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Museums, galleries, tours and culture

Barber Institute of Fine Arts

You can experience some of the finest art in Europe on our Edgbaston campus every day of the week by visiting our world-renowned Barber Institute of Fine Arts with its impressive collection of works by some of history's greatest artists including Monet, Van Gogh, Botticelli, Degas, Picasso and Magritte, the collection has been described as one of the finest small art galleries in the world. A constantly changing array of visiting artwork and exhibitions makes the Barber Institute a lively and vibrant gallery. A range of family activities, art classes and concerts are also offered by staff and students and many are open to the public. Find out more on the **Barber Institute of Fine Arts website (http://www.barber.org.uk/)** .

Campus Sculpture Trail

Discover the wealth of styles, subjects and shapes of the University's sculpture collection. Download the guide from the **Sculpture Trail website (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/collections/sculpturetrail.aspx)** and enjoy our campus and its art any day of the year, at any time and in any weather.

Chancellor's Court Heritage Trail

You are welcome on to the University's campus at any time. While here, why not explore Chancellor's Court, the historical heart of the University at the centre of the campus; these buildings were completed in 1909. Follow our **heritage trail (http://www.about.bham.ac.uk/centenary/heritagetrail/index.shtml)** around the outside and inside of the buildings and find out more about their fascinating history, and their importance to the city of Birmingham and the world.

Lapworth Museum of Geology

Our Lapworth Museum of Geology has been designated as an 'Outstanding Collection' by the Arts and Humanities Research Council. You are welcome to explore our 250,000 specimens including rocks, fossils and minerals. We also house a separate collection of some 15,000 minerals. Find out about the museum's location and opening times from the **Lapworth Museum website (http://www.lapworth.bham.ac.uk)** .

Special Collections

Visit our collection of rare books and manuscripts dating back to 1471. Some 120,000 books and 3 million manuscripts are available for you to explore. There is no charge to access the University's Special Collections but you will be required to apply for a Special Collections card (valid for 3 years) to be able to access them. Find out about locations and opening times from the **Special Collections website (/facilities/cadbury/index.aspx)** .

Winterbourne House and Garden

The University's own Botanic Garden has recently been restored to its Edwardian Arts and Craft splendour. Winterbourne House is set within seven acres of beautiful botanic gardens, home to beautiful antiques and over 6,000 plant species from around the world. A range of events throughout the year for all will allow you to explore one of Birmingham's many hidden gems. Find out about entry prices, location and opening times by visiting the **Winterbourne House and Garden website (http://www.winterbourne.org.uk)** .

Top performances

Join us on campus throughout the year for our suite of concerts and dramatic performances. The University's programme of events includes both free and charged performances in the Barber Institute of Fine Arts' Art Deco concert hall. We also stage a range of dramatic performances in the Drama department's George Cadbury Hall near the Selly Oak campus. In 2012, our new music auditorium will provide another world-class location for concerts, and a new home for our prestigious music department.

To find out more about the University's numerous performances and live events, please visit the following pages:

- **Barber Institute music (http://www.barber.org.uk/music.html)**
- **Drama and Theatre Arts (http://www.drama.bham.ac.uk/productions/)**
- **Winterbourne House and Garden (http://www.winterbourne.org.uk/whats-on/events/cat.listevents/2010/06/28/-)**

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