



# Jubilee Greenway Section 7

Tackle the longest section of the Jubilee Greenway. Take advantage of frequent opportunities to admire the river views along the way.

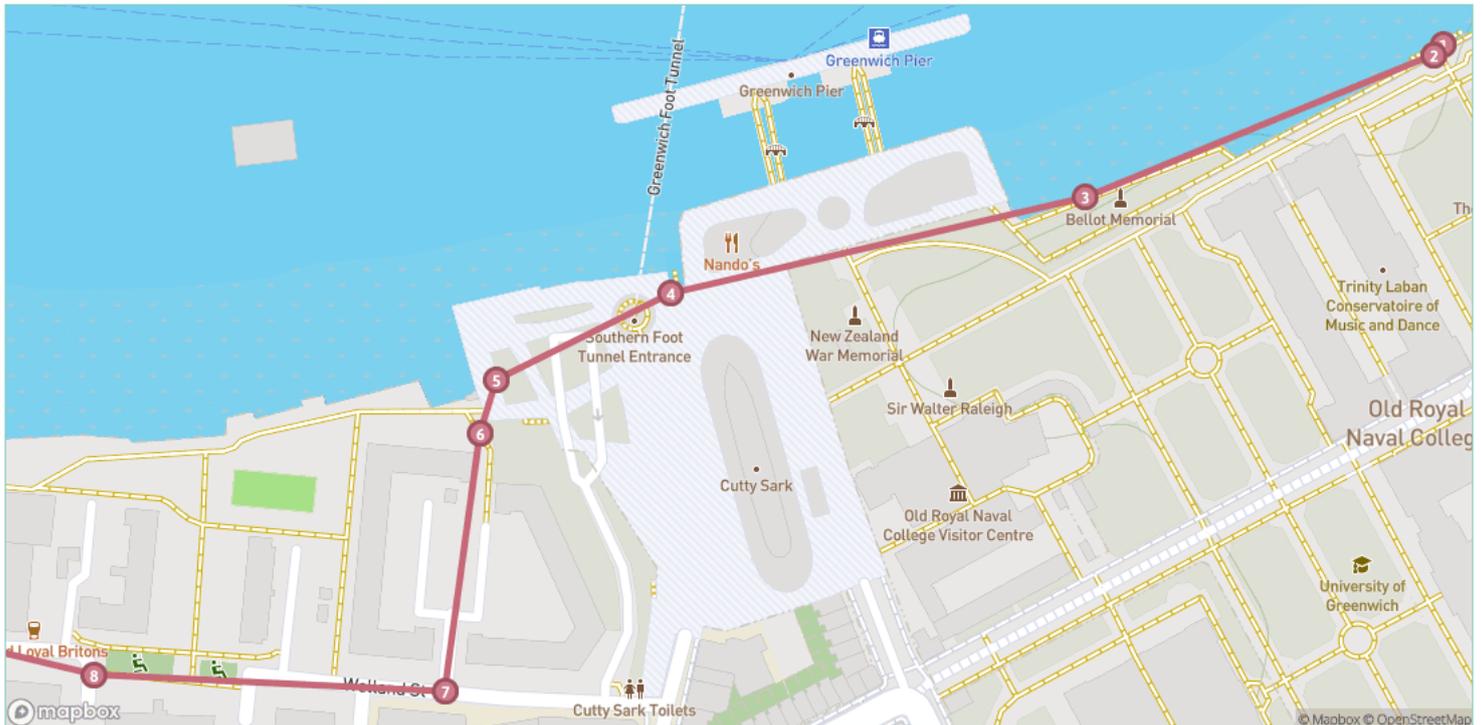
**Distance** 9.5 kilometers / 5.9 miles

**Duration** 3 hours and 30 minutes

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Water feature
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Great views
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Refreshments
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Picnic spot
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History
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Dog friendly



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**Step 1:** Welcome section 7 of the Jubilee Greenway. This walk begins at the Old Royal Naval College and ends at Tower Bridge. The route follows the Thames Path National Trail, with spectacular riverfront views along the way.

**Step 2:** Begin at the steps leading to the Old Royal Naval College. It's a short walk from Greenwich Pier and Cutty Sark DLR Station.

**Step 3:** Head out by following the narrow pavement path along the front of the Old Royal Naval College, with the river to your right.

#### Did you know?

The Old Royal Naval College is considered the architectural centrepiece of Maritime Greenwich and is a World Heritage Site. The buildings were originally constructed to serve as the Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich, now generally known as Greenwich Hospital, which was designed by Christopher Wren, and built between 1696 and 1712. The hospital closed in 1869. Between 1873 and 1998 it was the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

**Step 4:** The famous Cutty Sark is your next landmark, the world's largest surviving tea-clipper.

#### Did you know?

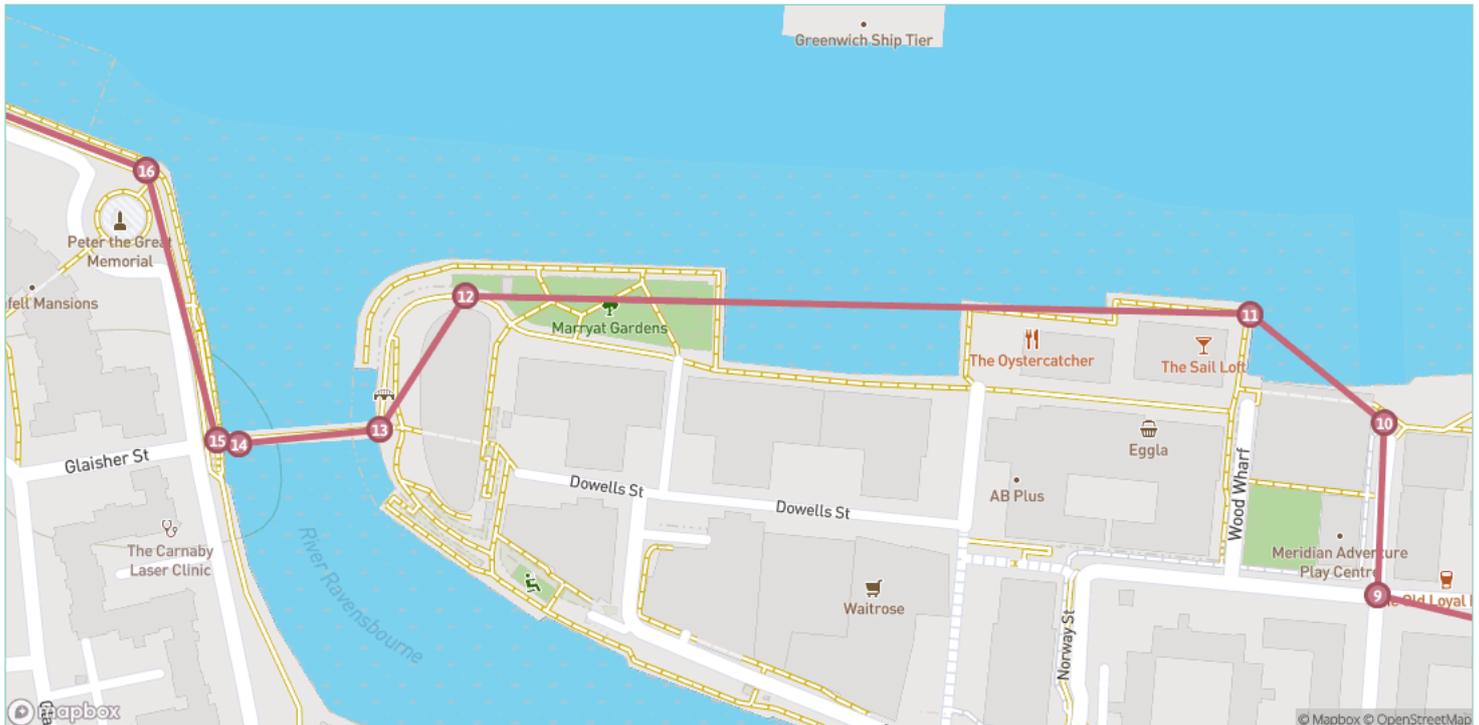
The fastest sailing ship of her time, the Cutty Sark was built in 1869 in Scotland and she was intended to last only 30 years. She was undergoing restoration when a fire broke out in 2007. After extensive work, her restoration is now complete.

**Step 5:** Also here is the round-domed entrance to the Greenwich Foot Tunnel. Can you see the entrance at the river bank opposite?

**Step 6:** Continue along the river, then turn left at the end of the piazza to head through the car park here.

**Step 7:** Upon reaching Welland Street, turn right.

**Step 8:** Continue on Welland Street, past a play place.



**Step 9:** Next, turn right on Horseferry Place.

**Step 10:** Head underneath the building overhang to your left.

**Step 11:** Continue along the riverfront. There may be some ins and outs of the river, but always keep the water to your right.

**Step 12:** Head past the gardens and follow the path as it bends round to the left around the curved building.

**Step 13:** As you reach the mouth of the River Ravensbourne (known as Deptford Creek), cross the footbridge.

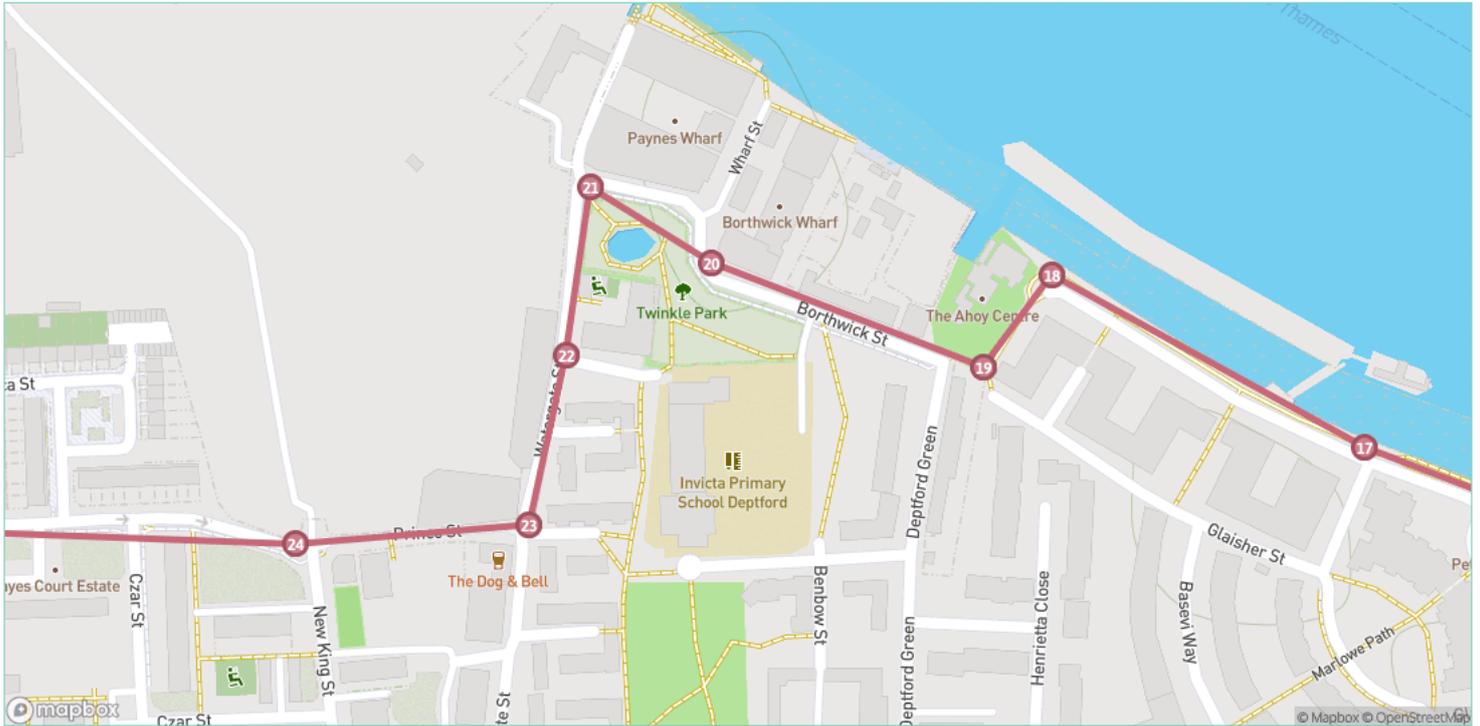
**Step 14:** There are spectacular views of the creek below on the bridge.

**Step 15:** Heading right at the end of the bridge, walk back towards the Thames. Note the views of the buildings of Canary Wharf straight ahead.

**Step 16:** On your left as you head round to the left along the river is a statue of Peter the Great.

### Did you know?

Tsar Peter 1st of Russia, more usually described as 'Peter the Great', travelled to Europe in 1697-98 to study new developments in technology, especially shipbuilding. He lived near the Royal Dockyard in Deptford, at the home of the writer John Evelyn, for much of his four-month stay in England. This statue was erected in 2001 to commemorate the Tsar's visit.



**Step 17:** To your right you'll have great views across to the Isle of Dogs, possibly people walking along the beach too.

**Step 18:** At the end of this riverfront stretch, come to the Ahoy Centre for water-based activities. Turn left.

**Step 19:** Pass around the metal barriers and head right down Borthwick Street.

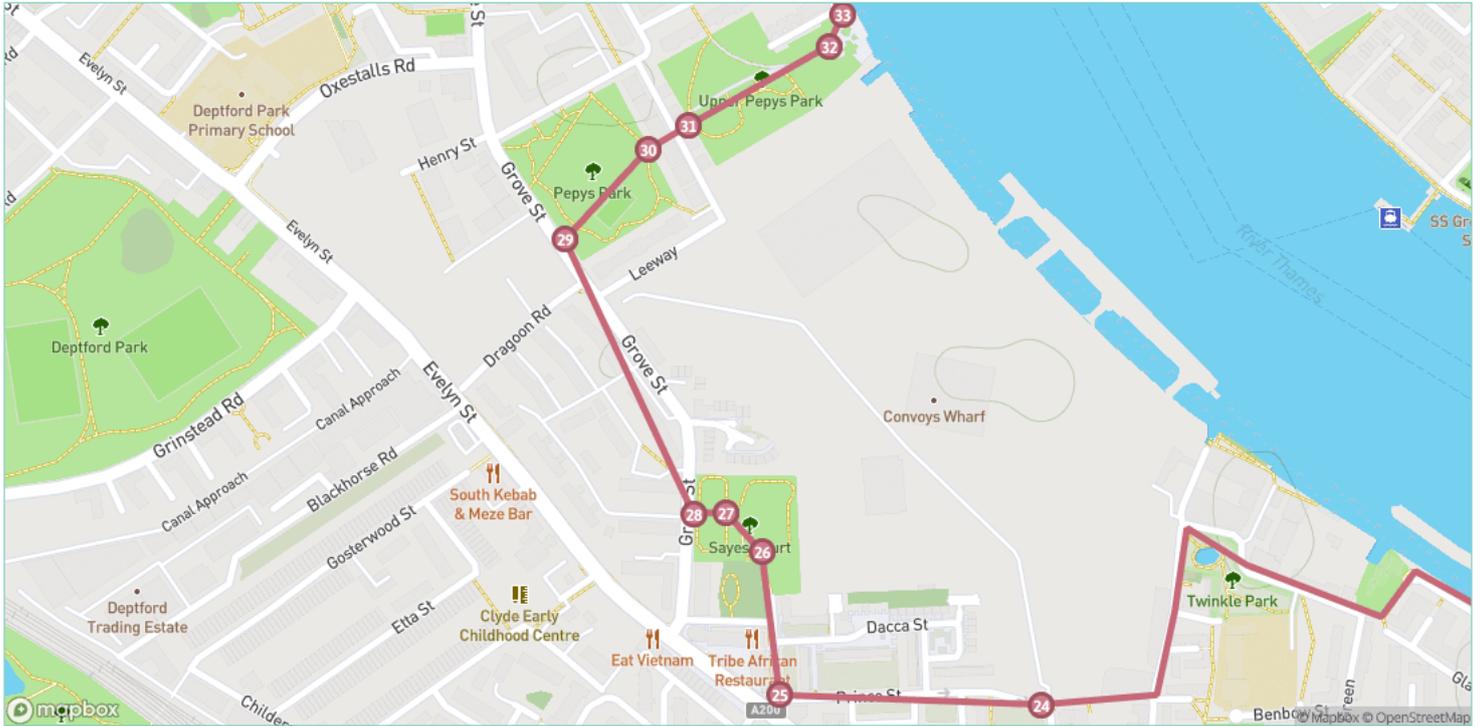
**Step 20:** Follow the road up and around Twinkle Park.

**Step 21:** Feel free to pop in, if you'd like. Dogs are not allowed in this park though.

**Step 22:** Continue on, straight down Watergate Street.

**Step 23:** Turn right at The Dog & Bell pub, down Prince Street.

**Step 24:** This diversion from the river is to get around Convoy's Wharf, a massive site of continued commercial activity and potential redevelopment.



**Step 25:** As the route approaches a Evelyn Streeton the left, turn right down Sayes Court Park instead.

**Step 26:** Head straight ahead into Sayes Court. At the first path junction, turn left.

**Step 27:** Snake your way amid the paved paths towards the black wrought iron gates on the other edge of the park here.

**Step 28:** Out of the gate, turn right onto Grove Street.

**Step 29:** Some 280 metres after leaving Sayes Court Park, turn right off Grove Street into Lower Pepys Park, passing a large old mulberry tree.

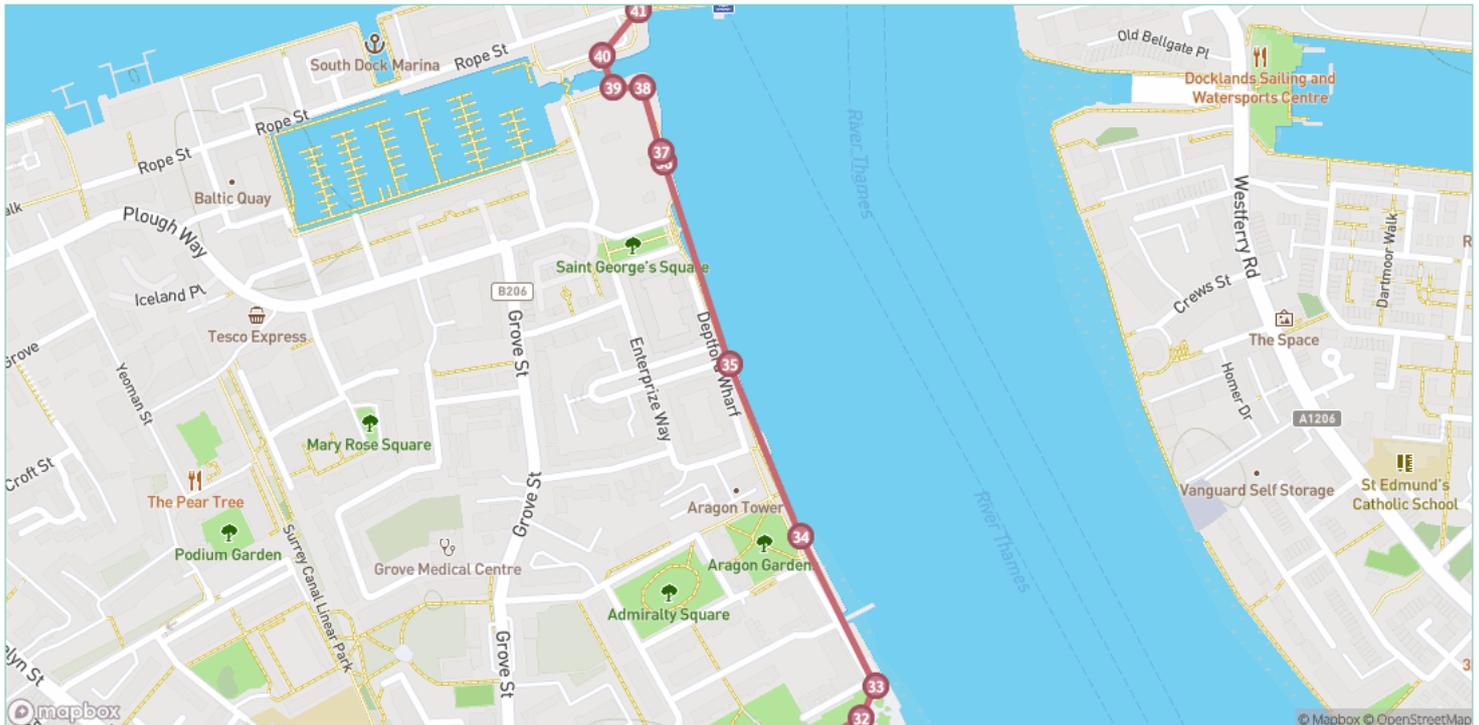
### Did you know?

This was once the site of the Tudor docks of Deptford. It was here on the steps that Sir Francis Drake was knighted by Queen Elizabeth 1st after he circumnavigated the world on the Golden Hinde (a replica of which can be seen at the St Mary Overie Dock on Clink Street by Southwark Cathedral. Walk by this on south bank section 2).

**Step 30:** Pass through the gap in the new housing development at the far side of the park to cross Millard Road. Go up the steps opposite.

**Step 31:** At the top of the steps, follow the path around to the left to enter Upper Pepys Park.

**Step 32:** Stick to the paved path to exit back to the Thames riverside up ahead.



**Step 33:** Turn left at the water.

**Step 34:** Can you spot the cannon and a nearby gate with an anchor motif?

**Step 35:** Pass a sculpture placed out in the river over the water, Circumsphere by Chris Marshall.

**Step 36:** This stone marks the boundary between St Mary's parish, Rotherhithe and St Paul's parish, Dartford.

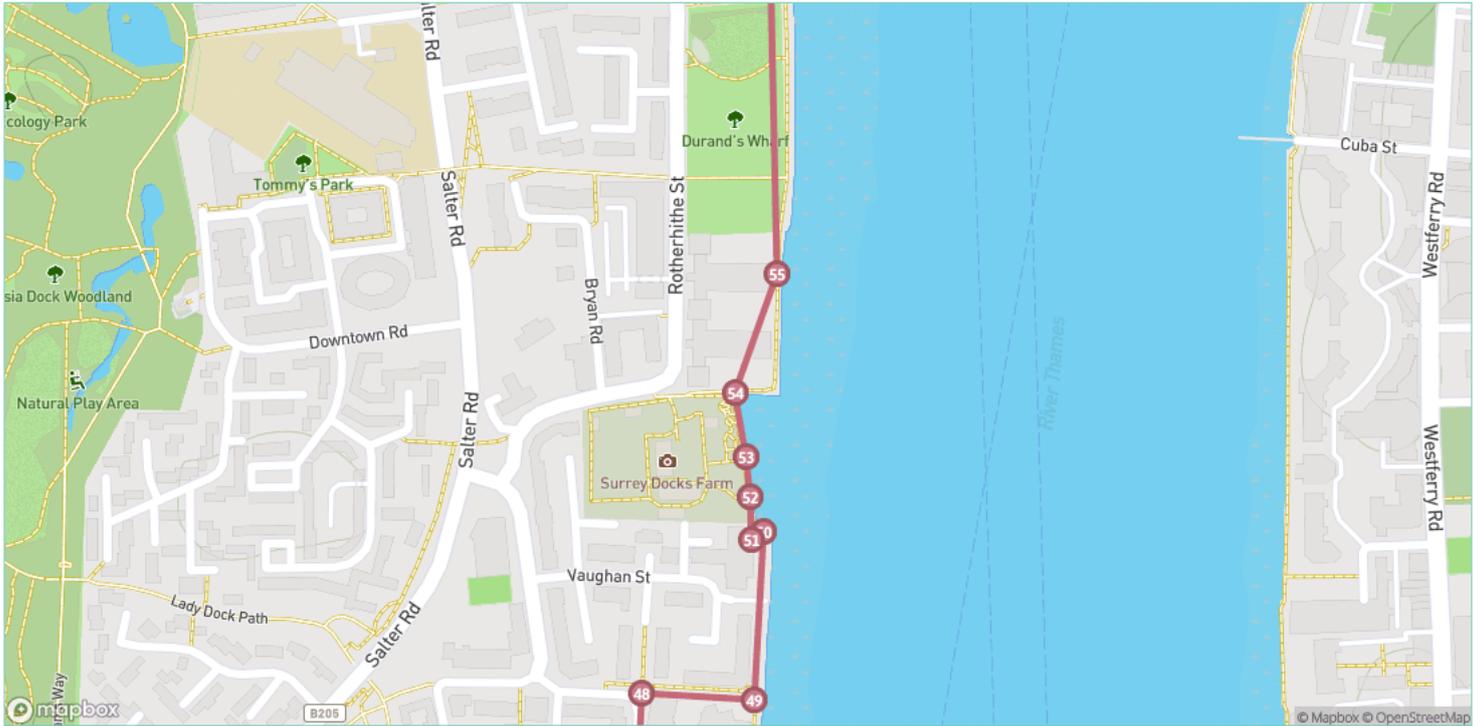
**Step 37:** It was also the Kent-Surrey boundary until 1899. The stone was relocated from its original location nearby in 1988.

**Step 38:** The path bends inland here around an inlet.

**Step 39:** Cross over the lock bridge.

**Step 40:** Then turn right at the other side.





**Step 49:** Turn left alongside the River Thames once again.

**Step 55:** Continue on straight along the riverfront. Pass some old mooring posts on the way.

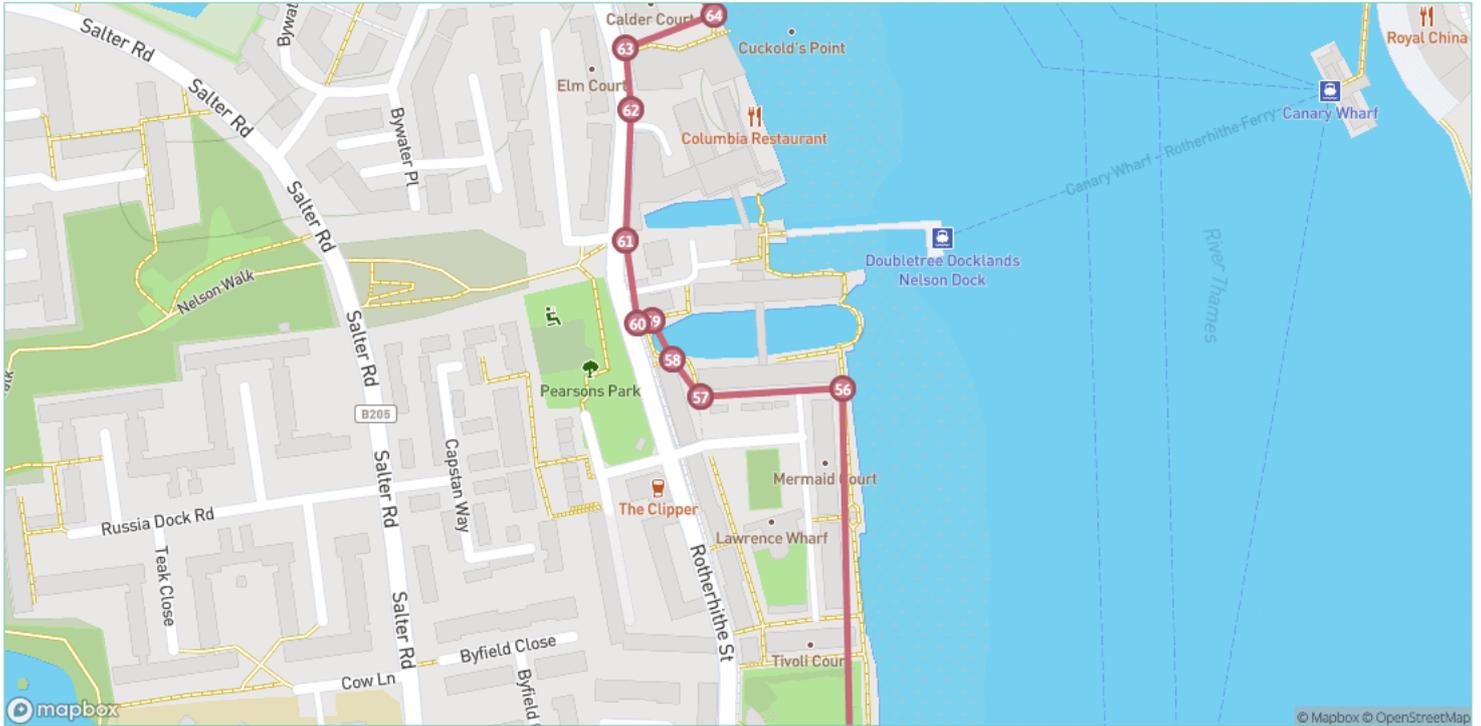
**Step 50:** The riverside route now enters the Surrey Docks Farm, which was once the site of an 18th century shipyard.

**Step 51:** If the gates are closed, divert left down Vaughan Street, then right into Rotherhithe Street, which bends round the the right and rejoins the riverside at the far side of the farm by a set of bollards.

**Step 52:** The farm has a variety of animals, a working blacksmiths, plus a parade of bronze animals.

**Step 53:** As well as a dairy, herb garden and a café.

**Step 54:** Head back out the gate on the far side of the farm. Turn right along the riverfront path, then follow it immediately to the left.



**Step 56:** Another inland deviation, this time around Nelson Dock. Turn left at the fence here.

**Step 57:** Walk around Nelson Court and then turn right.

**Step 58:** Turn right at the top of the steps, enjoying views across Nelson Dock to Canary Wharf.

**Step 59:** Facing Canary Wharf, head down the steps behind you to the left.

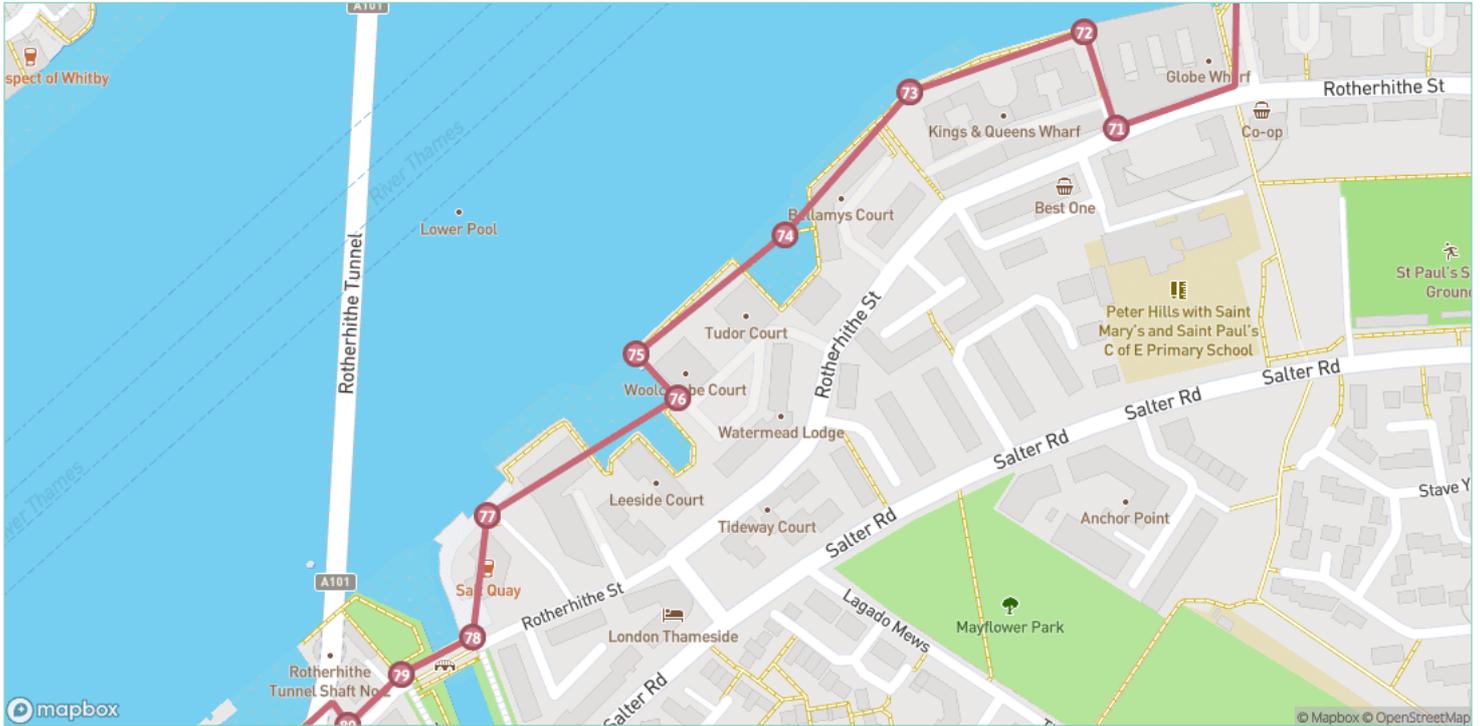
**Step 60:** At Rotherhithe Street, turn right.

**Step 61:** There's lots of old writing on the historic buildings in this stretch.

**Step 62:** Pass the Blacksmiths Arms on the right.

**Step 63:** Soon after, turn right towards the Thames. Head down the alleyway about 40 metres.





**Step 72:** Turn left at the Thames once more, going upstream.

**Step 73:** Continue alongside the river.

**Step 74:** Cross the footbridge here.

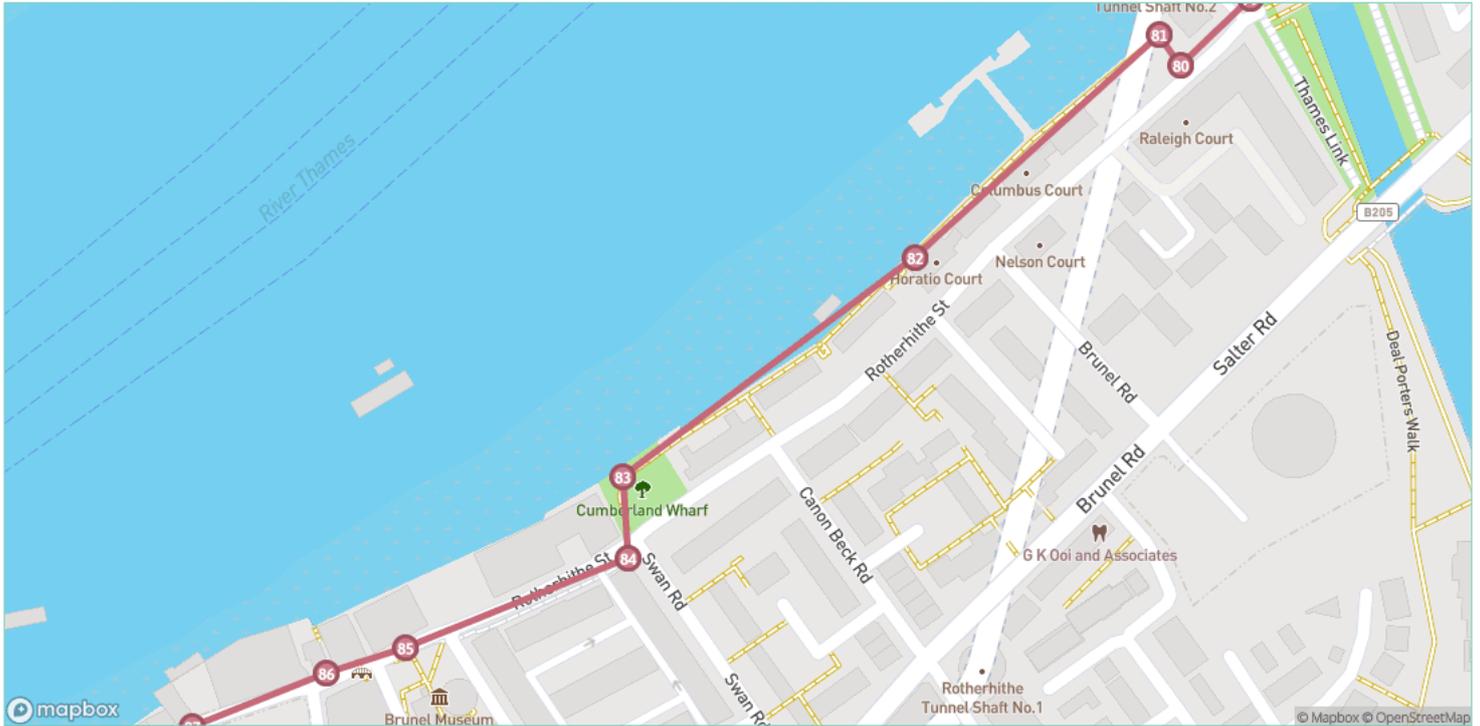
**Step 75:** There's a long inlet to go around here.

**Step 76:** Simply keep the water to your right as you follow the path around.

**Step 77:** Keep following the dock all the way around until you reach the Salt Quay pub, at the entrance to Surrey Water.

**Step 78:** Go up a wide flight of nine steps to the Surrey Basin Bascule Bridge. Turn right and go over the bridge.

**Step 79:** Near here, but not visible on the route, is the Rotherhithe Tunnel, opened in 1908. Look for the round building of the ventilation shaft of the tunnel on the right.



**Step 80:** About 60 metres after the red lifting bridge, find an open paved area on the right. Turn right and go up a wide flight of steps.

**Step 81:** Pass a jetty along the river.

**Step 82:** You'll pass by a number of residential apartment buildings here, as well as a zig zag ramp.

**Step 83:** Pass a statue on your right by Peter McLean and head down the path to your left away from the river.

**Step 84:** Turn right, back on Rotherhithe Street again.

**Step 85:** On the left is the Brunel Museum, housed in an engine house of the Thames Tunnel construction.

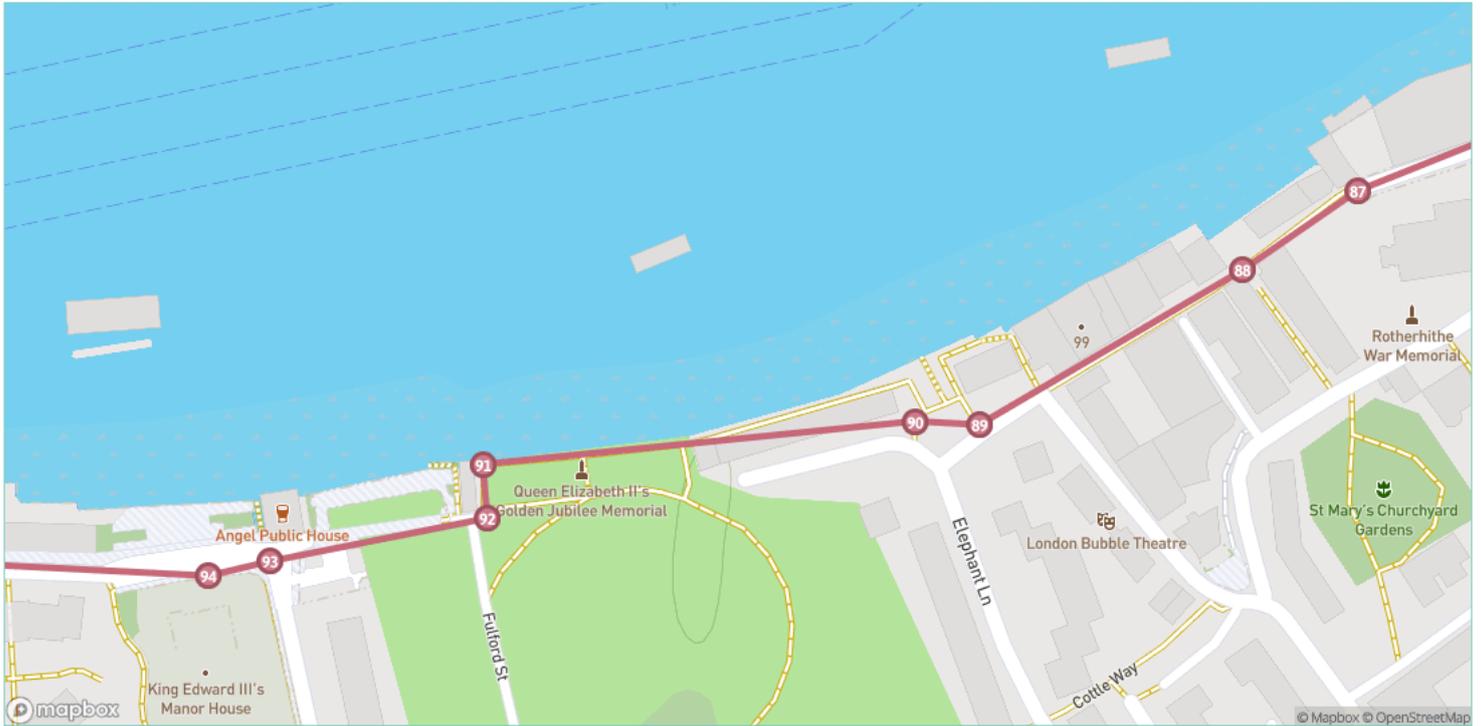
#### Did you know?

During the construction of Brunel's Thames Tunnel this building was the engine house which pumped out water. The Thames Tunnel was the first tunnel ever built under a navigable river. Today it is used by trains between Rotherhithe and Wapping on the London Overground.

**Step 86:** Pass next the Mayflower pub on your right.

#### Did you know?

The pub is named after the famous ship which carried the Pilgrim Fathers to America in 1620, and which began its epic journey from its mooring near here, returning to London the following year. The Last Will and Testament of the Mayflower crew is displayed in the bar and the passenger list is on show in the restaurant upstairs.



**Step 87:** Continue straight on the cobbled street, heading into the narrow passageway.

**Step 88:** Pass by St. Mary's Church, which provides the burial place for The Mayflower's owners including Christopher Jones, who captained the ship.

**Step 89:** Passing under some overhead walkways, keep your eye out for the Thames Path sign pointing you to the right here.

**Step 90:** Follow the walkway under the building overhang.

**Step 91:** Head back away from the river again.

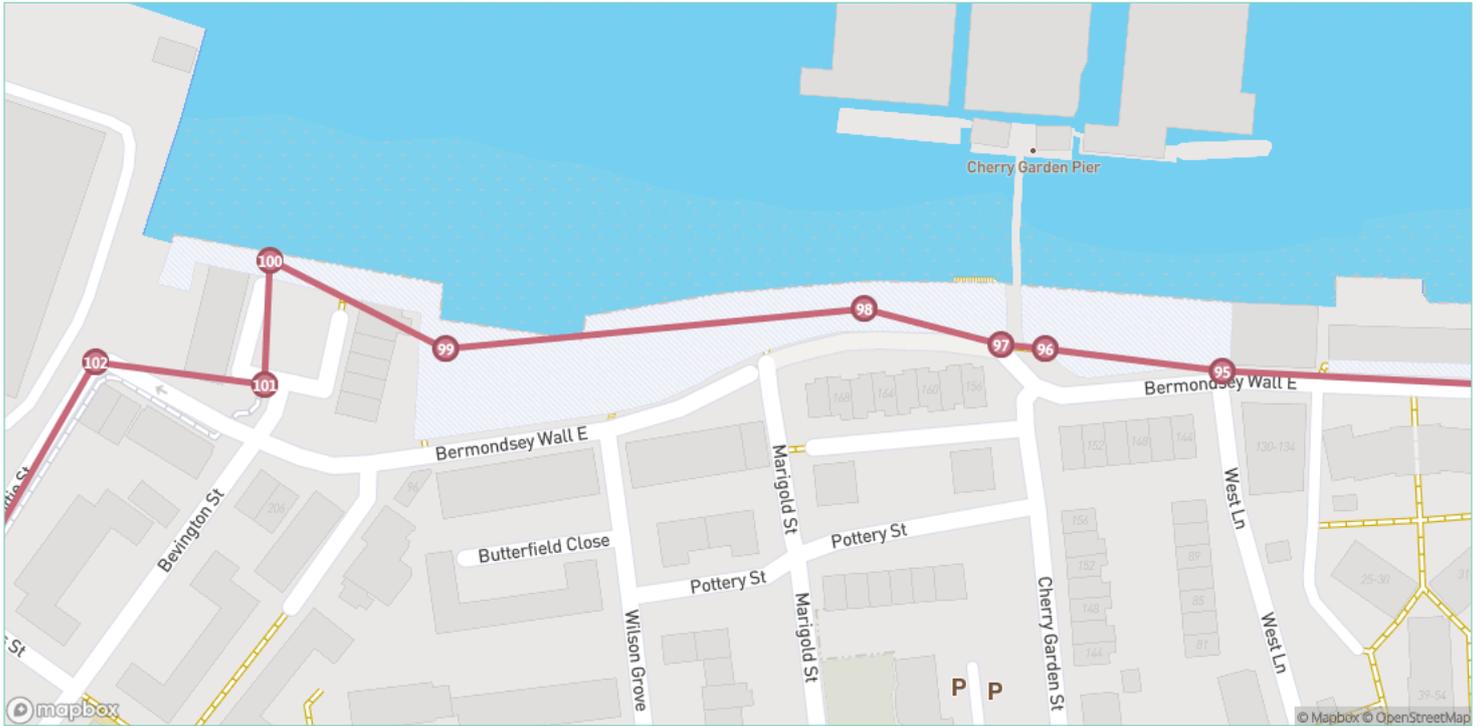
**Step 92:** Turn right, walking along the gardens on your right.

**Step 93:** Pass the Angel pub on your right.

**Step 94:** Plus a sunken grassy space which hides the remains of the 14th-century moated manor house of Edward III.

#### Did you know?

King Edward III, who reigned from 1327 - 77 built a residence in Rotherhithe. Part of the walls still stand today!



**Step 95:** Look out for this hidden ramp to your right. Head up here to go into a secret garden.

**Step 96:** Head back out the other side of the garden.

**Step 97:** Next, turn right and through the metal gates.

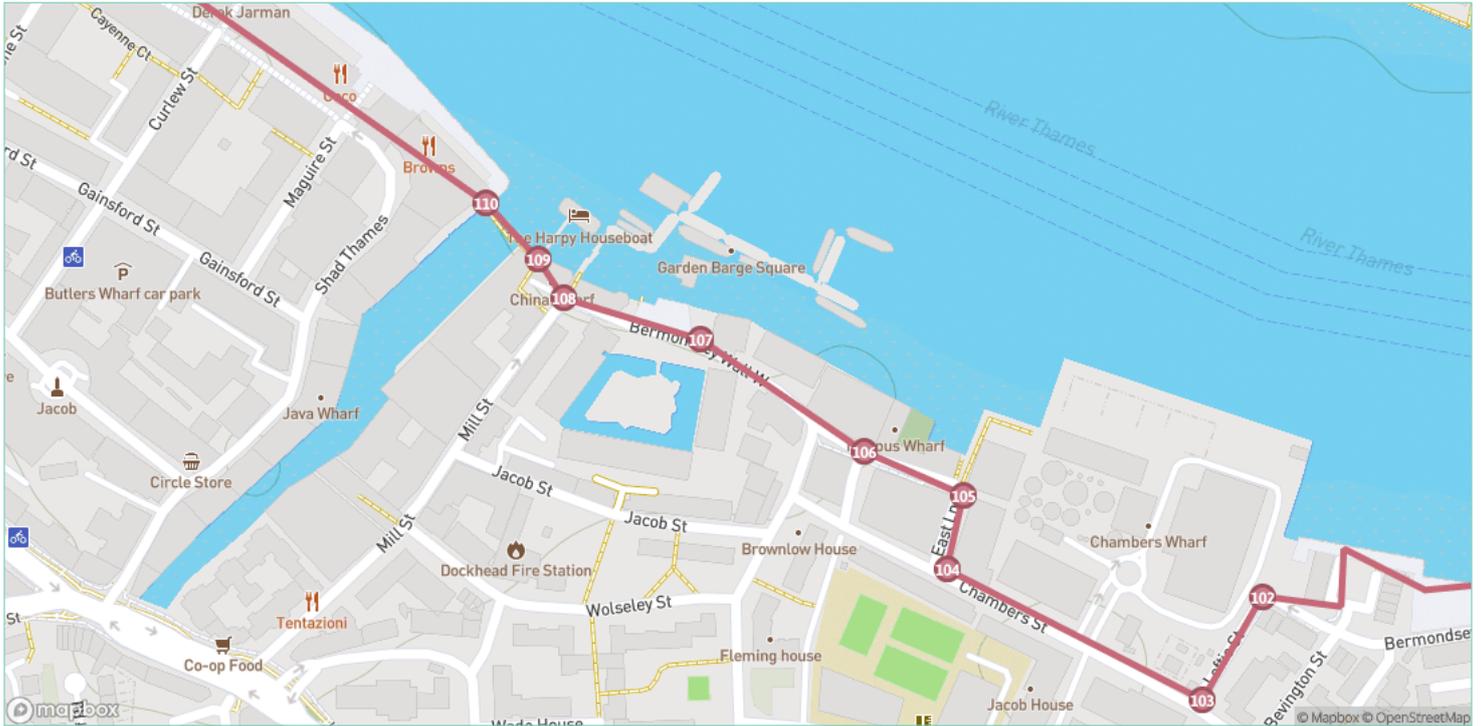
**Step 98:** Another lovely riverfront garden.

**Step 99:** Follow the riverfront path to the right and then left.

**Step 100:** At the housing estate, turn left and walk through the lawn.

**Step 101:** Back at Bermondsey Wall East turn right.

**Step 102:** Then left down Loftie Street.



**Step 103:** Then take a right down Chambers Street. To your right is a work site of the Thames Tideway Tunnel sewer project.

**Step 110:** You're on the final approach now. The end is in sight!

**Step 104:** Turn right onto East Lane.

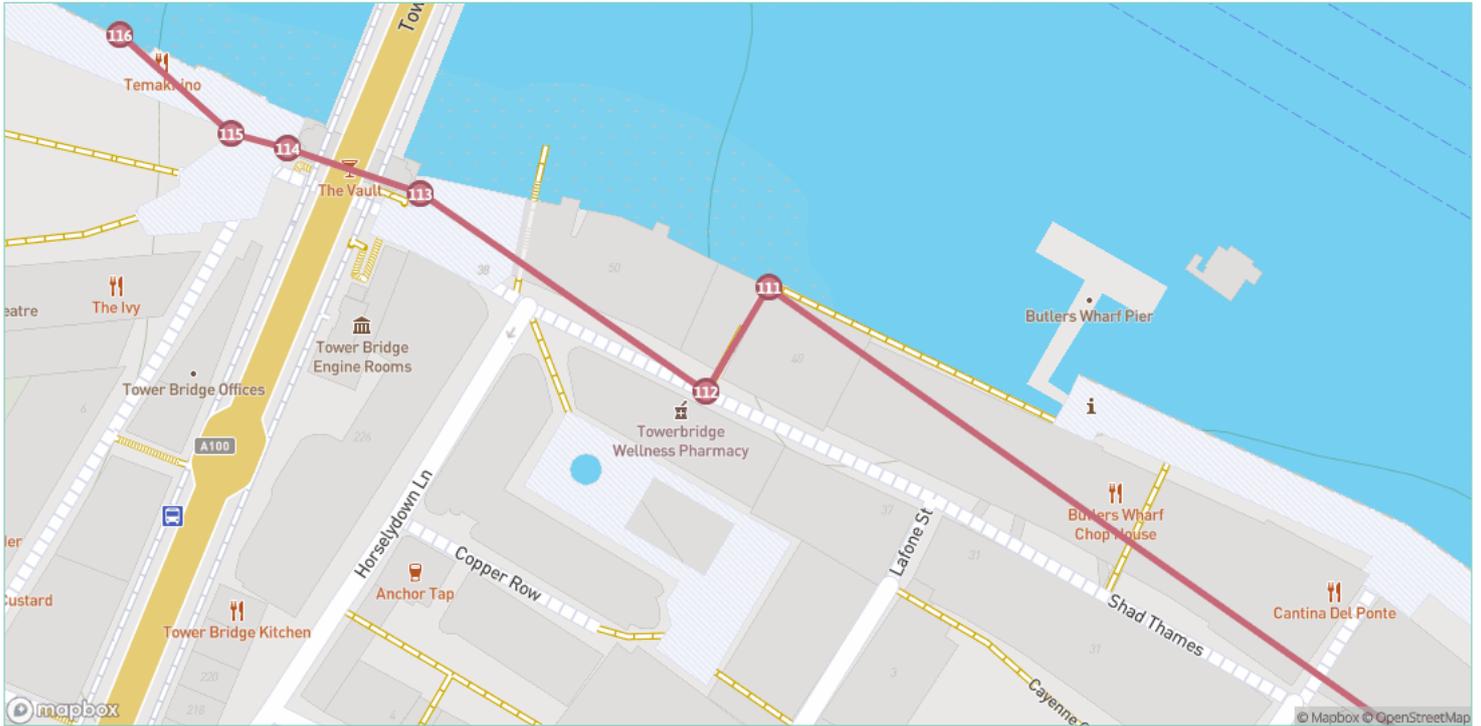
**Step 105:** Follow the road round to the left.

**Step 106:** Continue straight ahead, down the narrow Bermondsey Wall Way, slightly to the right.

**Step 107:** Along Bermondsey Wall, the City of London is starting to come nicely into view.

**Step 108:** Turn right to follow the ramp up the edge of this plaza. The route continues under the orange archway.

**Step 109:** At the river once again, head over the bridge.



**Step 111:** Turn left into Maggie Blake's Cause, an alleyway connecting Shad Thames with the riverfront.

**Step 116:** You've now completed section 7 of the Jubilee Greenway. How about moving on section 8 towards Westminster Bridge.

### Did you know?

Named after a local community activist the alleyway represents a significant victory - public access to the riverside in a predominantly privately-owned environment.

**Step 112:** Turn right into Shad Thames. We love the view of Tower Bridge sticking out amid the buildings up ahead.

**Step 113:** What a view!

**Step 114:** Pass under the Tower Bridge to the other side. The route ends in Potters Fields Park.

**Step 115:** From here, you can continue along the Thames for a bit and turn left to get to London Bridge Station. You can also cross the Tower Bridge to get to Tower Hill or Tower Gateway Stations.