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LONDON AND SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH REMS SECTION

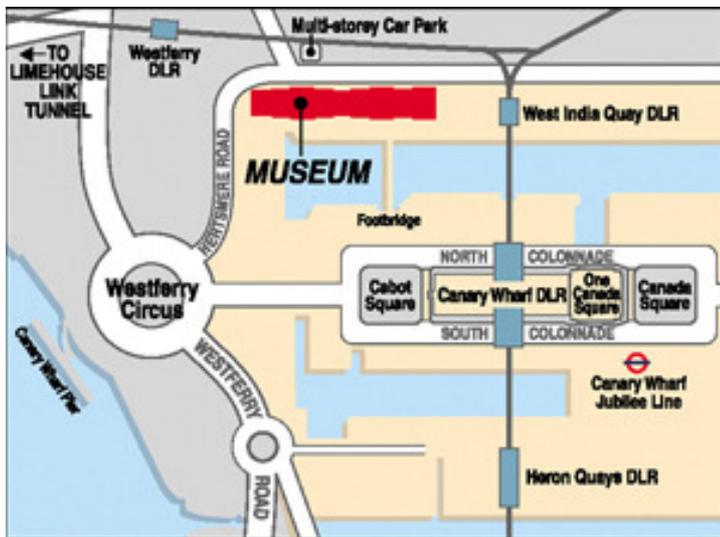
Visit to Docklands Museum and Canary Wharf walkabout Thursday 11 March 2004

This visit has been organised by Dennis Hill

The Museum explores the story of London's River, Port and People, from Roman settlement of the port, through to the recent regeneration of London's former Docklands - a 2000 year storyline. The Museum is located over five floors of a splendid late Georgian warehouse on West India Quay (close to the DLR station)- literally in the shadow of the Canary Wharf district - and offers twelve major galleries, a children's gallery, education services, functions suites, a restaurant and a shop. Galleries show how the region has been at the heart of centuries of social and economic change and pay homage to the people who helped to build and shape it - and those who continue to do so.

A design approach, which unites traditional museum displays with multi media technologies, animates a rich and all encompassing storyline in ways that are both engaging and inter-active. Artefacts, engravings, paintings, testimonies and photographs drawn from the outstanding collections of the Museum of London and the Port of London Authority, emphasise the skills and ingenuity of Dockland communities. Temporary exhibitions and events programmes will showcase the region's rich cultural heritage and provide a platform for contemporary expression and debate.

The Museum has been developed with the support of the following major funders: the Heritage Lottery Fund; the Isle of Dogs Community Fund; the Corporation of London; the Port of London Authority; the Museum of London, the Department of Culture, Media and Sport and Canary Wharf Group plc. For further details go to <http://www.museumindocklands.org.uk/museum.htm>.



Programme:

10.30-11.00 Meet in Ledger House next to the museum. (if unavailable, meet in the Museum's cafe). Pre-booked retired persons group visit to the Museum

13.00 Return to the Ledger House for lunch

14.00 Take the footbridge over the West India Quay, walk to Canary Wharf DLR station looking at the gardens outside the station en route.

14.30 Take the DLR to Custom House station. Alight, walk 5 minutes and take the lift up to the top of the High Level Footbridge across the Royal

Victoria Dock. Look east to London City Airport and west to Canary Wharf.

15.00 Return to Custom House station. Either take the DLR to Bank, Stratford, Tower Gateway or the North London Line to Stratford, Highbury & Islington (for Victoria Line Tube) or Richmond.

The cost will be approximately £3 pp payable on the day.