

Westminster map lists

A selection of maps that are perhaps most useful to guides in Westminster.

London wide maps

Probably the best place to start is Layers of London. I've collected a list of key maps at the bottom of this document which includes links to the right layer in Layers of London. I've also included a few maps not available on Layers of London, plus an alternative source of the map if I can find one.

If you want to look for more London wide area maps, I'd recommend

- [Mapography of London](#) at MoEML
- Printed Maps of London 1553-1850 by Darling and Howgego
- [Catalogue of British Town Maps at the IHR](#)

Westminster specific maps

The [Westminster Archives](#) hold many of the maps that are specific to the City of Westminster. They have a web page on [maps and plans](#) and you can use the [WESTCAT catalogue](#) to search the holdings.

Westminster parish maps

Many of the early local maps and plans are parish maps. Remember that parish boundaries change over time. Parish maps were produced for different purposes - but many were produced by Parish Vestries to help in administration of the poor law

- London Parish Maps to 1900 Hyde, Morris et al 2020 seeks to provides a complete list of parish maps covering the ten parishes of Westminster.

Six parishes have maps that appear in the 1720 and updated 1755 editions of A Survey of the Cities of London and Westminster by John Stow and John Strype. These maps were originally by Richard Blome based on the Ogilby survey and created around 1700. There is an [electronic version](#) of the 1720 edition of John Stow's survey , and copies of these maps are in most archives.

- St Anne's Soho
- St Clement Danes
- St James Westminster
- St Margaret Westminster
- St Martin-in-the-Fields
- St Paul Covent Garden

Westminster Archives highlights

- St Mary le Bone Plan of the Parish of Saint Mary le Bone in the County of Middlesex, 1821, c1824 & c1832. in six sheets. Peter Potter
- Paddington Plan of the Parish of Paddington in the County of Middlesex, 1828, 1840. George Gutch
- Paddington Plan of the Parish of Paddington in the County of Middlesex, 1847, 1855, 1869 & 1882 George Lucas
- St Mary le Bone Plan of the Parish of Saint Mary le Bone in the County of Middlesex 1847, 1862 George Lucas

I'd also recommend

- St George Hanover Square St George's Hanover Square/Survey'd and delineated in the year of our lord 1725 John Mackay Westminster Archives and BL, London Archives

- St James Westminster The following plans of all the ground, houses and other buildings within the parish of St James Westminster 32 parts 1826 Charles Mayhew, Westminster Archives
- St Martin in the Fields Plan of the Parish of St Martin in the Fields 1799, 1800 by Edward Waters 1840, 1849 by James Wyld. Westminster Archives & BL
- St Marylebone Topographical Survey of the Borough of St Marylebone 1834 John Britton. Westminster Archives & BL

Westminster estate maps

Westminster has a number of great estates (major holdings include the Grosvenor Estate, the Portman Estate, The Crown Estate, and the Howard de Walden Estate) and many other smaller estates. The National Archives catalogue is also a good place to search for estate records - this includes documents held by the Westminster Abbey Muniment Room. Estate records are often held by the Estates, and can be hard to access.

The Westminster Archives holds records from many of the smaller estates (notably the Eyre Estate records covering St John's Wood). Many of The Grosvenor Archives are also held at Westminster Archives, but you need permission of the Grosvenor Estate to access them (the archivist at Westminster Archives can explain how this works). Do note that some of the Grosvenor plans are in poor condition and can't be consulted.

More modern maps for Westminster

Metropolitan Board of Works records (1856-1889), and the various sewer commission records (which date back some centuries) include various maps and plans - mostly held at the London Archives.

Each of the three predecessor metropolitan boroughs of Paddington, St Marylebone and Westminster were established in 1900, and merged together to form the City of Westminster in 1965. Maps and plans from the more recent period are most likely to be in the Westminster Archives.

The Archives include many plans showing street improvements.

Layers of London

Two overlays are worth exploring

- [Westminster & Southwark Development 1730-1846](#) contains 24 maps and plans from the British Library
- [Westminster Maps 1593-1946](#) contains 13 maps and plans from the Westminster Archives

David's Favourite London wide list of maps

Medieval 1270

Year: 1270-1300

Title: Medieval London 1270-1300 (only Westminster Abbey)

Surveyor/Cartographer: Historic Towns Trust

Scale: 1:5000

Notes: Modern reconstruction 2018

Online: <https://www.layersoflondon.org/map/overlays/medieval-london-1270-1300>

Other versions: <https://www.historictownstrust.uk/towns/london>

Tudor c1520

Year: c1520

Title: Tudor London c1520

Surveyor/Cartographer: Historic Towns Trust

Scale: 1:2500

Notes: Modern reconstruction 2018

Online: <https://www.layersoflondon.org/map/overlays/tudor-map-1520>

Other versions: <https://www.historictownstrust.uk/towns/london>

Copperplate 1559

Year: 1553-1559

Title: Copperplate map ('Agas' map)

Surveyor/Cartographer: Unknown

Dimensions: 760x2000?

Notes: D&H:1, Only three copper plates exist from original 15

Location of originals: Two plates in Museum of London, one abroad in Dassau Germany

Other versions: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Copperplate_map_of_London

Civitas Londinium 1633

Year: 1633

Title: Civitas Londinium

Surveyor/Cartographer: Unknown

Engraver: George Verue in 1737

Dimensions: 700x1800?

Scale: c 1:2400-1:4800

Notes: D&H:8, Wood cut, copied from lost print of Copperplate map, also known as Pewterplate map

Online: <https://www.layersoflondon.org/map/overlays/ralph-agas-1540-1621>

Other versions: <https://mapoflondon.uvic.ca/map.htm>

Newcourt 1658

Year: 1658

Title: An exact delineation of the cities of London and Westminster and the suburbs thereof... (shortened)

Surveyor/Cartographer: Richard Newcourt

Engraver: William Faithorne

Dimensions: 926x1545

Scale: 1:15760

Notes: D&H:12 6 copper plates

Location of originals: British Museum (x2), Biblitheque National de France, Paris

Online: <https://www.layersoflondon.org/map/overlays/great-fire-of-london-testing>

Other versions: https://londontopsoc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/header1_orig_G70079-41.jpg

Hollar 1660

Year: 1660

Title: Bird's Eye Plan of the West End

Surveyor/Cartographer: Wenceslaus Hollar

Dimensions: 253x457

Notes: 1 plate of 20?, but rest never produced

Location of originals: BM, Folger

Online: https://folgerpedia.folger.edu/Bird's-Eye_Plan_of_the_West_End_of_London,_ca._1660#/media/File:ART264511L.jpg

Ogilby 1676

Year: 1676-1677

Title: A large and Accurate Map of the City of London

Surveyor/Cartographer: John Ogilby and William Morgan

Engraver: Wenceslaus Hollar & others

Scale: 1:1200

Notes: D&H:28 20/21 plates, First Accurate Survey, Post Fire of London

Location of originals: British Museum, Guildhall Library, Yale, National Maritime Museum

Online: <https://www.layersoflondon.org/map/overlays/ogilby-and-morgan-1676>

Other versions: <https://www.british-history.ac.uk/no-series/london-map-ogilby-morgan/1676>

Morgan 1682

Year: 1682

Title: London &c. Actually Survey'd by Wm. Morgan

Surveyor/Cartographer: William Morgan

Engraver: Robert Morden & Philip Lea

Dimensions: 2438x1524

Scale: 1:3600

Notes: D&H:33 16 copper plates

Location of originals: LMA

Online: <https://www.layersoflondon.org/map/overlays/william-morgan-s-map-of-the-city-of-london-westminster-and-southwark-1682>

Other versions: <https://cartogaia.com/blog/2016/2/15/william-morgans-1682-map-of-london>

Morden 1700

Year: c1700

Title: This Actual Survey of London, Westminster & Southwark

Surveyor/Cartographer: Robert Morden, Philip Lea, Christopher Browne

Engraver: not listed - probably the surveyors who were all engravers

Dimensions: 1029x660

Scale: 1:8448

Notes: D&H:42 1 sheet

Location of originals: BL, LOC, Yale

Online: https://collections.library.yale.edu/catalog/2046645?child_oid=1211209

Other versions: <https://exhibits.stanford.edu/ruderman/catalog/kx416jw6595>

Rocque 1746

Year: 1745

Title: A Plan of the Cities of London and Westminster, and Borough of Southwark

Surveyor/Cartographer: John Rocque

Engraver: John Pine

Dimensions: 3840x2010

Scale: 1:2437

Notes: D&H:96 24 sheets

Location of originals: BM, BL, NA, LM, Yale, BNF

Online: <https://www.layersoflondon.org/map/overlays/john-rocque-s-map-of-london-westminster-and-southwark-1746>

Other versions: <https://www.locatinglondon.org/>

Rocque 10 miles 1746

Year: 1741-1746

Title: An Exact Survey of the city's of London Westminster ye Borough of Southwark and the Country near ten miles round

Surveyor/Cartographer: John Rocque

Engraver: Richard Parr

Dimensions: 1920x2580

Scale: 1:11500

Notes: D&H:94 16 sheets

Other versions: <https://www.londonmuseum.org.uk/collections/v/object-548707/a-map-of-london-and-the-adjacent-country-10-miles-round-as-surveyd-and-published-in-16-sheets-by-john-rocque-land-surveyor-reduced-into-one-sheet/>

Horwood 1799

Year: 1792-1799

Title: Plan of the Cities of London and Westminster... Showing every House

Surveyor/Cartographer: Richard Horwood

Engraver: multiple

Dimensions: 4000x2200

Scale: 1:2437

Notes: D&H:200 32 sheets

Location of originals: BL, LMA

Online: <https://www.layersoflondon.org/map/overlays/horwood-1799>

Other versions: <https://www.romanticlondon.org/>

Faden 1819

Year: 1807, 1813, 1819

Title: This plan of the cities of London & Westminster with the Borough of Southwark including the adjacent suburbs...

Surveyor/Cartographer: Richard Horwood, William Faden

Engraver: multiple

Scale: 1:2437

Notes: D&H:200 40 sheets? also 1807, 1813

Location of originals: BL

Other versions: <https://www.romanticlondon.org/>

Greenwood 1827

Year: 1824-1826

Title: Map of London made from an actual survey in the years 1824, 1825 and 1826

Surveyor/Cartographer: Christopher & John Greenwood

Engraver: James & Josiah Neele

Dimensions: 1240x1825

Scale: 1:7,920

Notes: D&H:309 6 sheets, PreVictorian London, proposed Belgravia

Location of originals: LMA, Harvard, Yale

Online: <https://www.layersoflondon.org/map/overlays/greenwood-1828>

Other versions: [https://iif.lib.harvard.edu/manifests/view/ids:8982548\\$1i](https://iif.lib.harvard.edu/manifests/view/ids:8982548$1i)

Tithe Maps

Year: 1836-1929

Title: Tithe Apportionments 1836-1929

Surveyor/Cartographer: Varies

Dimensions: varies

Scale: varies

Notes: Only for some areas

Location of originals: TNA

Other versions: <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/tithe>

Stanford 1864

Year: 1864

Title: Stanford's Library Map of London And its Suburbs

Surveyor/Cartographer: Stanford

Dimensions: 1690x1920

Scale: 1:10560

Notes: 24 sheets, also 1872, 1878 and 1897 versions available at mapco

Other versions: <https://london1864.com/>

OS town plans

Year: 1862-1890s

Title: Ordnance Survey Town Plans of London

Surveyor/Cartographer: OS

Dimensions: varies

Scale: 1:1056

Notes: Many other OS maps available at NLS - this is the earliest large scale map series for London

Location of originals: NLS

Other versions: <https://maps.nls.uk/os/townplans-england/london-1056-1860s.html>

Goad 1881

Year: 1881-1961

Title: Goad Insurance maps

Surveyor/Cartographer: Charles E Goad Ltd

Dimensions: varies

Scale: 1:480

Notes: Only for some areas

Location of originals: BL (oldest), TLA, local archives (most recent)

Online: <https://www.layersoflondon.org/map/overlays/goad-1887>

Other versions: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Goad_fire_insurance_maps_of_London

Bacon 1888

Year: 1900

Title: New large-scale Ordnance atlas of London & suburb

Surveyor/Cartographer: G W Bacon

Scale: 1:6732

Notes: 34 sheets, available for many more years

Other versions: <https://geo.btaa.org/catalog/p16022coll229:383>

Booth 1889

Year: 1889

Title: DESCRIPTIVE MAP OF LONDON POVERTY 1889

Surveyor/Cartographer: Charles Booth & collaborators

Dimensions: 920x1190

Scale: 1:10560

Notes: 4 or 5? sheets, overlay on Stanford's map

Location of originals: MoL

Other versions: https://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/misc/x-2/booth_nw

Booth 1899

Year: 1886-1903

Title: Description of London Poverty 1898-9

Surveyor/Cartographer: Charles Booth & collaborators

Dimensions: 1690x1920

Scale: 1:10560

Notes: 12 sheets, overlaid on Stanford's map

Location of originals: LSE

Online: <https://www.layersoflondon.org/map/overlays/charles-booth-s-poverty-map-1886-1903>

Other versions: <https://booth.lse.ac.uk/learn-more/download-maps>

Lloyd George 1910

Year: 1910-1915

Title: Inland Revenue: Valuation Survey 1910-1915 (Lloyd George)

Scale: 1:500 to 1:2500

Notes: sometimes called the Lloyd George Domesday coverage is patchy

Location of originals: NA

Online: <https://www.layersoflondon.org/map/overlays/inland-revenue-c1910>

Other versions: <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/lloyd-george-domesday/>

