

LONDON BUS HERITAGE DAY

SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER 2017



Leyland buses from 1950 at Horse Guards Parade on a previous Heritage Day.

For nearly 200 years, London's transport system has been an integral part of London life, allowing the city to grow and its people to live away from their workplaces. From early horse buses and horse trams to electric trains and diesel buses, the story continues with modern all-electric buses.

Along the way, the red London bus has become a symbol of the city, recognised all over the world. The history of these buses, and the horse buses that preceded them, is presented at the London Bus Museum at Brooklands in Surrey, open daily. The Museum is a working museum, and the best way to present historic buses is in their natural setting, doing the job for which they were designed. Today sees London's classic buses, the famous Routemaster and its predecessors, return to operate free services on routes across the centre of London, primarily on route 11 from Trafalgar Square to Chelsea.

Today's free services are on route 11, every 10-15 minutes between Aldwych and Chelsea, less frequently to Liverpool Street and Hammersmith, plus routes 24 (Pimlico to Camden Town) and 31 (Chelsea to Westbourne Park), with morning journeys on route 3 (Trafalgar Square to Brixton) and afternoon journeys on route 38 (Victoria to Rosebery Avenue). Most will be operated by double-deck buses with an open platform at the rear, worked by a driver and a conductor.



Routemasters on five different routes in Trafalgar Square in the 1980s.

London Bus Museum at Brooklands, Surrey is open 360 days a year and shares the site with the Brooklands Museum, dedicated to aviation and motor racing. Refer to our website for more details about our work, visiting the museum and how to join us www.LondonBusMuseum.com.

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