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Welcome

From museums and art exhibitions to comedy nights and classical concerts, the University of Birmingham is home to some of the best venues and collections in the region.

Whether you are looking for an enjoyable way to spend an hour or a whole day, we have created this handy guide to help you explore what is on offer.

CADBURY RESEARCH LIBRARY

With unique archive and manuscript collections of over 4 million items and more than 200,000 rare printed books, the Cadbury Research Library is a treasure trove for researchers. Home to the University’s historic collections on a wide array of subjects, from Middle Eastern manuscripts to the collection of Noel Coward, the Cadbury Research Library offers a dedicated reading room for all interested researchers to explore and enjoy the collections. www.birmingham.ac.uk/crl

“I loved working in your archive, which is tranquil, well organised, friendly and fast”
WINTERBOURNE HOUSE & GARDEN

Tucked away in a leafy corner of campus, this delightful Edwardian house has been lovingly restored to its Arts and Crafts splendour and is now open to the public seven days a week. Inside, the history of industrial Birmingham is told through the lives of John Nettlefold and his family, who built the home in 1903.

Outside, wander through the seven-acre botanic garden and you would hardly believe you're only two miles from the city centre. University of Birmingham staff and students benefit from free entry, and standard admission is £6. A year-round programme of events ranging from RHS accredited courses on Horticulture to outdoor Shakespeare productions are also on offer. www.winterbourne.org.uk

“Thank you Winterbourne for giving me and my mom and dad a wonderful time! Thank you also to the gardeners!”

Cora, 12, Birmingham

THE BARBER INSTITUTE OF FINE ARTS

Monet, Manet, and Magritte; Renoir, Rubens, Rossetti and Rodin; Turner and Degas, Gainsborough, Gauguin and Van Gogh... Major works by these – and many more – of the greatest names in the history of western art adorn the galleries at the Barber, the Midlands' own mini National Gallery. Birmingham’s finest Art Deco building, the Barber also contains the finest collection of Roman, Byzantine and medieval coins in Europe, in its own stunning coin gallery. Exciting temporary exhibitions run year-round, along with by a busy programme of family workshops, gallery tours and talks, concerts, lectures, practical art and literature workshops – with something for all ages.

Admission to the galleries, including temporary exhibitions, is free. www.barber.org.uk
The Barber Institute of Fine Arts is home to Europe’s finest art deco concert hall, and boasts a classical chamber music and recital series dating back to 1945. The internationally acclaimed Barber Concerts series includes regular evening and lunchtime concerts, opera performances, and exciting family concerts across the year – offering something for all classical music lovers. Join us every Friday in University term time for our free lunchtime concerts. [www.barber.org.uk/concerts](http://www.barber.org.uk/concerts)

Entertainment awaits you at the Bramall. With an unrivalled mix of live music, classical concerts, comedy and evenings with celebrity speakers – you will not want to miss out. Browse events and book tickets at [www.thebramall.co.uk](http://www.thebramall.co.uk)

“It’s always such a treat to watch something in The Bramall... it’s such a stunning venue.” Freya George, Redbrick

University Music provides music-making opportunities for over 1000 students, staff and members of the local community. With a year-round programme of concerts and events University Music promotes music-making for personal wellbeing and pleasure. Simply come along to a concert and enjoy the ensembles – or get involved and become a member of one of over thirty five performing groups, including choirs, orchestras and jazz ensembles. [www.birmingham.ac.uk/universitymusic](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/universitymusic)
From alabaster vessels to zoomorphic masks, from medical instruments to modern British landscape paintings, the Research and Cultural Collections looks after a vast range of extraordinary artefacts. The collection is made up of thousands of objects, displayed within related departments and around the campuses. There are a number of accessible campus trails including a Sculpture trail, the Blue Plaque trail and an Eduardo Paolozzi Pop Art trail. Regular exhibitions are displayed in the Aston Webb Rotunda with a programme that celebrates and showcases our collections and current academic research. The collections can be explored in person and online, with lots to see on our social media channels including online exhibitions and behind-the-scenes blogs.

www.birmingham.ac.uk/rcc

Top right: The Danford Collection Figure of Mother and Child.
Bottom: Aston Webb Rotunda.

The Lapworth Museum of Geology holds the finest and most extensive collections of fossils, minerals and rocks in the Midlands. Dating back to 1880, it is one of the oldest specialist geological museums in the UK. The collections contain in excess of 250,000 specimens and stone axes. The Lapworth Archive contains one of the most complete records of the work of a scientist of that period. A visit to the Lapworth Museum provides an insight into how the Earth formed and changed through time, and how life on Earth developed and evolved.

www.birmingham.ac.uk/lapworth-museum
**HOW TO FIND US**

**Location**
The University of Birmingham is located in south-west Birmingham, approximately 3 miles from the city centre. For maps and information about getting to the University please visit [www.birmingham.ac.uk/maps](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/maps).

**By train**
Local trains operated by London Midland run from Birmingham New Street to University Station, a short walk from the centre of the campus. Please check train times at [www.londonmidland.com](http://www.londonmidland.com).

**By bus**
Local buses run along the Bristol Road and Pritchatts Road. Please check bus timetables at [www.nxbus.co.uk](http://www.nxbus.co.uk).

**PARKING**

**Pay and Display**
North East Car Park: 52 Pritchatts Road. Satnav: B15 2SA
North Car Park: Pritchatts Road.

**Free Parking**
Free parking is available adjacent to the Barber Institute via the East Gate on evenings from 4.30pm onward and at weekends. No permit required.

**Winterbourne visitors**
Parking is available at Winterbourne House for visitors to the house and garden only.

**Blue Badge holders**
Parking is available on campus beyond the security barriers.

**FOOD & DRINK**

A number of the cultural attractions on campus, have their own catering outlets, including the tea room at Winterbourne, Costa Coffee shop at The Bramall and refreshments area at The Barber Institute of Fine Arts. There are also other places to eat and drink all across campus. For full information, including opening times, please visit [www.birmingham.ac.uk/foodanddrink](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/foodanddrink).

Cover images (clockwise from bottom left):
1. Albrecht Dürer *The Rhinoceros* woodcut, Cadbury Research Library.
2. Gold solidus of Emperor Heraclius and his two sons, The Barber Institute of Fine Arts.
7. Winterbourne House and Garden.

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