See Information Sheet 2A for details of map collections in Cambridge.

MAJOR BRITISH AND IRISH MAP COLLECTIONS

**Bodleian Library**

Map Room
Weston Library
Broad Street
OXFORD
OX1 3BG

Tel: 01865 277013
maps@bodleian.ox.ac.uk
www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/maps/home

Legal Deposit Library with large collection of modern and antiquarian material. Full set of Ordnance Survey 25" County Series maps (1st eds. are bound in volumes).

- **Online catalogue** on their website and via Library Hub Discover [https://discover.libraryhub.jisc.ac.uk/](https://discover.libraryhub.jisc.ac.uk/)

**British Geological Survey**

BGS Library
Nicker Hill
Keyworth
NOTTINGHAM
NG12 5GG

Tel: 0115 936 3205
libuser@bgs.ac.uk
www.bgs.ac.uk/services/library/home.html

The Survey’s library includes geological mapping from all over the World.

- **See their website for online catalogues**

**British Library Map Library**

96 Euston Road
LONDON
NW1 2DB

Tel: 020 7412 7702
maps@bl.uk
www.bl.uk/visit/reading-rooms/maps-reading-room and www.bl.uk/subjects/maps

The largest publicly accessible map collection in Britain. Legal Deposit Library. Extensive antiquarian holdings.

- **Includes the map collection of the India Office Records**, documentary archives of the administration in London of the pre-1947 government of India [www.bl.uk/subjects/south-asia](http://www.bl.uk/subjects/south-asia) which include mapping of Indian sub-continent and the Far East.
- **Comprehensive Online Catalogue** for the map collection is available through the BL’s website [http://explore.bl.uk](http://explore.bl.uk) and via Library Hub Discover [https://discover.libraryhub.jisc.ac.uk/](https://discover.libraryhub.jisc.ac.uk/). The India Office Records can be searched at [http://searcharchives.bl.uk/](http://searcharchives.bl.uk/)
- **See also images in the Online Gallery** [www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/onlineex/viewall/index.html](http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/onlineex/viewall/index.html)

**Geological Society**

Burlington House
Piccadilly
LONDON
W1J 0BG

library@geolsoc.org.uk
www.geolsoc.org.uk/Library-and-Information-Services/The-Map-Room

Extensive collection of geological maps and related documents. Non-members are charged for access (see [www.geolsoc.org.uk/Library-and-Information-Services/Visiting-the-Library](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/Library-and-Information-Services/Visiting-the-Library))

- **Part of the collection can be identified via their online catalogue** at [www.geolsoc.org.uk/librarycatalogue](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/librarycatalogue)

**Historic England Archive**

The Engine House
Fire Fly Avenue
SWINDON
SN2 2GZ

Tel: 01793 414600
archive@HistoricEngland.org.uk
https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/archive-services/

The public archive of Historic England (new name from 1 April 2015 for English Heritage) providing information on the archaeology and architecture of England. Includes maps, plans, drawings, aerial photographs.

- **Online catalogue** [https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/archive/collections/](https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/archive/collections/)
London Metropolitan Archives (LMA) [incorporating the Guildhall Library's print and map collection]

40 Northampton Road
Clerkenwell
LONDON EC1R 0HB

Tel: 0207 332 3820
ask.lma@cityoflondon.gov.uk
https://search.lma.gov.uk/

London maps and related documents, including prints and drawings. Emphasis is on City of London but also have items more general in scope.

- Maps and prints are included on the library's image database, London Picture Archive, at www.londonpicturearchive.org.uk/

National Collection of Aerial Photography (NCAP)

Unit 3, Seven Hills Business Park
41 Bankhead Crossway
South EH11 4EP

Tel: 0131 651 6821
ncap@hes.scot
https://ncap.org.uk/

One of the largest collections of aerial imagery in the world, containing tens of millions of images featuring historic events and places around the world.

- For aerial photographs also try: Britain from Above www.britainfromabove.org.uk/ (website is run jointly by Historic Environment Scotland (HES), Historic England (HE) and The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales (RCAHMW)) ; Cambridge University Collection of Aerial Photography (CUCAP) www.cambridgeairphotos.com/ (some of whose images can be viewed on Cambridge Digital Library at https://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/collections/landscapehistories/1 ; Ordnance Survey Air Photo Mosaics of Scotland, 1944-1950 https://maps.nls.uk/os/air-photos/)

National Library of Scotland

Map Collections
Causewayside Building
33 Salisbury Place
EDINBURGH EH9 1PH

Tel: 0131 623 4660
maps@nls.uk
www.nls.uk/collections/maps/

Legal Deposit Library with large collection of modern and antiquarian material. Particularly strong in mapping of Scotland. Useful website for all things Scottish including excellent images of maps.

- Online catalogue for part of map collection available on their website and via Library Hub Discover https://discover.libraryhub.jisc.ac.uk/

National Library of Wales

Map Collection
National Library of Wales
Ceredigion SY23 3BU

Tel: 01970 632 800
gofyn@llgc.org.uk
www.library.wales/collections/learn-more/maps/

Legal Deposit Library with large collection of modern and antiquarian material. Particularly strong in the mapping of Wales.

- Online catalogue for part of map collection is available on their website https://discover.library.wales and via Library Hub Discover https://discover.libraryhub.jisc.ac.uk/

National Maritime Museum

Caird Archive & Library
National Maritime Museum
Greenwich
LONDON SE10 9NF

Tel: 020 8312 6516
library@rmg.co.uk
manuscripts@rmg.co.uk
www.rmg.co.uk/research-collections/caird-library

Extensive collection of manuscript and printed hydrographic charts and related materials.

- Catalogue and map and chart images are available via their Collections pages at http://collections.rmg.co.uk/

Natural History Museum

Cromwell Road
LONDON SW7 5BD

Tel: 020 7942 5460
www.nhm.ac.uk/our-science/departments-and-staff/library-and-archives.html

Extensive collection of geological maps and related documents. World-wide coverage.

- Online catalogue for much of collection is available on their website and on Library Hub Discover https://discover.libraryhub.jisc.ac.uk/
Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers)

Foyle Reading Room
1 Kensington Gore
LONDON SW7 2AR

Tel: 020 7591 3000
enquiries@rgs.org

Excellent collection of modern and antiquarian mapping.
Unpublished expedition reports of RGS sponsored expeditions.
Note: Entry to the Reading Room is free to education users and Society members but others are charged.

➢ Online catalogue for much of collection is available on their website at www.rgs.org/about/our-collections/search-our-collections/ (Records are NOT available on Library Hub Discover)

The National Archives

Ruskin Avenue
Kew
RICHMOND Surrey TW9 4DU

Tel: 020 8876 3444
enquiry@nationalarchives.gov.uk

Numerous maps accrued in government departments can be found throughout the records in TNA but many are not catalogued.

➢ Part of the collection can be identified via their online catalogue http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk

Trinity College Library

Glucksman Map Library
College Street
DUBLIN 2
Republic of Ireland

Tel: 00 3531 8962087 or 8961544
map.library@tcd.ie

Legal Deposit Library. Mapping of Ireland a speciality.

➢ Online catalogue for part of map collection is available on their website and via Library Hub Discover https://discover.libraryhub.jisc.ac.uk/

UK Hydrographic Office

Admiralty Archive
Admiralty Way
TAUNTON Somerset
TA1 2DN

Tel: 01823 483341 / 483409
research@ukho.gov.uk
https://www.gov.uk/the-ukho-archive

Supports the day-to-day operations of the UKHO and is also a place of deposit under the Public Records Act. It contains hundreds of thousands of hydrographic records in varying formats and in different languages

➢ No Online catalogue but have catalogued thousands of documents which have been transferred to The National Archives; see https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/+/http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/admiralty-charts-maps/

OTHER MAP COLLECTIONS IN BRITAIN

It is not possible to list here all of the many institutions and organisations that have map collections. A list of Map Collections throughout Britain and Northern Ireland can be found in:


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This directory is also available online at: www.cartography.org.uk/ukmca

See also:

• World directory of map collections. (4th ed., see also below).

Also try:

• Record Offices (www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archon), Public Libraries or Museums, especially for maps of the local area.

• Some universities still maintain map libraries, usually in the Department of Geography or in the University Library. Some also have significant antiquarian atlas collections, often in the Rare Books Department of the University Library.

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MAP COLLECTIONS OUTSIDE BRITAIN

Two major collections outside Great Britain and Ireland are:

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<th>Département des Cartes et Plans</th>
<th>5, rue Vivienne</th>
<th>75002 Paris</th>
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<th>Library of Congress</th>
<th>Geography &amp; Map Division</th>
<th>James Madison Memorial Building</th>
<th>101 Independence Avenue S.E.</th>
<th>Washington, D.C. 20540-4650</th>
<th>USA</th>
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<td>Internationally important collection - probably the largest and most comprehensive in the world. Lots of catalogue records for maps in their online catalogue and many map images on their website</td>
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More information on these and other collections throughout the world (and in Great Britain) can be found in:


[CUL Classmark: S696.c.200.26 ; check iDiscover for online access]

Remember to contact all libraries in advance of a visit to check on entry restrictions, availability of material, delivery times, etc.

This Information Sheet is available online at http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/collections/departments/maps/information-sheets

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