



# Girlguiding LaSER London Challenge














Welcome to the Girlguiding LaSER London Challenge! All the places involved in this badge have connections with guiding. You can visit as many as you want in a day or over a period of time. The Senior Section may wish to do as many as they can in a day, whilst Rainbows may want to visit one or two in a day - the choice is yours! There are other activities that can be done in unit meetings.

Once you have gained 100 points then you are entitled to be awarded your Girlguiding LaSER London Challenge Badge. Badges will be available from Region Office at a cost of £1.20 each which includes postage and packing. Cheques should be made payable to Girlguiding LaSER. Please email [info@girlguidinglaser.org.uk](mailto:info@girlguidinglaser.org.uk) with quantity and postal address once you've completed the challenge.

We hope you have fun completing the Challenge - please ensure that Girlguiding rules and ratios are adhered to when visiting London with your unit.







## Visits






Place	Points	Address	Information	Website
Girlguiding HQ 	10	17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 0PT Near: Victoria Station	Visit the headquarters of Girlguiding, say hello and have a look in the shop.	<a href="http://www.girlguiding.org.uk">www.girlguiding.org.uk</a>
ICANDO 	10	17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 0PT Near: Victoria Station	ICANDO is one of Girlguiding's flagship activity centres. Situated in the heart of London, we're the perfect base for groups visiting for a day.	<a href="http://www.icando.org.uk/home.aspx">http://www.icando.org.uk/home.aspx</a>
Big Ben 	10 for Rainbows and Brownies; 5 for Guides and The Senior Section	Houses of Parliament, Parliament Square, London, SW1A 0AA Near: Westminster Station	Listen to Big Ben chime on the hour - do you recognise the tune?  NB - tours of the Elizabeth Tower (and Big Ben) can be arranged through your MP, however they are only available for those aged 11 and over.	<a href="http://www.parliament.uk/bigben">http://www.parliament.uk/bigben</a>
Crystal Palace Maze 	15	Crystal Palace Park, Thicket Road, London, SE19 2GA Near: Crystal Palace	This historic Maze was completely renovated and redesigned by Girlguiding in 2008 and completed in 2010, to mark the launch of its centenary celebrations. A small group of girls dared to attend a Scouts' Rally in	<a href="http://www.everythingcrystalpalace.co.uk/whatinpark/the-maze.html">http://www.everythingcrystalpalace.co.uk/whatinpark/the-maze.html</a>

		Station	Crystal Palace Park in 1909 and approached Lord Robert Baden-Powell, requesting that he set up 'something for the girls'.	
Baden-Powell House 	10	65-67 Queen's Gate, London, SW7 5JS Near: Gloucester Road Station	There is a small exhibition of Lord Baden-Powell's life in Scouting, with artefacts and a souvenir counter. The building opened in 1961, and was originally paid for by Scouts around the world. Outside the building is a statue of Baden-Powell by Don Potter. Did you know this is the only granite statue in London?	<a href="http://members.scouts.org.uk/cms.php?pageid=2104">http://members.scouts.org.uk/cms.php?pageid=2104</a>
Pax Lodge 	10	12c Lyndhurst Road, London, NW3 5PQ Near: Belsize Park or Hampstead Health Stations	Pax Lodge is one of five World Centres of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). The Centre is situated in Hampstead, North London, next door to the World Bureau - the International Headquarters of WAGGGS.	<a href="https://www.waggs.org/en/our-world/world-centres/pax-lodge">https://www.waggs.org/en/our-world/world-centres/pax-lodge</a>
Buckingham Palace 	15	Buckingham Palace, London, SW1A 1AA Near: Victoria Station	The 1st Buckingham Palace Company was formed in 1937 to allow the then Princess Elizabeth (the current Queen) to be a Girl Guide. A Brownie Pack was also opened at the same time for Princess Margaret. The 1st Buckingham Palace Company was reformed in 1959 for Princess Anne, and remained active until 1963.	<a href="http://www.royal.gov.uk/theroyalresidences/buckinghampalace/buckinghampalace.aspx">http://www.royal.gov.uk/theroyalresidences/buckinghampalace/buckinghampalace.aspx</a>  <a href="https://www.royalcollection.org.uk/visit/the-state-rooms-buckingham-palace">https://www.royalcollection.org.uk/visit/the-state-rooms-buckingham-palace</a>
Tower of London 	15	The Tower of London, Tower Hill, London, EC3N 4AB Near: Tower Hill	The White Tower of the Tower of London features some of the London County badges. See if you can spot one of the famous ravens of the Tower of London!	<a href="http://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/">http://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/</a>
Hampton Court Palace 	15	Hampton Court Palace, East Molesey, Surrey, KT8 9AU Near: Wimbledon or Richmond Stations	Lady Baden-Powell lived in a grace and favour apartment in Hampton Court Palace from 1943 to 1976.	<a href="http://www.hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace/">http://www.hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace/</a>
Peter Pan Statue 	10	Kensington Gardens, Hyde Park, London, W2 2UH Near: Lancaster Gate Station	The bronze statue of Peter Pan is in Kensington Gardens, next to Hyde Park. The exact location was chosen by Peter Pan's author, J.M. Barrie. Barrie lived close to Kensington Gardens and published his first Peter Pan story in 1902, using the park for inspiration. How many different animals can you see on the statue and what are they?	<a href="https://www.royalparks.org.uk/parks/kensington-gardens/things-to-see-and-do/memorials,-fountains-and-statues/the-peter-pan-statue">https://www.royalparks.org.uk/parks/kensington-gardens/things-to-see-and-do/memorials,-fountains-and-statues/the-peter-pan-statue</a>
10 Downing Street 	5 (5 bonus points if you take a selfie through the gates, with	Downing Street, off Whitehall, London, SW1A 2AA Near: Westminster Station	10 Downing Street is the home of the British Prime Minister. Unfortunately, there has been no public access to Downing Street since the end of the 1980s; however Number 10 can still be viewed through the famous gates.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/history/10-downing-street">https://www.gov.uk/government/history/10-downing-street</a>

Why not start your Baden-Powell Challenge?


Watch birds and animals in the gardens and gain a Wildlife Explorer badge!






	number 10 in the background)			
BP Memorial (Westminster Abbey) 	10	Westminster Abbey, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster, London, SW1P 3PA Near: Westminster Station	Inside Westminster Abbey, in the south aisle of the Nave, there is a memorial to Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. Go in through the main door, about 15 metres in and around to the right, and it's against the screen of St. George's Chapel.	<a href="http://www.westminster-abbey.org/">http://www.westminster-abbey.org/</a>
Olympia 	10	Olympia, Hammersmith Road, London, W14 8UX Near: Kensington (Olympia)	Why not visit an exhibition or event at Olympia? The 1 <sup>st</sup> International Scout Jamboree was held at Olympia in 1920, and the venue is still very impressive today.	<a href="http://olympia.London/">http://olympia.London/</a>
Kensington Palace 	10	Kensington Palace, Kensington Gardens, London, W8 4PX Near: High Street Kensington	Princess Margaret was the President of Girlguiding UK and used to hold Queen's Guide Award presentations at Kensington Palace.	<a href="http://www.hrp.org.uk/kensington-palace/">http://www.hrp.org.uk/kensington-palace/</a>
MI5 	10 for Rainbows and Brownies, 5 for Guides and The Senior Section	Thames House, 12 Millbank, London, SW1P 4QE Near: Pimlico Station	90 teenage Guides became spooks working for security service MI5 in the First World War. All the girls who worked for MI5 between 1914 and 1918 were aged from 14 to 16. The secret role of the girls was uncovered when Girlguiding and MI5 researched their histories as part of the centenary celebrations. Take a photo of yourself outside of this iconic building!	<a href="https://www.mi5.gov.uk/home/about-us/who-we-are/thames-house.html">https://www.mi5.gov.uk/home/about-us/who-we-are/thames-house.html</a>
O2 and Emirates Air Line 	10	The O2, Peninsula Square, London, SE10 0DX Near: North Greenwich Station	Visit O2 and see London's only cable car! Why not have a look at Emirates Air Line and spot some other attractions in North Greenwich area?	<a href="http://www.emiratesairline.co.uk/local-attractions/">http://www.emiratesairline.co.uk/local-attractions/</a>
Monument 	10 (+10 if you climb it for Rainbows and Brownies, +5 if you climb it for Guides and The Senior Section)	Monument, Fish Street Hill, London, EC3R 8AH Near: Monument Station	Pay the Monument a visit - can you climb to the top of it? How many steps is that? Do you know what it commemorates?	<a href="http://www.themonument.info">http://www.themonument.info</a>
Fly the London Eye	15	South Bank, London, SE1 7PB Near: Waterloo	A great way to see London is to take a flight on the London Eye! This was the starting point for LaSER's Eye 2 Ei Challenge in 2004.	<a href="https://www.Londoneye.com/">https://www.Londoneye.com/</a>

		Station		
The Shard 	10 (+5 points if you know one of the different names for The Shard)	32 London Bridge St, London SE1 9SG Near: London Bridge Station	The Shard is the tallest building in the United Kingdom! Go and have a look at this massive skyscraper. Do you know how tall The Shard is and how many floors it has?	<a href="http://www.the-shard.com/">http://www.the-shard.com/</a>
Wembley Stadium 	15	London HA9 0WS Near: Wembley Park Station	Wembley Stadium is a football stadium which opened in 2007. BIG GIG 2017 is being held there this year! Why not and have a look before the gig in October?	<a href="http://www.wembleystadium.com/">http://www.wembleystadium.com/</a>
Palace of Westminster and gardens 	10 (+10 points if you find and name a statue nearby)	London SW1A 0AA Near: Westminster Station	The Palace of Westminster is the meeting place of the House of Commons and the House of Lords, the two houses of the Parliament of the United Kingdom. The majestic building is also surrounded by the fields of green - visit the gardens. Can you spot some statues around?	<a href="https://www.London.gov.uk/about-us/our-building-and-squares/parliament-square-garden">https://www.London.gov.uk/about-us/our-building-and-squares/parliament-square-garden</a>
Olympic Stadium 	10	London E20 2ST Near: Stratford	Visit Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and the Olympic Stadium in Stratford. Did you know it was built specifically for the 2012 Summer Olympics and the 2012 Summer Paralympics?	<a href="http://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/">http://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/</a>  <a href="http://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/the-park/venues/the-stadium">http://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/the-park/venues/the-stadium</a>




Olympic Stadium is the perfect place to gain your Agility Brownie badge!

### Activity-Visits Crossovers

Item	Points	Information	Website
Methods of Transport 	5 per method (max. 15 possible for Guides and The Senior Section) BUT (+5 if you use an Oyster card)	Try out different methods of transport! Girls from inside London and South East Region (LaSER) - Bus, Tube, River Boat, Docklands Light Rail (DLR), Bicycle Hire (Boris Bikes), Emirates Air Line, Black Cab.  Girls from outside Girlguiding LaSER - All the above plus main line train and car.	<a href="https://tfl.gov.uk/">https://tfl.gov.uk/</a>










<p>Three/Four or More in a Day</p> 	10 (bonus)	<p>Rainbows or Brownies - Three or more places/activities from this challenge in 24 hours.</p> <p>Guides or The Senior Section - Four or more places/activities from this challenge in 24 hours.</p>	N/A
<p>Street Theatre</p> 	10	Go and watch some Street Theatre at Trafalgar Square, South Bank or Covent Garden. Alternatively, you can have a Street Theatre Evening in your Unit.	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Street_theatre">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Street_theatre</a>
<p>London Show</p> 	10 for seeing a recorded show, 20 for seeing a live show	Visit a London Show, or watch/listen to a recorded one with your Unit.	<a href="http://www.officialLondontheatre.co.uk/London-shows/">http://www.officialLondontheatre.co.uk/London-shows/</a>
<p>Monopoly Run</p> 	30	Take part in a Monopoly Run of London with your Unit - a challenge to visit all the places on a Monopoly Board. Plan your route and use a travel card. How about doing this as part of a District/Division Challenge?	N/A
<p>Virtual Visits</p> 	5 per visit (max. 20 possible for girls inside Girlguiding LaSER)	Can't get out to London? No problem - use the internet to visit places from this challenge online!	N/A

## Activities

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<p>Design Your Own Garden</p> 	5 (+5 when paired with visiting the Peter Pan Statue)	<p>Garden Designs can be in the form of collages, computer aided, paintings - any format you choose.</p> <p>Rainbows and Brownies - why not try making a plate garden?</p> <p>Guides and The Senior Section may wish to create their garden in a larger flower box, or something even grander (+5 points for this).</p>	N/A
<p>Make a Scrapbook</p> 	20 for Rainbows and Brownies, 15 for Guides and The Senior Section	Create a scrapbook of your visit/virtual visit to London. Don't forget to hang on to any tickets or photos gathered along the way!	N/A
<p>London Postcards</p> 	5	Make a display using London postcards. If possible, display your collection in your meeting place.	N/A





Cockney Rhyming Slang 	10	Try using Cockney Rhyming Slang at one or your meetings. Where must you be born to be a true Cockney?	<a href="http://www.cockneyrhymingslang.co.uk/">http://www.cockneyrhymingslang.co.uk/</a> <a href="http://aldertons.com/">http://aldertons.com/</a>
Oranges and Lemons 	5	Play Oranges and Lemons at one of your meetings. Oranges and Lemons is an English nursery rhyme and a singing game which refers to the bells of several churches, all within or close to the City of London. Why not find these places on a map for bonus 5 points?	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oranges_and_Lemons">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oranges_and_Lemons</a>
London Bridge is Falling Down 	5	London Bridge is Falling Down is a well-known traditional nursery rhyme and singing game. Play this singing game with your Unit. This might be well paired with the Oranges and Lemons activity.	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/London_Bridge_Is_Falling_Down">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/London_Bridge_Is_Falling_Down</a>
Brass Rubbings 	5	You used to be able to do brass rubbings in Westminster Abbey, before it was stopped in 1998. Try doing some brass rubbings at your Unit meeting place.	N/A
Pearly Kings and Queens 	15	Why not have a Pearly Kings and Queens Evening, dress up as Pearly Kings and Queens, or 'do the Lambeth Walk'?	<a href="http://www.pearlyociety.co.uk/">http://www.pearlyociety.co.uk/</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Lambeth_Walk">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Lambeth_Walk</a>
Down at the Old Bull and Bush 	15	Have an Old Time Music Hall Evening with your Unit! This could include dressing up, listening to music, singing songs, and dancing.	N/A
Trying London Foods 	10 (20 if girls help prepare the food)	These might be any London delicacies you can think of. Perhaps everybody's favourite fish and chips? Add some mushy peas or a colourful salad to make it healthier! If girls would like to try making some of these themselves (probably Guides or The Senior Section), the points can be doubled!	<a href="http://www.historic-uk.com/CultureUK/Fish-Chips/">http://www.historic-uk.com/CultureUK/Fish-Chips/</a>
Make a Map 	10	Make a map of London showing where all the famous places in this challenge are. If you can, you may wish to display it in your meeting place.	N/A
Monopoly 	10	The traditional London Monopoly board covers any number of famous London locations. Use one of your meetings to play a game of Monopoly.	N/A

