



See things differently as the people behind museums and collections in Cambridge share their favourite objects, artworks and specimens

## DISCOVER THEIR FAVOURITES . . .

**Totem Pole** — First floor, Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology  
*"... I think about its journey from being a tree, to being cut and carved, to being displayed here in the museum."*  
 Allegra Jaffe, Gallery Attendant

**Andrews Gallery**  
 Second floor, Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology  
*"I marvel at...the iridescent colours that the objects create as they deteriorate ..."*  
 Kirstie Williams, University of Cambridge Museums Organics Conservator

**Parrotia persica** — Towards the south end of Henslow Walk, near the Systematic Beds, Cambridge University Botanic Garden  
*"It hints at the exotic, distant lands of childhood fairy stories ..."*  
 Sally Pettitt, Head of Horticulture

**Nelumbo nucifera**  
 Tropical Wetlands glasshouse, Cambridge University Botanic Garden  
*"Its biology is as fascinating as its cultural significance."*  
 Alex Summers, Glasshouse Supervisor

**The Mayor's Chair** — First Floor, Dining Room, Museum of Cambridge  
*"... a wonderful symbol of the complex relationship between town and gown."* Tom Balderstone, Creative Apprentice

**Docky Bag** — First Floor, Fens Room, Museum of Cambridge  
*"... a complex reminder of social status and of human rights."*  
 Catherine Morris, Director

**Professor Okey's Bedbug Trap**  
 Ground Floor, Snug, Museum of Cambridge  
*"... different layers of mattresses, loads of blankets, and they also had lots of bugs."*  
 Melanie Worgan, Learning Officer

**The Barberini Faun** — Museum of Classical Archaeology  
*"... the Faun embodies an animality which is hard to ignore."*  
 Dr Susanne Turner, Curator

**The Cambridge Hoard of Medieval gold and silver coins**  
 Rothschild Gallery, The Fitzwilliam Museum  
*"... many weeks of painstaking but absolutely fascinating work ..."*  
 Dr Martin Allen, Senior Assistant Keeper

**Poplars, 1891, Claude Monet** — Gallery 5, The Fitzwilliam Museum  
*"... no matter how dismal the weather outside, you feel lifted by it."*  
 Rachel Gardner, Gallery Attendant

**Ceiling domes** — Entrance Hall, The Polar Museum  
*"... they tell of the history of exploration and the geography ..."*  
 Naomi Chapman, Education and Outreach Assistant

**Stony Iron Meteorites**  
 Planet Earth Gallery, Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences  
*"... at 4.6 billion years old, they are probably older than the earth itself."*  
 David Arnold, Geology Graduate & Museum Volunteer

**Mechanical Calculator** — Electric Room, Cambridge Museum of Technology  
*"Things that are big and powerful start with mathematical calculations."* David Stubbings, Museum Volunteer

**1923 Babcock and Wilcox Boiler**  
 Boiler Room, Cambridge Museum of Technology  
*"... one of the furnace doors is opened...releasing a burst of heat and light."* John Connett, Steam Team Volunteer

**Walking Stick with Leech Compartment**  
 Discovery Gallery, Whipple Museum of the History of Science  
*"... this seems absurd, and it is for this reason that I love this item."*  
 Rosanna Evans, Museum Intern

What's your favourite object, artwork, specimen or space in our collections?

Send us your story and it could appear in the University of Cambridge Museums blog

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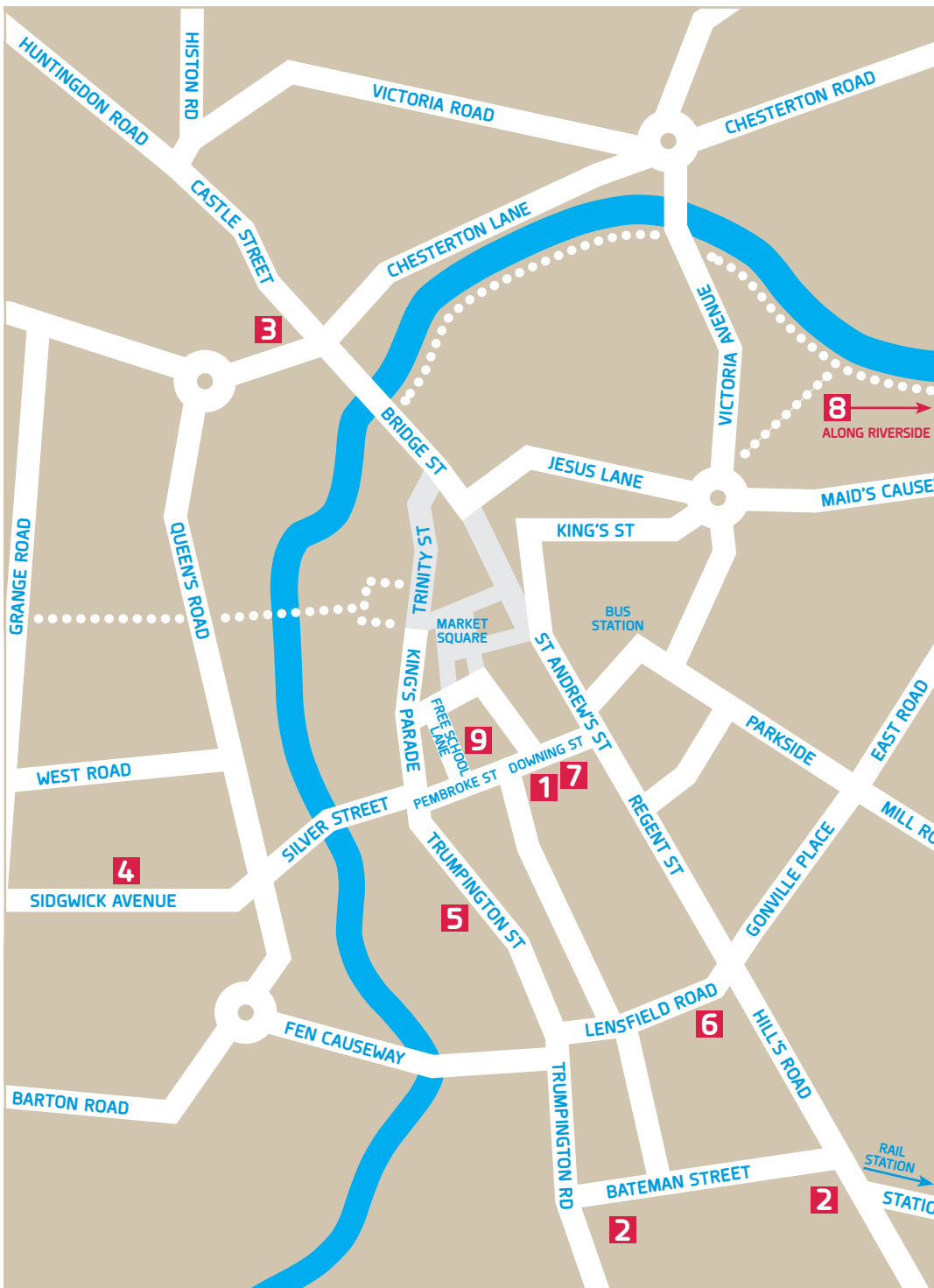
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# MY MUSEUM FAVOURITE

Wander at your leisure and discover this collection of hidden stories written by staff and volunteers across Cambridge museums

## FIND THE FAVOURITES ...

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### Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology

**1** Downing Street CB2 3DZ  
**FREE entry**  
 Open Tuesday to Saturday 10.30-4.30  
 Closed on Bank Holidays

### The Polar Museum

**6** Lensfield Road CB2 1ER  
**FREE entry**  
 Open Tuesday to Saturday and Bank Holiday Mondays 10-4  
 Closed Bank Holiday weekend Saturdays

### Cambridge University Botanic Garden

**2** Gates at Brookside and Station Road CB2 1JE  
**Adults £4.50, accompanying children (0-16) free**  
 Open daily at 10, April to September 10-6; February, March, October 10-5; November to December 10-4

### Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences

**7** Downing Street CB2 3ER  
**FREE entry**  
 Open Monday to Friday 10-1 & 2-5, Saturday 10-4  
 Bank Holiday Mondays 10-1 & 2-5

### Museum of Cambridge

**3** Castle Street CB3 0AQ  
**Adults £3.50 (concessions £2)**  
**Children (age 6-12) £1**  
**One free child with every full paying adult**  
 Open Tuesday to Saturday 10.30-5  
 Sunday & Bank Holiday Mondays 2-5

### Cambridge Museum of Technology

**8** Riverside CB5 8LD  
**Adults £3.50 non-steam days, £5.50 steam days**  
**Children (age 7-16) £1.50 non-steam days, £3 steam days**  
 Open Sunday 2-5 (Easter to October)  
 Open first Sunday in the month 2-5 (November to Easter)

### Museum of Classical Archaeology

**4** Sidgwick Avenue CB3 9DA  
**FREE entry**  
 Open Monday to Friday 10-5  
 Saturday 10-1 (University term-time only)  
 Closed on Bank Holiday Mondays

### Whipple Museum of the History of Science

**9** Free School Lane CB2 3RH  
**FREE entry**  
 Open Monday to Friday 12.30-4.30  
 Special Saturday opening 14 September 12.30-4.30  
 Closed on Bank Holidays

### The Fitzwilliam Museum

**5** Trumpington Street CB2 1RB  
**FREE entry**  
 Open Tuesday to Saturday 10-5  
 Sunday & Bank Holiday Mondays 12-5

