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WHAT: HISTORIC PORTSMOUTH FAMILY DAY

WHEN: SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER 2018

TRANSPORT: CAR OR TRAIN

By Car, approx 1 hr 30 mins plus 15 mins Park & Ride

By Train Teddington-Portsmouth Harbour, 2 hr 20mins

Book advance train tickets for the best price.

TIME AND MEETING PLACE:

Train passengers meet at Teddington Station at **9.00am**.

Train & car passengers meet in Spinnaker café **11.45am**.

Optional tea meet up at Spinnaker Café **4pm**.

Leave Portsmouth Harbour train station **4.45pm**.

COST: Travel & food plus optional tickets – see below

BRING: Fleece, waterproof, snacks & water bottle.

LEADERS: Steph Wilkinson & Janet Dilley

MINIMUM 20 PEOPLE – NO MAXIMUM

A minimum number is needed to make this work well as we would like everyone to be part of a small group as we split up to eat & explore different areas for the day.



HMS Warrior in the Historic Dockyard

**HISTORIC DOCKYARD - SEA
WATERFRONT - SHIPS - SHOPS
CATHEDRAL - CAFES - WALKS**

**PORTSMOUTH HARBOUR
FAMILY DAY OUT
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Portsmouth is an historic city that has enjoyed substantial regeneration in recent years. It offers a broad range of sights and activities making it a great destination for a family day out. There are **three connected waterfront areas: Gunwharf Quays, Historic Dockyard & the Chain Walk** (also called the Millennium Promenade). Our group meeting point at the start and end of the day will be the Spinnaker Cafe at the base of the tall modern Spinnaker Tower right on the waterfront which can be clearly seen from all around. Get your bearings by downloading a Portsmouth map at <https://www.visitportsmouth.co.uk/visitor-information/maps-and-downloads>.

After arriving by train or car we'll assemble at the Spinnaker Cafe at 11.45 to set out the arrangements, ensure you all have the information and maps you need and everyone is attached to a small group. Then we recommend exploring part, if not all, of the following areas. It's up to you to book tickets for the attractions in the Dockyard area, if you want to.

- FREE:** Follow part of the 3 km continuous pavement **Chain Walk** for an interesting tour of Old Portsmouth that takes in the creek, an old fishing settlement, boathouses, pubs, fortifications etc. We trialled the walk to point 23 in the guide (45 mins if walked briskly with short stops, some stairs after point 8) before heading inland to visit [Portsmouth Cathedral](#) (spot it by its dome with golden ship atop). Learn interesting facts from the guide eg King Charles II met his bride-to-be Catherine of Braganza off her Portuguese ship at Portsmouth. From the cathedral back to Gunwharf Quays it's a 15 min walk. (Allow 1.5hr total walk).
- LUNCH** in any waterfront eatery at **Gunwharf Quays** or at [The Spice Island pub](#) or [Still & West pub](#) on the Chain Walk, or bring or buy a picnic. There's a Tesco plus many retail outlet shops here. (Allow 1 hr lunch break)
- FREE:** Enter **Historic Dockyard** with a free site ticket that enables you to walk around, see the ships from the outside and enter some boathouses. You can also BUY [Historic Dockyard tickets](#) to enter HMS Victory and HMS Warrior & other boathouses. Or take the [50 min Harbour Tour](#) or visit the [Mary Rose Museum](#). (Allow 1 hr and £10-£18pp per attraction - family tickets & concessions available)

We can meet up again around 4pm at the Spinnaker Cafe for anyone who wants to. Train travellers please all meet at Portsmouth Harbour station entrance in good time for the **4.45pm** return home.

Access: Gunwharf Quays has [easy access everywhere](#) – level or ramped, lifts and disabled toilets. Historic Dockyard is old with cobbled streets but has [provision](#) for wheelchairs and scooters in some areas. The Chain Walk has easy level access until Point 8, but then becomes tricky. **Note: Portsmouth is likely to be windy!**

Please sign up if interested or email Steph swstephwilkinson@btinternet.com 07876 015238 or Janet dilleyjanet@hotmail.com 07944 969 028 as soon as you can. We hope you'll come and enjoy a great day out!

It's a Social outings are organised by Teddington Baptist Church and undertaken at your own risk.