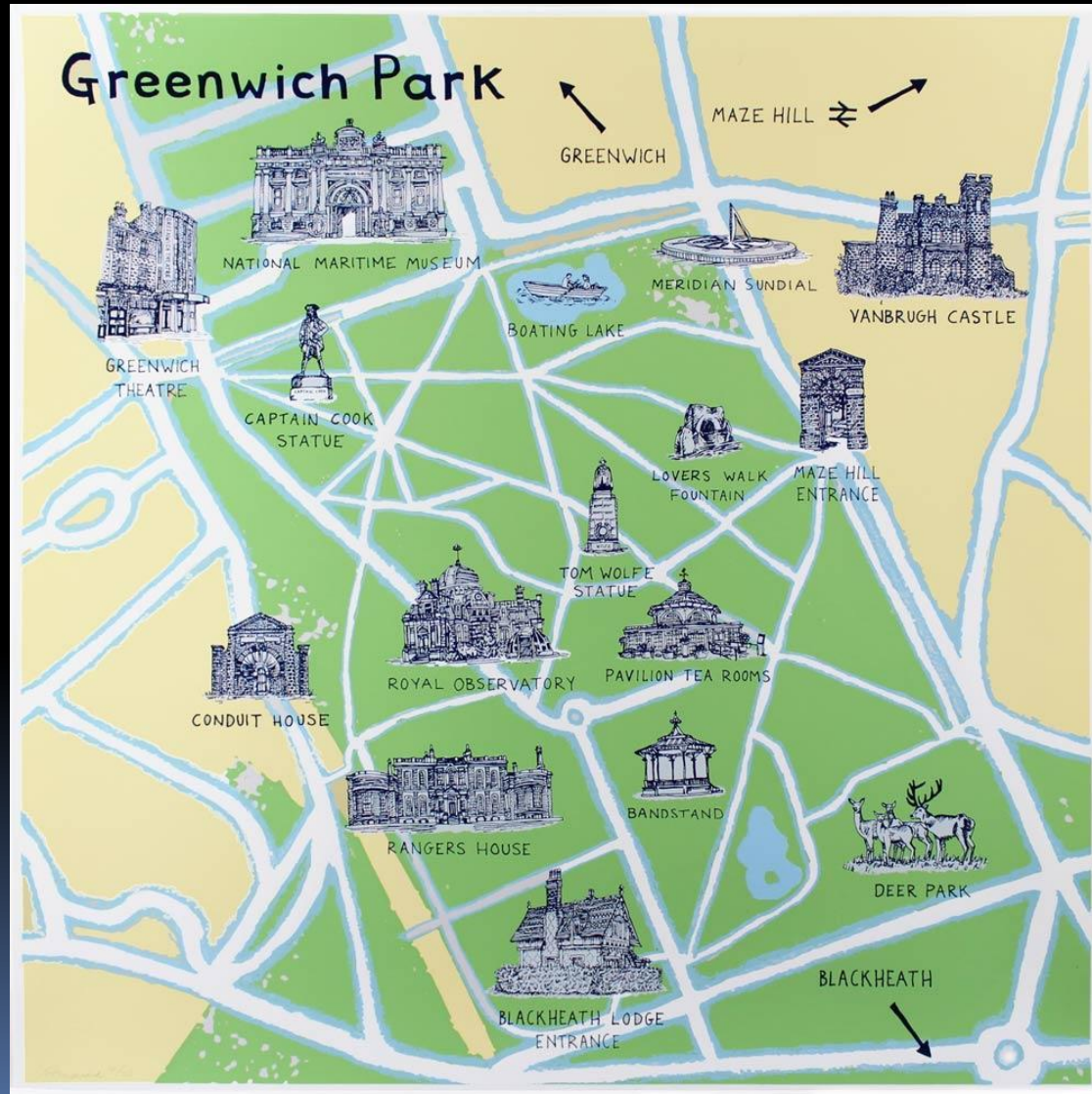


Afternoon Tea in the Orangery



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Park



is the oldest enclosed Royal Park in area, and is home to a small herd of deer. On top of a hill, visitors enjoy sweeping views across the river Thames and Central London.

The park is part of Greenwich World Heritage Site, host to the Prime Meridian Line and the old Royal Observatory, and near the National Maritime Museum. In summer, a bandstand plays host to concerts and the children's playground offers entertainment.





There are three cafés: The Tea Pavilion, with beautiful large gardens; St Mary's Gate Café (with a snack bar nearby in summer), near the National Maritime Museum; and The Honest Sausage – near the Royal Observatory. Cricket and tennis can be played.

University



The Greenwich Campus is on a World Heritage Site on the banks of the River Thames. The university's largest campus is centred on three baroque buildings designed by Sir Christopher Wren at the end of the 17th century. "More breathtaking than the Versailles of Louis XIV" is how The Independent newspaper described it.

The Stephen Lawrence Gallery provides a showcase for the work of contemporary artists. The grounds of the Old Royal Naval College, in which the Greenwich Campus is situated, also houses the tourist attractions of the Painted Hall and Chapel.

