



Princes Park Scavenger Hunt

A fun scavenger hunt walk perfect for little ones aged 5-10. Explore the park, find the clues and solve the puzzle as you go.

Distance 2.1 kilometers / 1.3 miles

Duration 1 hour and 25 minutes



Great views



Public transport

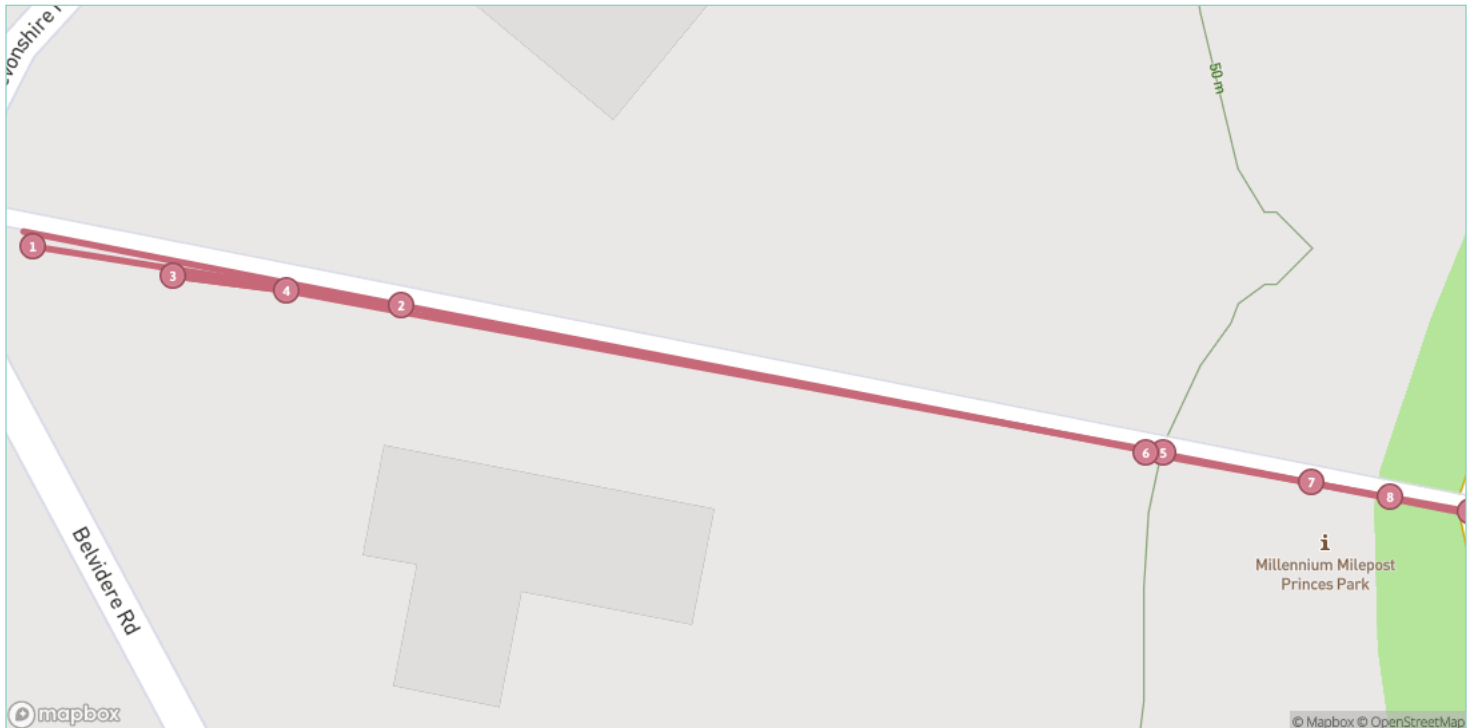


Child friendly



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Step 1: This walk starts at Princes Park. The nearest bus stop is on Devonshire Road West (Buses 4 & 204). There is also on-street parking here.

Step 2: Enter Princes Park at the corner of Devonshire Road West & Belvidere Road (L8 3TS). Mind the bollards on the footpath.

Step 3: This is a kid-friendly puzzle hunt (perfect for 5-10 year olds). The walk is mostly step free but the kids are encouraged to explore sections along grass.

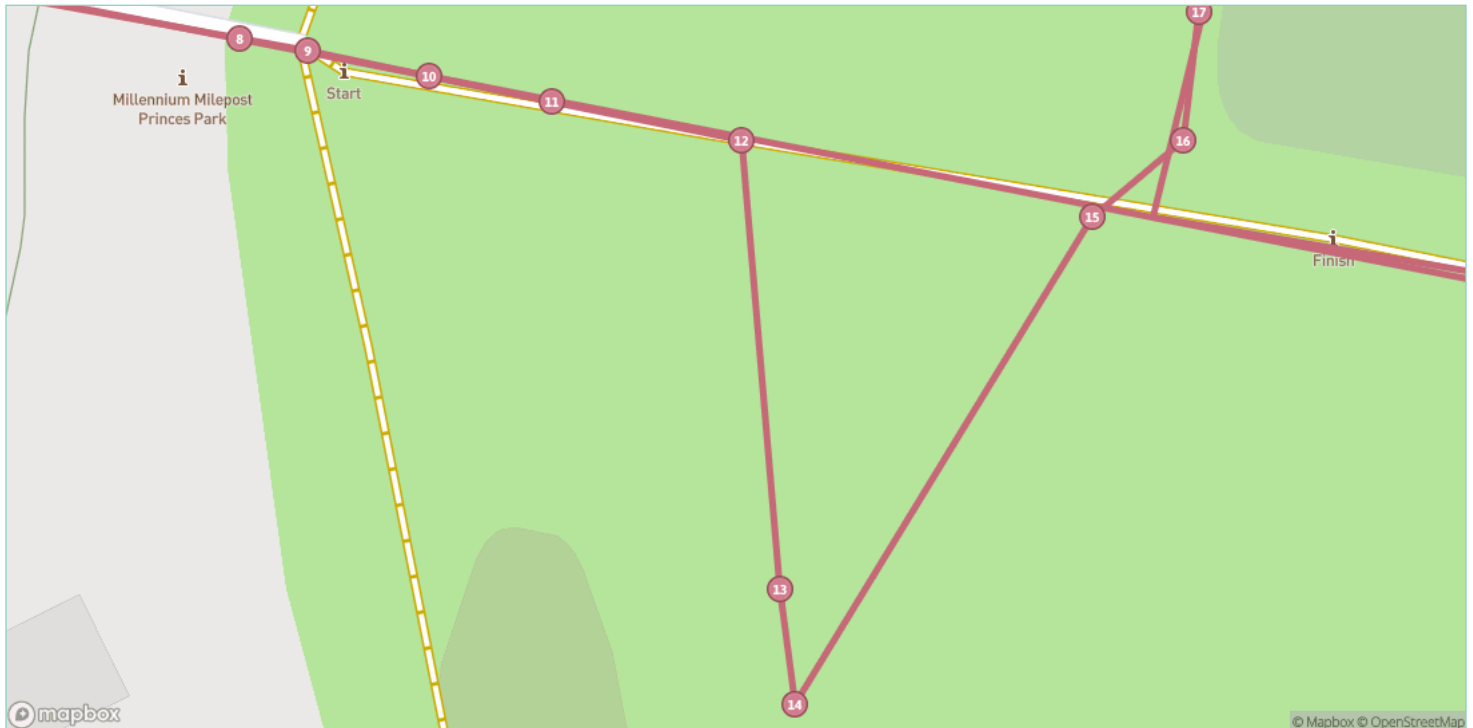
Step 4: 🍷 🧩 ♀ Can you help solve this scavenger hunt? You might want a pen & paper to note down the clues or use the phone. 📝 Keep your eyes and ears peeled for clues, they'll help you solve this puzzle.

Step 5: Look left for a painted picture mural on the wall. Can you see it?

Step 6: Can you or your parent/carer read what is written on the mural? 📝 Note down the second letter of the first name of the person quoted here.

Step 7: You should have written down the letter 'E'. 📝 This is your first clue. Well done!

Step 8: Next up, head towards the park and let's look for another clue! Can you spot a post sticking up from the ground? Have a look around! 👁️



Step 9: Have you found it? 📝 Note down the first letter of the first word on the wooden Princes Park finger post. Have you got that?

Step 10: You should have written down the letter 'P'. 📝 This is your second clue. Well done!

Step 11: Follow the flat tarmac path ahead and look around for Woodhenge.... it's a wooden stone circle to your right as you continue straight. 🖱️

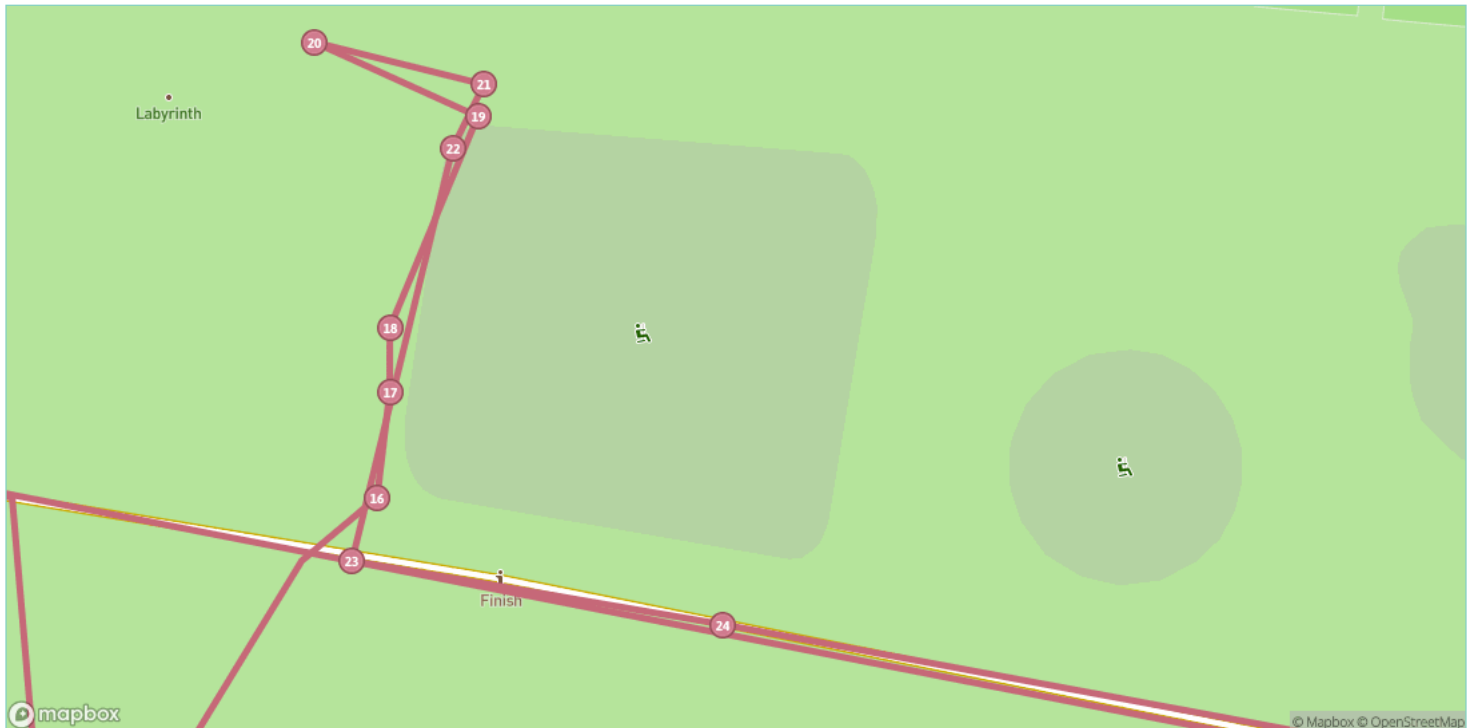
Step 12: Can you spot the wooden circle? Why not go and take a closer look? It was designed by local young people and built by John Merrill.

Step 13: It's a great place for a picnic, a sing song or even some exercise and dancing. Fancy putting on a show? Why not strike some funny poses?

Step 14: Can you spot any faces carved into the sides? When you're ready, let's head back to the main path.

Step 15: Back at the main path, look for a gap in the hedge. We have another off-road section here to explore.

Step 16: Walk diagonally across the grass.



Step 17: Continue past the colourful shed on your left. What pictures can you see on the side of it?

Step 18: Now head to the tarmac path and join it.

Step 19: Continue through the small archway created by the trees in summer.

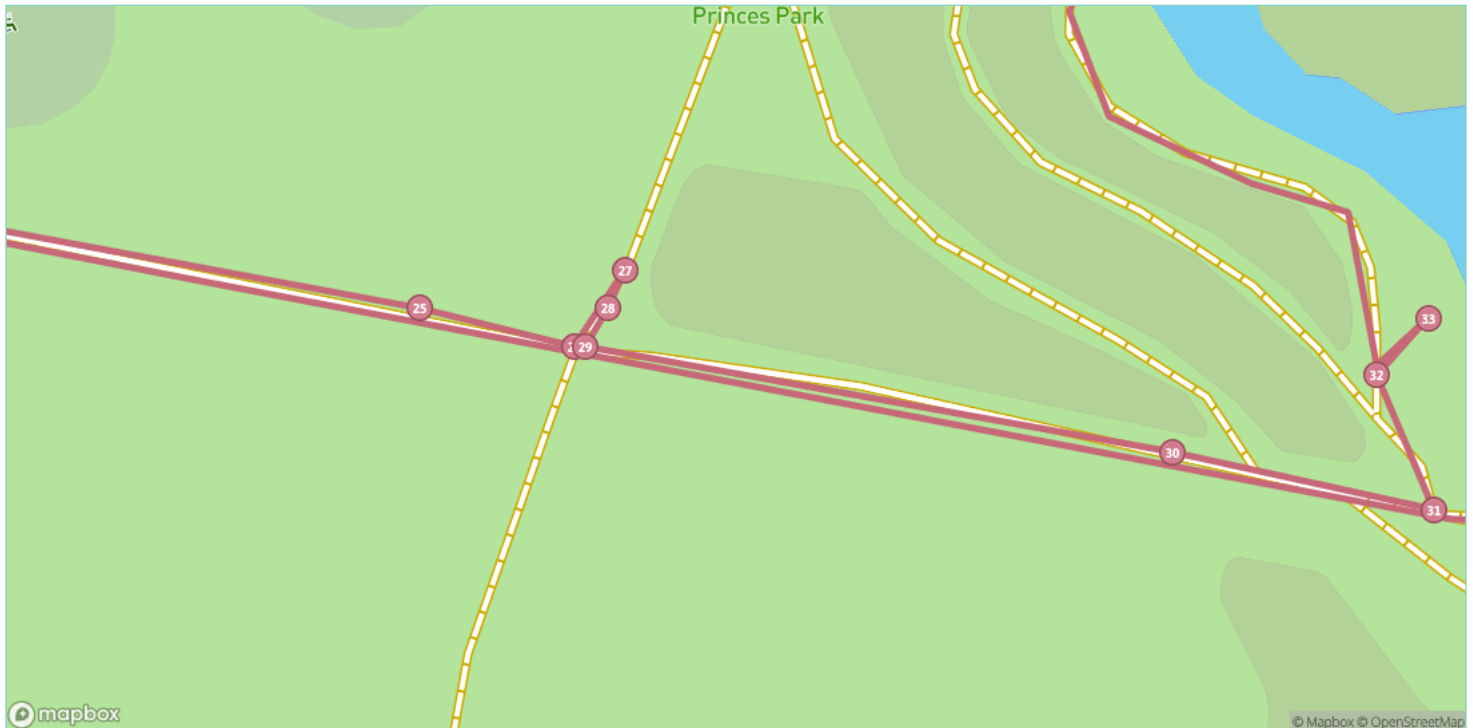
Step 20: To your left is the labyrinth! You could go barefoot here, feel the grass between your toes and find the centre?

Step 21: When you're ready, retrace your steps back the way you came but keep all of your senses about you.

Step 22: What good things can you see, hear, smell or touch in nature today? Can you feel the breeze on your face? Can you hear birds or bees nearby?

Step 23: The main footpath is just up ahead, when you reach it, turn left.

Step 24: Walk past the playground. Don't worry, we'll come back this way later, we promise! 🍷



Step 25: There's another clue up ahead. Are you ready to find another one? Can you spot a big park sign anywhere? 🕵️🕵️

Step 26: Look for a black park notice board with a circle sign right at the top.

Step 27: Can you read the sign or recognise the letters? Write down the third letter of the first word, right at the top of the sign.

Step 28: You should have written down the letter 'O'. 📝 This is your third clue. Well done! Let's keep going.

Step 29: Head back to the main path and continue ahead. So far we've got 3 letters: EPO. What could it mean? Curious!

Step 30: Continue down the path towards the serpentine lake.

Step 31: At the path junction beside the lake. Take a sharp left to walk beside the water.

Step 32: Head through the gap in the metal fence on your right. There is an old brick chimney ahead, continue forward for a few steps.



Step 33: What can you see up ahead of you? Here lies your next clue. You need to note the first letter of what the big pool of water is called.

Step 34: The Lake is very pretty don't you think? You should have written down the letter 'L'. 📝 This is your fourth clue. Well done! Let's keep walking around the lake.

Step 35: Continue along the path closest to the lake. Be mindful as the path goes slightly downhill here.

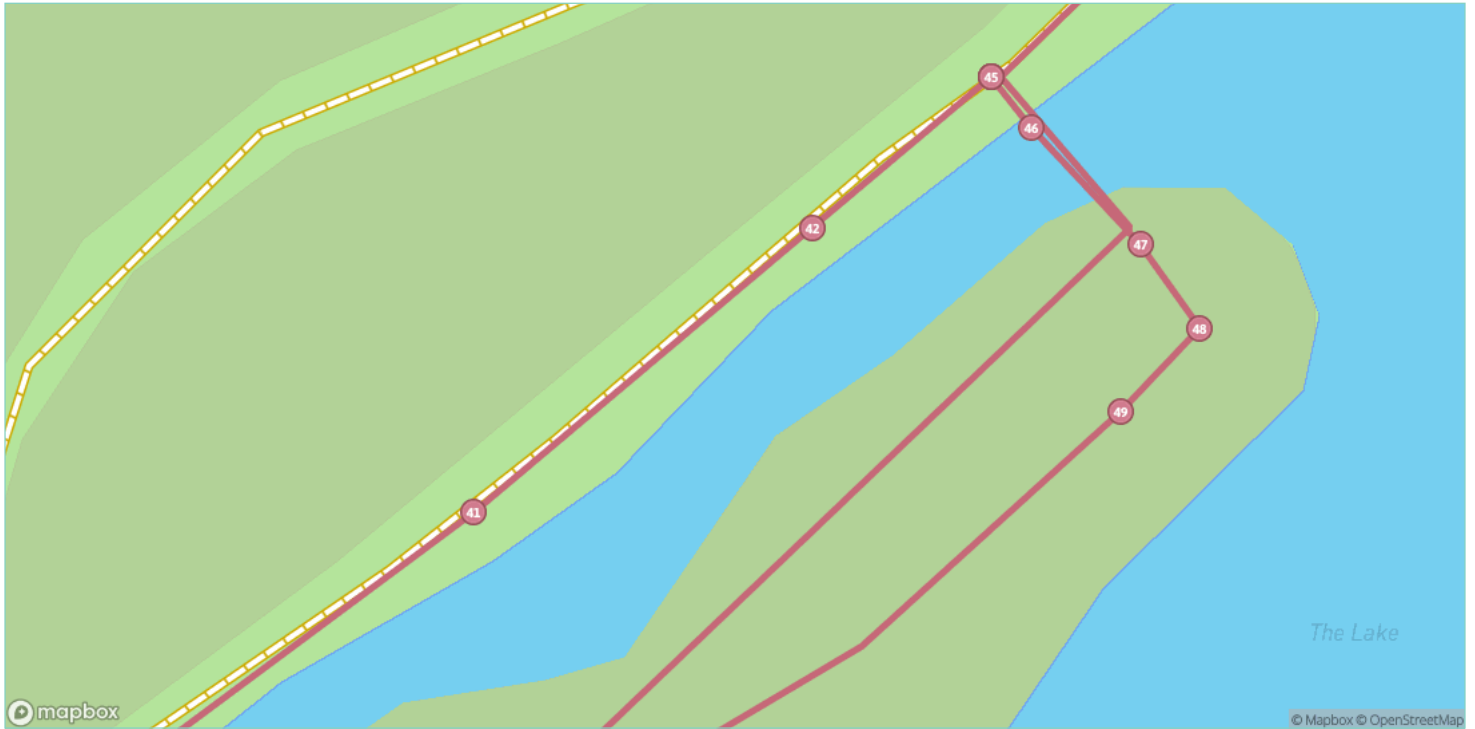
Step 36: Can you see any water birds today? In summer, perhaps some Canada geese and their goslings? 🦆

Step 37: Did you know that water birds like ducks, geese and swans can't digest bread? If you want to feed the birds it's best to feed them defrosted peas, sweetcorn or even oats. They are a great nutritious snack. 🦆

Step 38: Follow the path as it bears right. Be careful as there is a steep drop into the water on your right.

Step 39: Continue ahead, passing a bench on your left as you go.

Step 40: Continue ahead, we're off to explore the island on the right which has a memorial to Nelson Mandela.



Step 41: Nelson Mandela was a leader in South Africa who fought for fairness. He became president in 1994 and is loved all over the world.

Step 42: Get ready to cross a bridge on your right. Before you cross, we need to find another clue.

Step 43: Can you spot the small column pillars? Right at the bottom, there are 6 logos that represent those who supported the creation of this place.

Step 44: There is one that has a fingers crossed picture. 🙏 Can you spot it? Note down the first letter of the second word.

Step 45: You should have written down the letter 'F'. 📝 This is your fifth clue. Well done! Let's keep exploring the island.

Step 46: Don't miss the views from the bridge as you go. In spring or summer, can you spot any darting dragonflies, damselflies or butterflies?

Step 47: Once you're on the island, take the path on the left at the fork and continue ahead.

Step 48: This is a man-made island and mirrors Mandela's 18 years imprisoned on Robben Island before he became president.



Step 49: In summer the trees provide shade and year round they help keep the air clean and provide a habitat for local wildlife.

Step 50: The path soon opens up and the memorial is on your left.

Step 51: Mandela grew a secret garden in Pollsmoor Prison using halved oil drums as planters. The 32 limestone pillars here honour that.

Step 52: Wander around and see if you and your parent/carer can help read out some of the words etched into the pillars.

Step 53: What do you think of this space? Does it feel a bit like an outdoor classroom? That's what it was designed to be like.

Step 54: From the sign, we learn that Nelson Mandela, passed away in 2013. 📝 Note down the first number of the year.

Step 55: You should have written down the number '2'. 📝 This is your sixth clue. Well done!

Step 56: Now let's retrace our steps back to the bridge from earlier.



Step 57: Turn left to cross the bridge and turn right on the other side.

Step 58: Continue ahead but don't run off, we need to find our final clue. A little birdie told us it's very close.

Step 59: Can you spot a small wooden post sticking up from the ground between some tree trunks? It has some numbers etched onto it.

Step 60: There are 3 numbers. Write down the bottom number that's on the post.

Step 61: You should have the number "5" noted down for the final clue. You've collected 5 letters & 2 number from a total of seven clues: EPOLF25. This might look like nonsense but hmmm let's try and crack the code together.

Step 62: Take a seat on a bench. Firstly, replace each letter with the letter before it in the alphabet. So, for example, B = A or E = D.

Step 63: The letters you have should now look like this: DONKE25. Hmm that's still not a proper word is it? 😞 OK now you need to work out the missing letter at the end. 🧐 CLUE: the two numbers go together to make the number: 25.

Step 64: Do you know how many letters are in the alphabet? And can you work out what the 25th letter of the alphabet is? You might need to say the alphabet out loud to work it out. 😊



Step 65: You should have the letter Y as your final letter and spelled out DONKEY! This is the answer.

Step 66: Did you know that donkey rides were a classic Victorian treat, and that children in this local park used to enjoy them for fun? Are you curious to learn more? Let's continue exploring.

Step 67: Follow the path as it bears left.

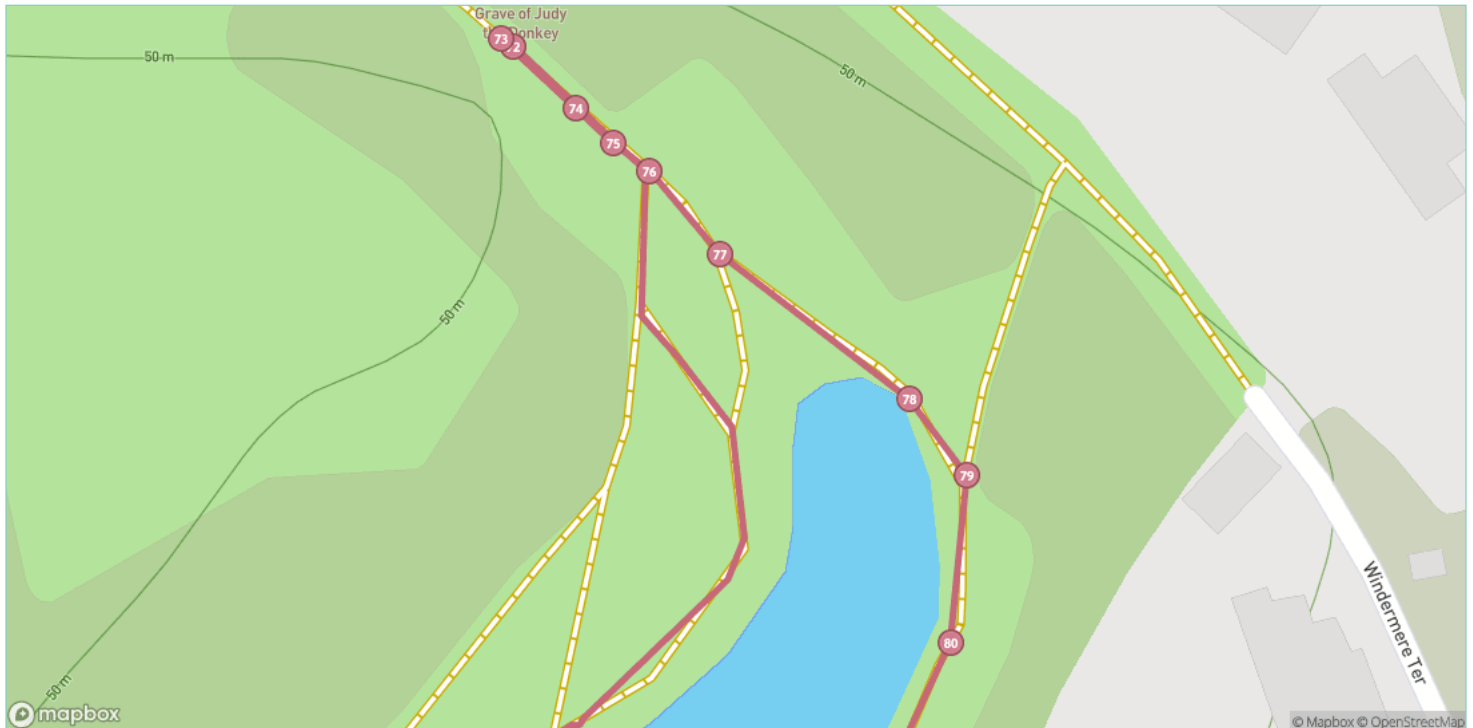
Step 68: Continue left at the fork. Can you see the grand buildings to your right?

Step 69: The park was originally private and only the wealthy residents of the surrounding houses could enjoy it!

Step 70: At the next fork, take the right hand path.

Step 71: Follow the path ahead, continuing under the trees.

Step 72: Can you spot a small headstone on the ground?



Step 73: Here lies Judy the donkey. She gave 21 years of rides to children in this park! She was very well loved.

Step 74: Did you know that donkeys have an incredible memory? They can recognise other donkeys and places they visited up to 25 years ago! And here's another fun fact...

Step 75:donkeys and horses can have babies together, the foal is called a mule. A donkey and a zebra? That's a zonkey! 🐼 We hope you enjoyed the little scavenger hunt. Your prize is to go and have fun in the playground!

Step 76: Let's make our way to the playground. Keep left at the fork.

Step 77: Keep left at the next fork and continue walking towards the lake.

Step 78: Keep your eyes peeled for bees or buzzing insects in spring and summer or spot the signs of the seasons as you go.

Step 79: Did you know that this serpentine lake was originally used for boating?

Step 80: Would you have liked to explore the lake on a boat?



Step 81: Keep going, you may spot anglers fishing here. Please note that fishing requires a proper permit.

Step 82: Enjoy the sounds of the reeds rustling in the wind as you walk. Perhaps you can spot new water birds along here?

Step 83: Follow the path ahead.

Step 84: To help you identify the local birds, check out this helpful sign. What birds can you see today?

Step 85: The reflections of the sky and clouds on the lake make for great pictures. Why not take a few?

Step 86: Continue following the lake around to the right.

Step 87: We're heading back to the main path from earlier. The playground is calling!

Step 88: Keep walking down the main path, you'll pass by the outdoor gym and playground as you go.



Step 89: You've made it back to the playground!
It's time to enjoy your prize.

Step 90: We hope you enjoyed today's park walk.
When you're ready, retrace your steps back to the
start of the walk and come back soon! We have
lots more walks in the app.
