



Osterley Park Blooming Trail

Enjoy this bloom-filled trail around the National Trust's Osterley Park and House. Expect gorgeous lakeside views on this mostly flat walk.

Distance 3.5 kilometers / 2.2 miles

Duration 1 hour and 25 minutes



Public loos



Refreshments



Public transport



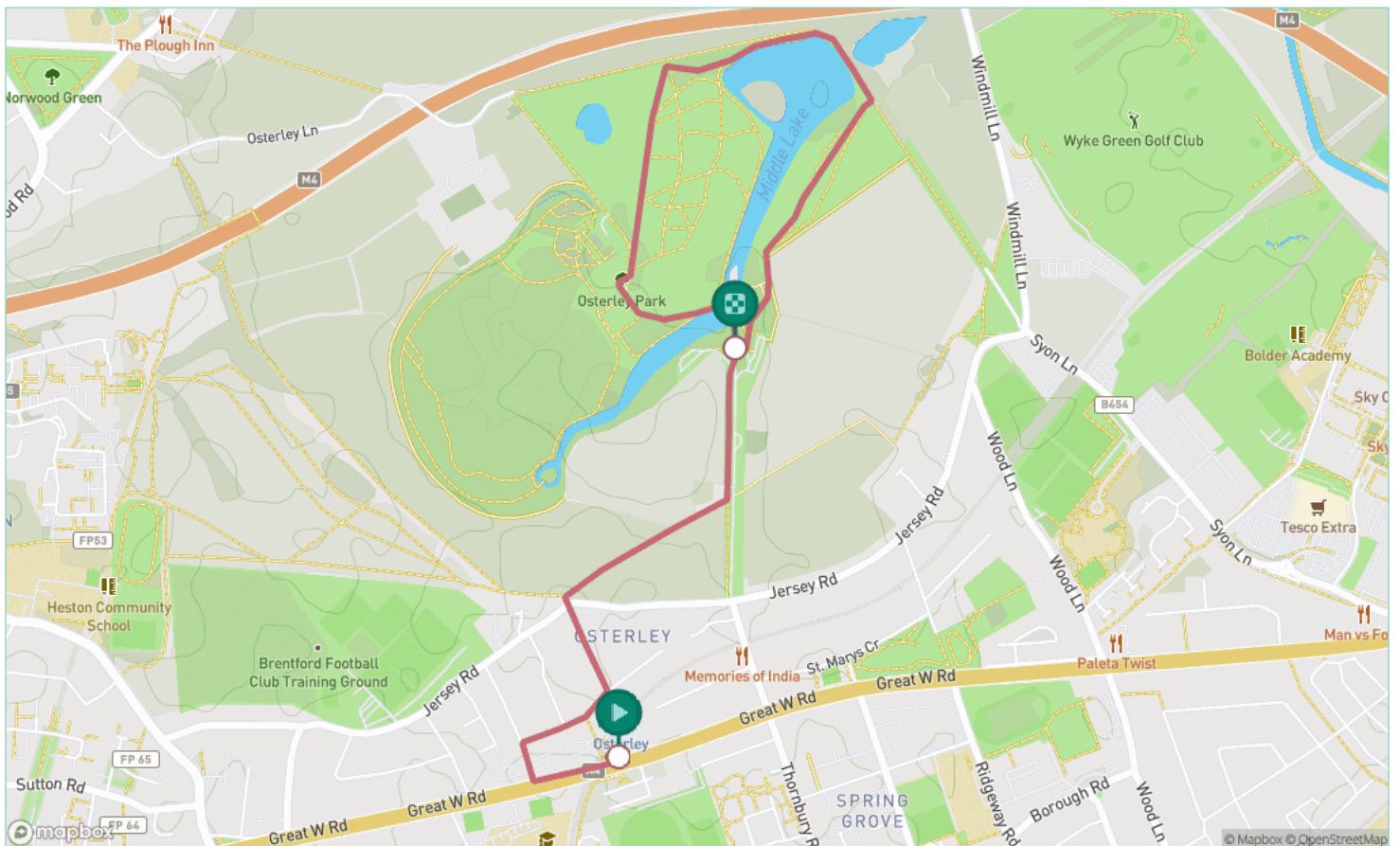
Picnic spot



Parking

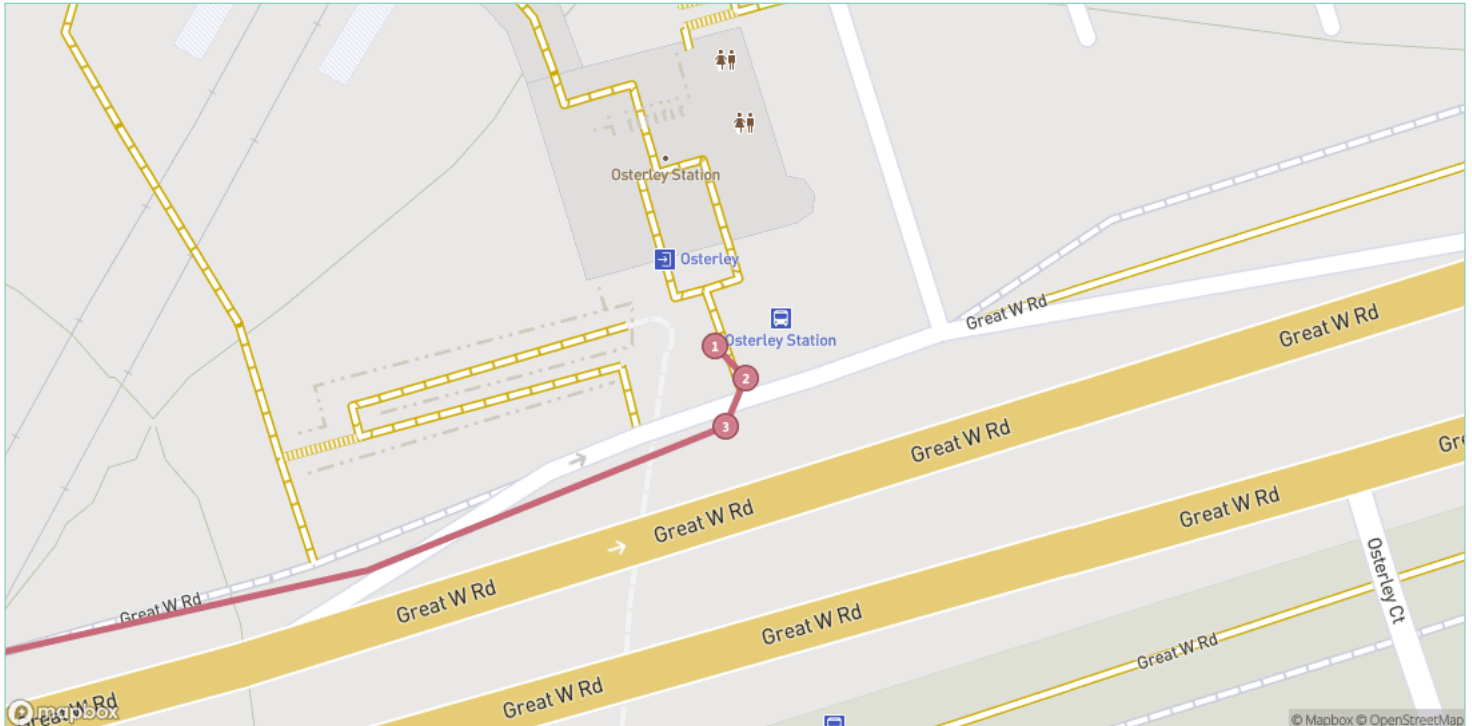


Child friendly




Disclaimer: Directions are provided as guidance only. Weather, construction, closures or other factors may affect routes. Please take care when crossing roads and avoid private land. Always follow local signage and use common sense.

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Step 1: Welcome to the Big Blooming Walks. We've teamed up with the National Trust to bring you a series of special spring walks celebrating the most beautiful time of year. Get ready to stop and smell the blooms! Let's go.

Step 2: Start this walk at Osterley Station or at the property car park. Expect mud in wet weather. The route is flat, narrow in places and there's some tree roots around the park. Check opening times by tapping 'Read More' below. 

Find blossom near you

The National Trust's Big Blooming Break is all about getting outside and enjoying one of nature's most magical seasonal moments.

As well as these blooming lovely walks, there are events happening across the country this spring. From guided bluebell walks to family trails, there's something for everyone. Find a blossom event near you and start planning your next adventure!

Find an event

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/gardens-parks/best-places-to-see-blossom?type=event>

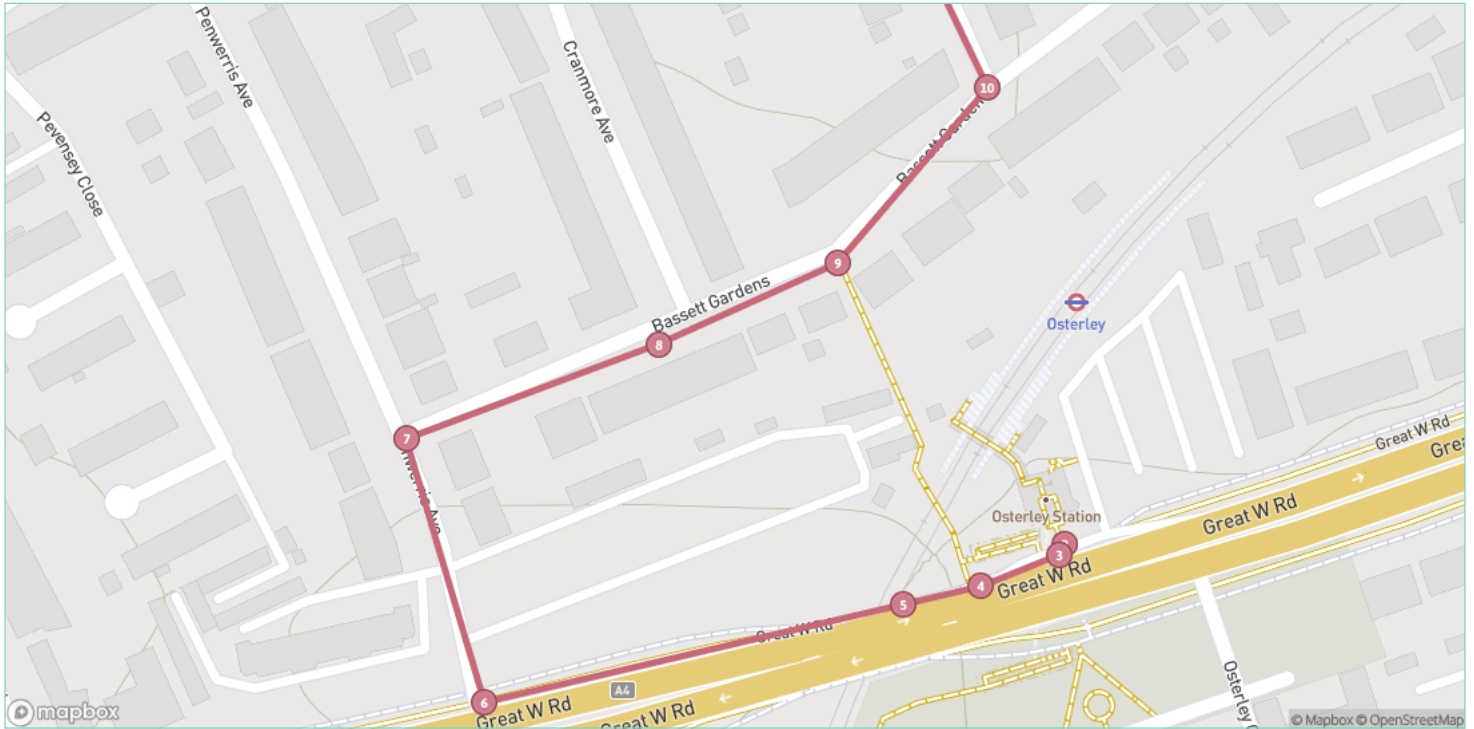
Plan your visit

Osterley Park and House is run by the National Trust. The parkland is free to explore for everyone, which is exactly what we'll be doing on this walk! If you'd like to go further and visit the house and gardens, you can pick up a ticket at the Garden Kiosk on arrival (no need to pre-book). National Trust members get in free.

If you're arriving by car, there's parking on site just up the main driveway. It's £7 for non-members, free if you're a National Trust member or a Blue Badge holder.

Bringing a dog? They're very welcome in the parkland, with a designated off-lead area on the front lawn. Just keep them on a lead everywhere else, and note that only assistance dogs are allowed inside the house. Cafe, shop and toilet facilities are also onsite.

Visitor Information



<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/london/osterley-park-and-house>

Step 3: Exit Osterley station (step-free access available) on the Piccadilly line and turn right onto Great West Road.

Step 4: The step-free route continues straight. If you're happy to use steps, turn right to follow the path to shortcut to Bassett Gardens (Step 8).

Step 5: Walk over the bridge. Get ready to turn right on the other side.

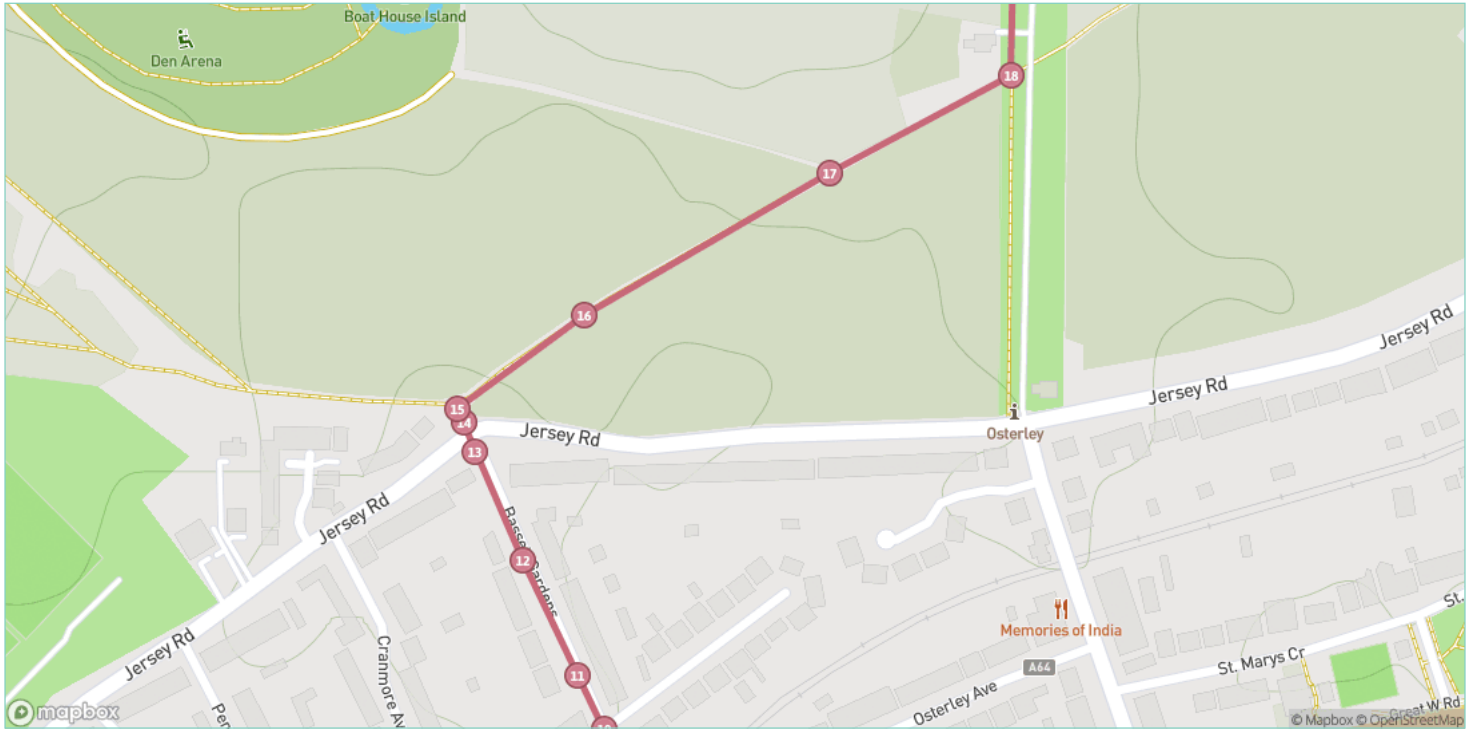
Step 6: Turn right onto Penwerries Avenue. Enjoy the dappled light from the street trees as you go.

Step 7: Take another right onto Bassett Gardens.

Step 8: Follow the road round. Enjoy the blooms from the front gardens as you go.

Step 9: If you took the alleyway, turn right here or continue straight if you took the step-free route.

Step 10: Follow Bassett Gardens round to the left. Keep an eye out for some lush front garden trees.



Step 11: Carry on straight down the road. Tap the map pin on the bottom right and zoom into the map to see all the street tree names.

Step 12: Keep an eye out for plenty of flowers and wildlife. If you'd like to learn more about blossom and tree ID, tap the 'Read More' button below.

Tree identification

Trees are a source of beauty and tranquility. They're also part of our natural heritage. So why not get to know them better? Tap below to learn how to identify common British trees.

Learn More

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/discover/nature/trees-plants/guide-identifying-trees>

Step 13: At the end of Bassett Gardens, cross over Jersey Road safely. Look out for a gate on the other side.

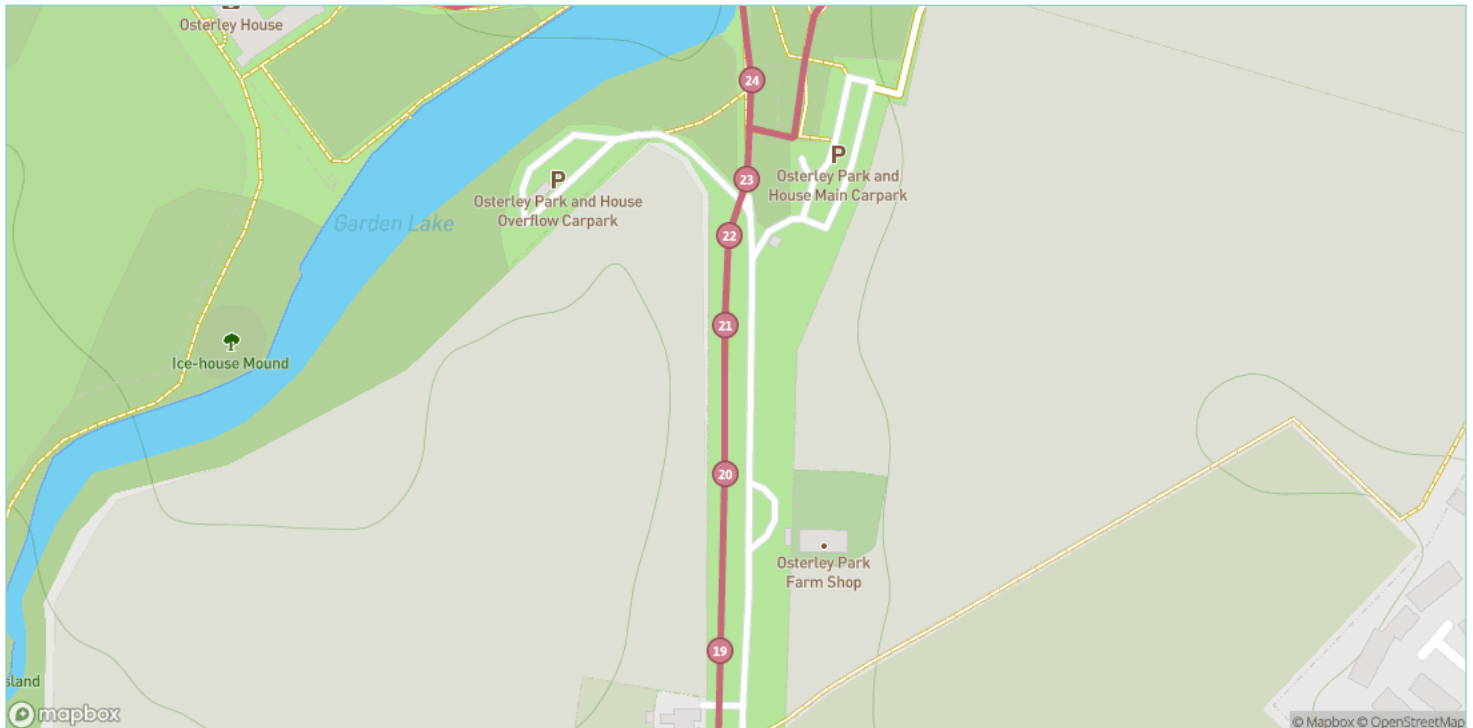
Step 14: Creep through this tantalisingly inviting gate and bid farewell to residential West London as we head to Osterley Park and House.

Step 15: Turn right and follow the footpath.

Step 16: Take a moment to remind yourself that 5 minutes ago you were in suburbia and now it's like you're in the countryside.

Step 17: Carry on straight ahead. In wet or wintry months this path may be muddy.

Step 18: Our rural trail adventures will pause temporarily as you exit this gate. Turn left after the gate.



Step 19: Follow the path and pause to take in the magnificent trees.

Step 20: They are really quite fabulous.

Step 21: At the end of the path, you'll arrive at one of West London's best-kept secrets. We warmly welcome you to Osterley Park and House!

Step 22: The following route does not require National Trust membership but we highly recommend that you extend your stay with a visit to the house and gardens. Find out more below.

A palace of palaces

Osterley Park and House is a stunning Georgian country estate cared for by the National Trust. It's set within acres of peaceful parkland which we will explore today as well as ornamental lakes and beautifully restored 18th-century gardens - perfect for maximising your blooming wonderful walks. If you extend your visit, you can wander through herbaceous borders and a Tudor walled garden. Former British politician, Horace Walpole (24 September 1717 – 2 March 1797) once described Osterley Park and House as the 'palace of palaces.' How's that for a compliment? We'd love to welcome you inside.

Step 23: Follow the path through this green gate.

Step 24: It's likely that one of our wonderful National Trust volunteers will offer you a lift here. Otherwise, continue on foot with us.



Step 25: Follow the path on the left, walking around the Garden Lake.

Step 26: Admire the reflections on the water as you go. Can you spot any water birds? What signs of spring can you see?

Step 27: Follow the upcoming path on your right that leads towards the house.

Step 28: There's a picnic area on your right but if you haven't packed refreshments don't worry...treats await.

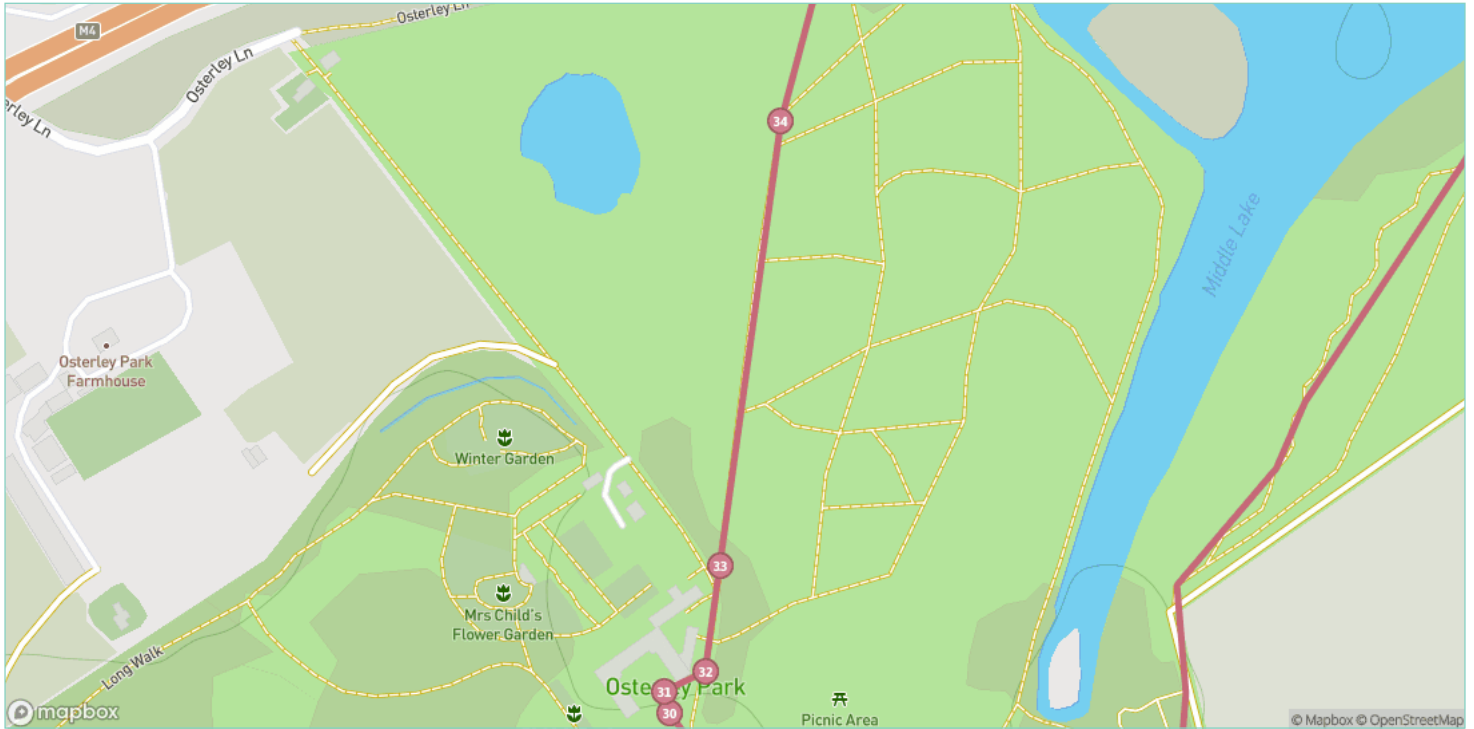
Step 29: Welcome to the rather grand Osterley House. You can find out more about Osterley House below. [👉](#)

About Osterley House

It's hard to believe this grand mansion started life as a Tudor house! Originally built in the 1570s by Sir Thomas Gresham, Osterley was later acquired by wealthy banker Sir Francis Child in 1713. It was his grandson Francis who gave the house its iconic look, commissioning Scottish architect Robert Adam in 1761 to transform it into the grand mansion you see today.

Adam spent nearly 20 years on the project, designing everything from the sweeping entrance hall to the intricate room decorations. The estate has had a long relationship with film and television too, from the 1930s right through to modern productions including *The Crown*.

Step 30: We'll be coming back here later but for reference there's a shop and bookshop here with outside seating.



Step 31: And don't miss the cafe - which also has indoor seating. It's usually open 10am - 5pm in spring and summer.

Step 32: Follow this path beside the toilets.

Step 33: Continue straight ahead, walking between an avenue of trees. Can you spot the tree branches budding in spring or turning in autumn?

Step 34: Enjoy the dappled light of the trees and birdsong as you go. Would you like tips on how to spot different types of blossom? Tap below.

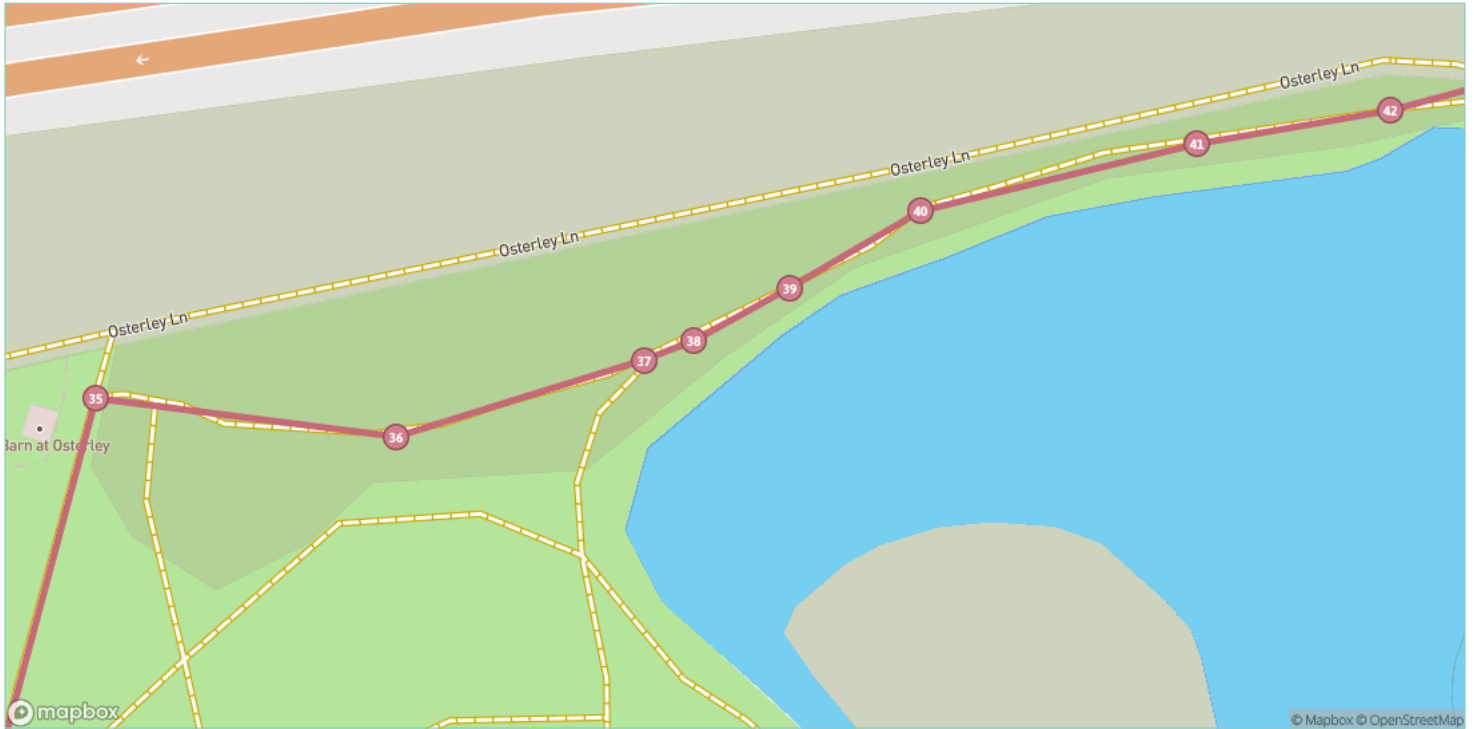
Blossom spotting

Not all blossom is the same. Once you start looking, you'll be amazed at the variety! Apple blossom is one of the easiest to identify, appearing from March to April in white with a hint of pink and a sweet fragrance. Cherry is another one to look out for, flowering in shades of pink or white, it hangs in umbrella-shaped clusters and appears before the leaves.


Later in spring, hawthorn takes over, usually flowering from late April into May with small rounded white petals around bright pink anthers. It's also known as the mayflower. Have a look around you, how many different types can you spot on this walk?

Blossom Types

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/discover/nature/trees-plants/how-to-spot-different-types-of-blossom>



Step 35: At the end of the path, follow it round to your right.

Step 36: There's a rather lovely bench here if you wanted to pause for a moment. Why not try our blossom meditation here? Tap below 

Take a breather in blossom

Take a seat on a bench or sit on the grass and enjoy a little breather amidst the blossom. Grab your headphones and try this short guided 5 minute blossom meditation.

If you've never tried meditation before, this is the perfect way to start. Adding just 5 minutes of mindfulness to your day can help slow things down and boost your mood.

Blossom Meditation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=shared&v;=fKmb7a4YNEU>

Step 37: When you're ready, make your way to Middle Lake.

Step 38: Two paths run parallel here. The one nearest the lake has a few more tree roots on the path so watch your step.

Step 39: Take a moment to admire the fallen trees which have now been turned into wildlife habitats!

Step 40: Follow the path.

Step 41: Continue ahead with the lake on your left. Please watch out for tree roots as you go.

Step 42: Head towards the gate up ahead.



Step 43: Pass through the gate and then turn right.

Step 44: Follow the path ahead.

Step 45: Enjoy this delightful view across the lake as you wander ahead.

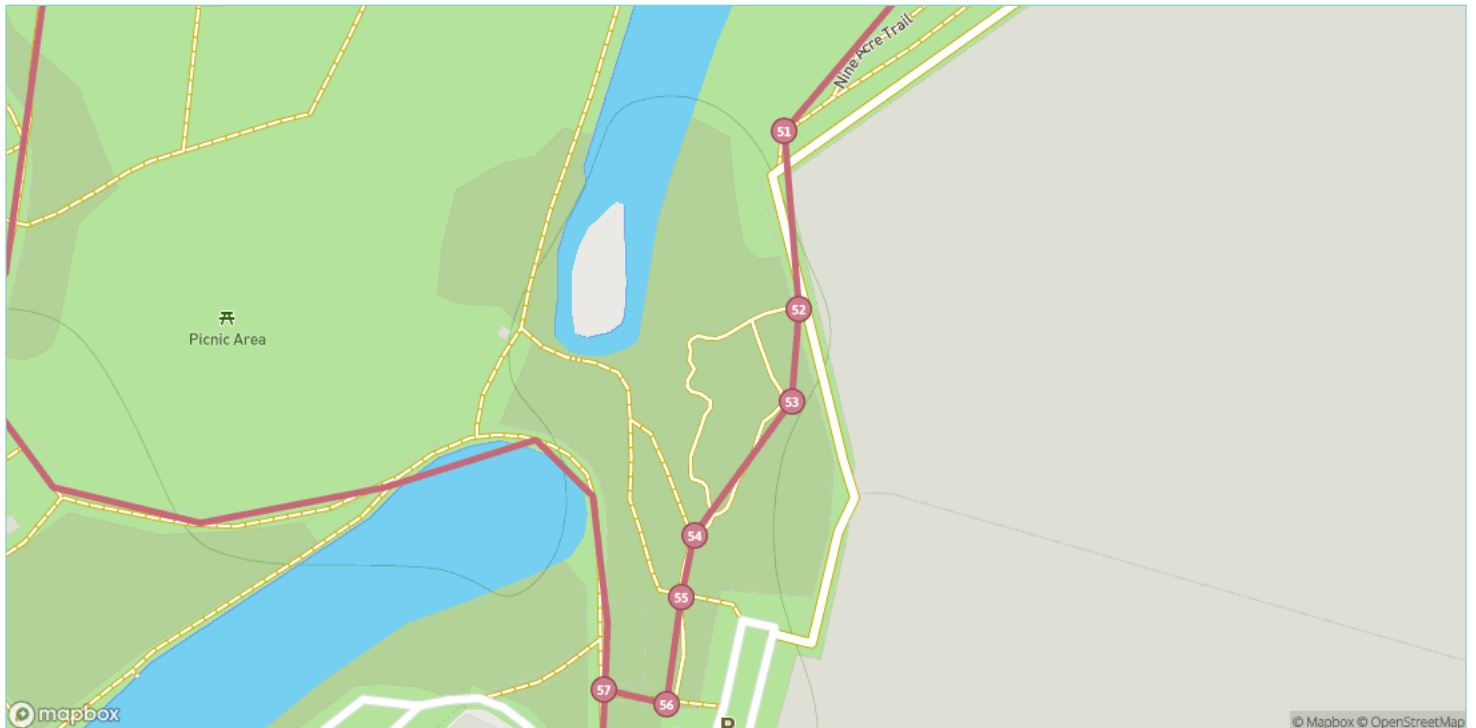
Step 46: Turn right and go through the gate.

Step 47: Welcome to the wiggly path also known as the Nine Acre Trail.

Step 48: Wiggle your way along the path.

Step 49: Can you spot any trees in bloom? Don't miss this viewpoint either. It's a delight.

Step 50: Get back to walking mindfully, following the wiggly path.



Step 51: Turn left up this path in between the fences.

Step 52: The path splits here. If you're on wheels, head right. Those on foot can continue left. We are slowly making our way back to the start now.

Step 53: Keep an eye out for lots of dead hedging and wildlife habitat creation. Making a home for nature is very important. Find out more below.

Make a home for nature

These log piles are like hotels for minibeasts! Woodlice and other tiny creatures love to live here, munching on dead plants. By doing this, they recycle nutrients and keep our soil healthy. You can help wildlife near you too! Try leaving food out for birds or making safe spaces, like log piles or bug hotels, where animals can rest and hide.

Learn More

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/50-things/no.-43-help-a-wild-animal>

Step 54: Continue along the path.

Step 55: Head toward the car park.

Step 56: Turn right and we're back at the entrance to Osterley Park. Now's the time to explore the gardens, cafe or shop!

Step 57: When you're ready you can retrace your steps back to Osterley station by walking back down the footpath, through the fields and onto Jersey Road followed by Bassett Gardens. We hope you enjoyed the jaunt! See you soon. 🌸