

Visiting Changing the Guard with Children

Standing in the huge crowds in front of Buckingham Palace can make a visit to the Changing of the Guard ceremony a daunting experience for younger children.

However, kids can still see the Guards, hear the Bands play and avoid most of the crowds by following this suggestion.

Nearest Tube Station: St James's Park - *District and Circle Line*

Directions St James's Park Station to Wellington Barracks:

- Leave the station by the Broadway exit
- Cross Broadway and turn right onto Queen Anne's Gate
- Turn left onto Birdcage Walk
- Walk along Birdcage Walk to the gates of Wellington Barracks, London SW1E 6HQ.
- *Total distance: 0.3mile. Walking time: 6 - 8 minutes (approximately)*

Directions Wellington Barracks to The Mall, (*Junction with Marlborough Road*):

- Cross Birdcage Walk and enter St James's Park
- Walk diagonally across the Park to the footbridge over the lake
- Cross the footbridge
- Follow the path, straight ahead, from the footbridge to The Mall

Timings

- 10:15 See the New Guard and Band on the parade square at Wellington Barracks
- 10:57 The New Guard led by a Regimental Band march out of the Barracks on their way to Buckingham Palace.
- 11:10 When the Guards and Band have left head across St James's Park to The Mall
The the Relief march up The Mall and enter St James's Palace via Stable Yard Road
Shortly afterwards the St James's Palace contingent of the Old Guard leaves to march to Buckingham Palace.
Alternatively there are toilets and a refreshment kiosk, just over the bridge, if a comfort break is needed on the way to The Mall
- 11:30 Pick a spot on The Mall, close to the junction with Marlborough Road
- 11:37 The Household Cavalry will ride past on their way back to barracks from Horse Guards Parade
- 11:45 the St James's Palace Detachment of The Queen's Guard, led by a Regimental Band, will come marching straight up The Mall towards you

