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LONDON AND SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH REMS SECTION

## **Visit to LEEDS CASTLE Thursday 11 August 2005**

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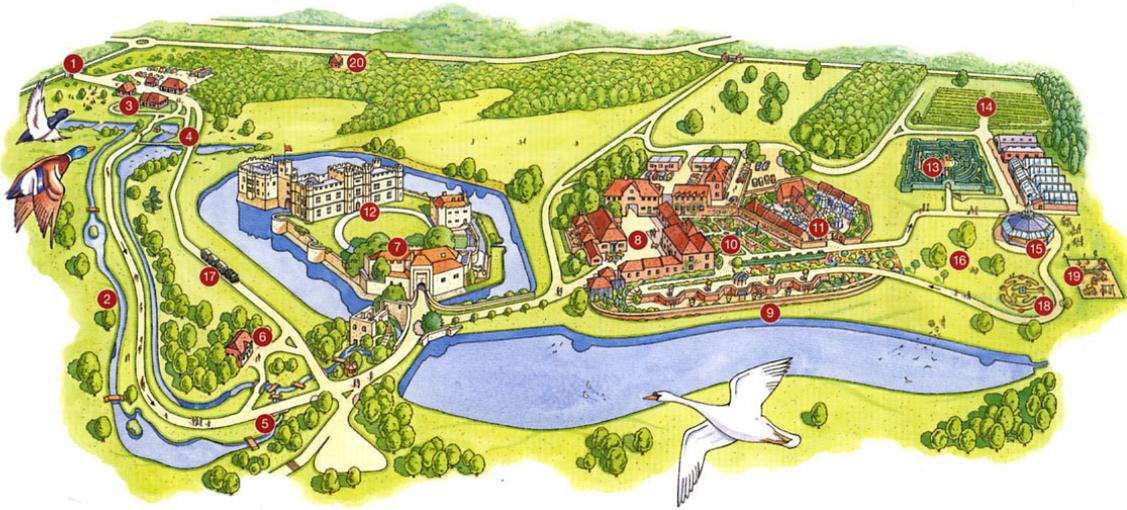
Leeds Castle is listed in the Domesday Book. It has been a Norman stronghold, a royal residence for six of England's medieval queens, and a palace of Henry VIII. Today it stands in extensive and beautiful Gardens, surrounded by the waters of the traditional moat. Apart from the castle, it has a maze with an underground grotto, a falconry display at 1.30 or 3.30, an aviary, and a dog collar museum, including some historic dog collars. New for this year is the Birds of Prey Tour. Falconers Leigh and Jo provide a fascinating insight into the world of birds of prey, which provides information on the predators, an opportunity to see them close up and handle one of the birds. The castle has a guide in every room. <http://www.leeds-castle.com/>

There is one large restaurant and one tearoom.

Leeds Castle is best approached by car from from the M20 (from London.) If you turn off at junction 8 into the A20, it is signposted all the way.. There is a single coach at 9am from Victoria Coach Station leaving at 9 and returning at 3.45 which goes right into the grounds. There is also an hourly train service from Victoria with a connecting coach service to Leeds castle. The 9.18 arrives at Bearstead at 10.28. Coaches return from Leeds Castle at 15.00, 16.00 and 17.00

The cost including a specialist group package Birds of Prey is £11.50. Castle Falconers Leigh and Jo provide insight into the fascinating world of birds of prey. Learn about all about these amazing predators and see them close up, with the opportunity to handle one of the birds. Note the none group rate for senior citizens is £11.00

Meet at the Park shop and plant centre by 10.50. Numbers minimum 15 and maximum of 25 for the Birds of Prey.



Orientation Map

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|------------------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| 1 Main Entrance              | 6 Pavilion and Garden                       | 11 Aviary          | 16 Falconry Displays (daily April-Sept) |
| 2 Wood Garden                | 7 Gatehouse and Audio Tour collection point | 12 Castle          | 17 Land Train Route                     |
| 3 Park Shop and Plant Centre | 8 Restaurant, Shop and Dog Collar Museum    | 13 Maze and Grotto | 18 Turf Maze                            |
| 4 Duckery                    | 9 Lady Baillie Garden                       | 14 Vineyard        | 19 Toddlers' Play Area (under 5s)       |
| 5 Wood Garden                | 10 Culpeper Garden                          | 15 Wykeham Martin  | 20 Golf Centre                          |

Attractions/facilities are subject to seasonal changes