



Calderstones Park Circular Walk

A perfect lunchtime stroll or family-friendly walk through Calderstones Park. Refreshments en route or bring a picnic!

Distance 2.2 kilometers / 1.4 miles

Duration 30 minutes

WC

Public loos



Refreshments



Public transport



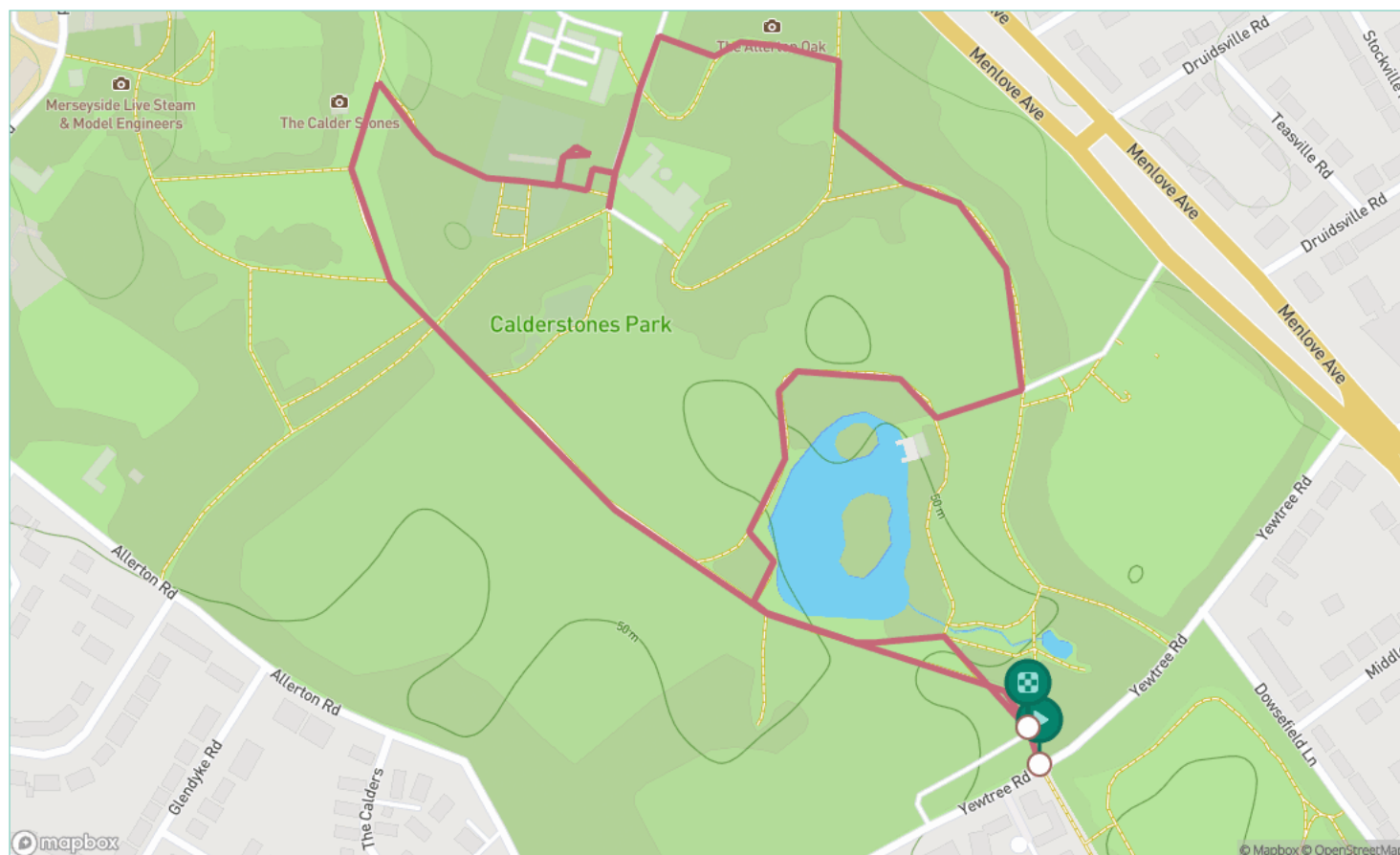
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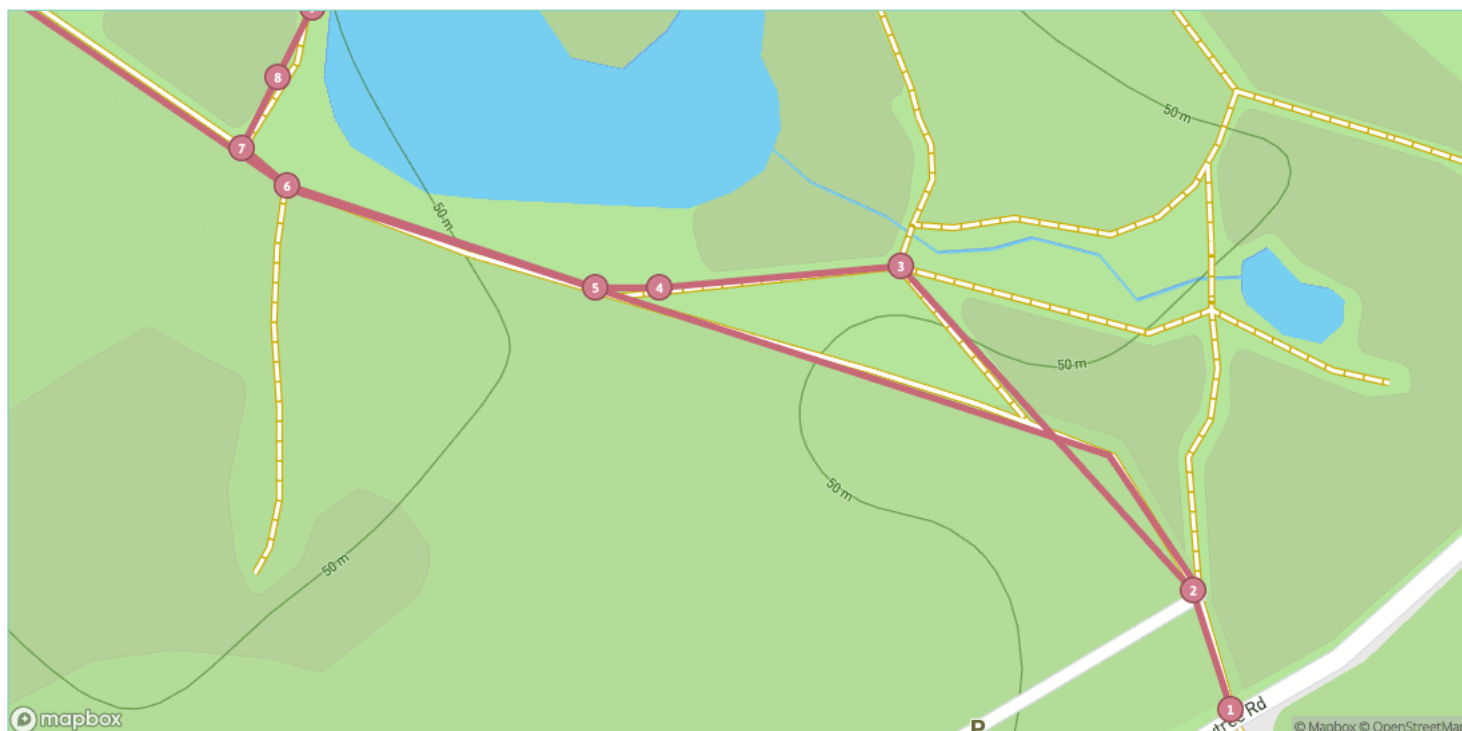


Dog friendly



Child friendly





Step 1: This walk starts on the entrance to Calderstones Park on Yewtree Road (postcode: L18 3JL). The nearest bus stop is on Melove Ave.

Step 2: This walk is mostly flat. Head into the park through the gate and mind the bollard as you go. Continue ahead.

Step 3: Continue as the path bears slight left. The lake is now on your right hand side.

Step 4: The lake used to be a boating lake and is now a haven for local wildlife.

Step 5: Keep to the main path, enjoy the tree-lined vista as you go.

Step 6: Look for a path off to the right and take a closer look at the lake.

Step 7: The Liverpool Corporation bought the Calderstones estate in 1902, opening it as a public park three years later.

Step 8: The park grew to its present 126 acres after the neighbouring Harthill Estate was added to the park before the First World War. Harthill was once home to the Bibby family, founders of the Bibby Line shipping company.



Step 9: Enjoy the views across the lake here and then bear left to continue.

Step 10: Bear right to continue walking around the lake.

Step 11: You can find benches dotted along the path if you'd like to sit and enjoy the views.

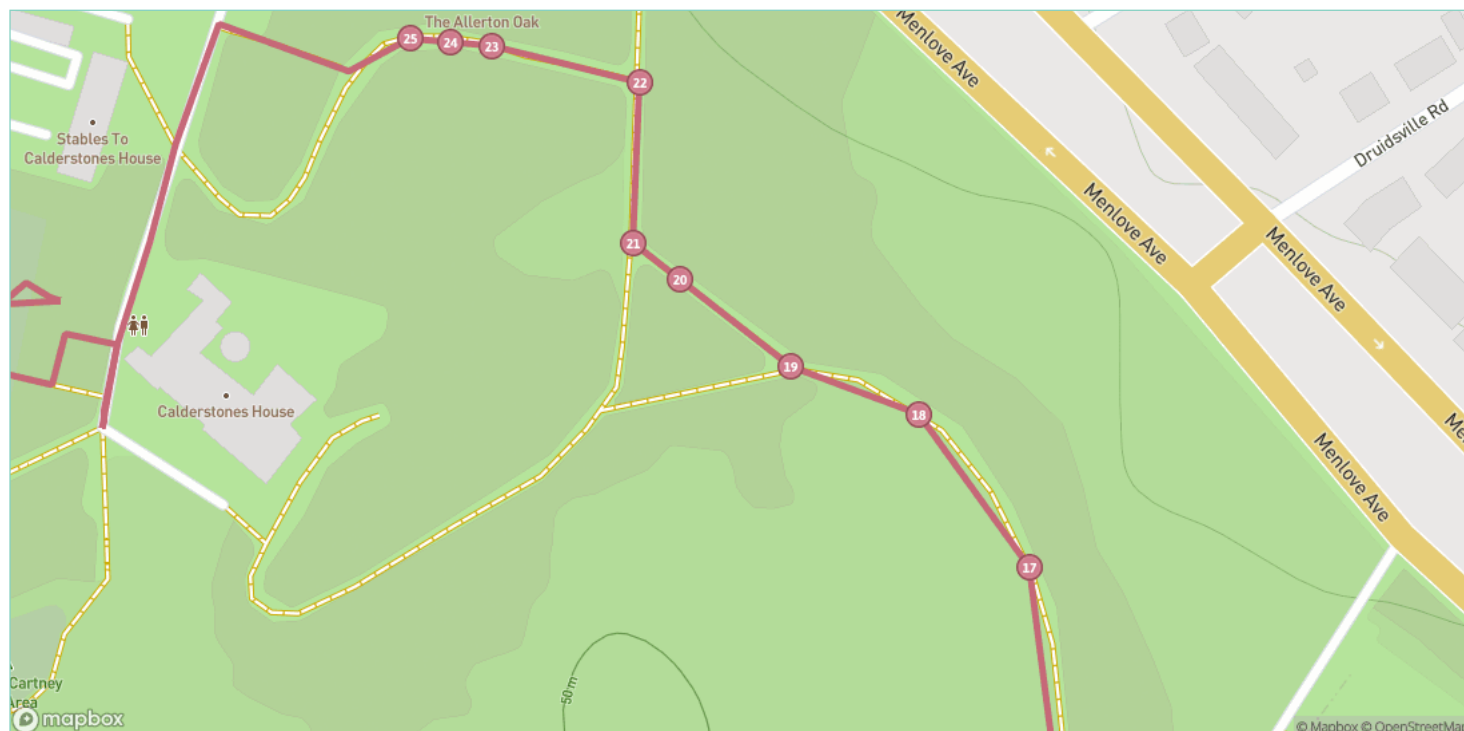
Step 12: Continue following the path as it begins to move away from the lake.

Step 13: Bear right to continue.

Step 14: The path winds ahead. At the next path junction, turn left.

Step 15: On your left are evergreen magnificent pine trees. Can you spot them?

Step 16: Turn left at the next path junction.



Step 17: Keep going straight.

Step 18: Can you spot any signs of the upcoming season as you go?

Step 19: Keep right and continue straight. Calderstones Park is home to a large variety of trees.

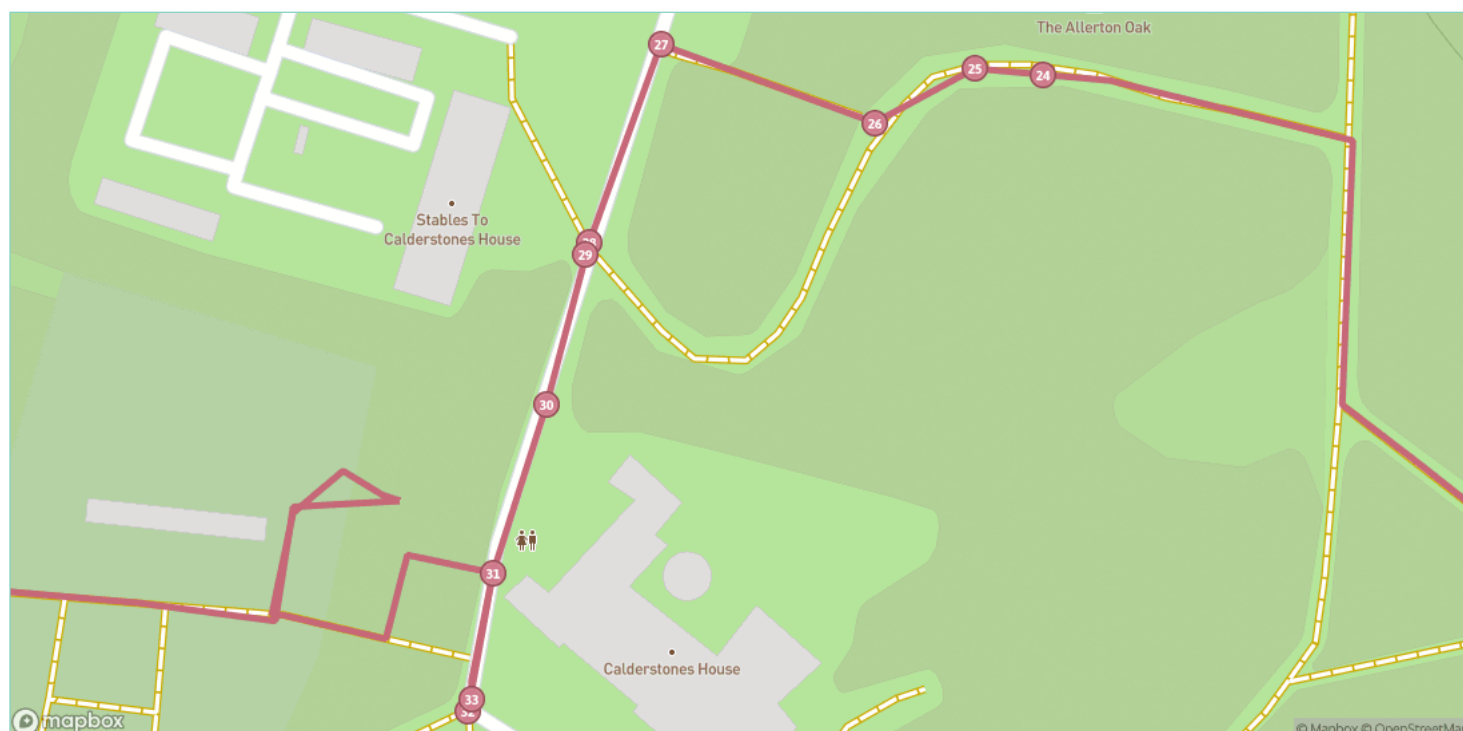
Step 20: Can you spot any interesting leaves or bark that pique your interest?

Step 21: Continue as the path declines slightly and bear right.

Step 22: Turn left at the next path. Our next stop is the Old Allerton Oak which was named the Tree of the Year in 2019.

Step 23: Behind the protective railings, you'll see the oak. The oak is reputed to be 1,000 years old. It's now split and steel-braced.

Step 24: Its girth measures a whopping 5.5 metres and the tree produces around 100,000 acorns a year despite its great age. What a majestic tree! We're very lucky it still lives in our park.



Step 25: You can find out more about the tree on this board.

Step 26: Continue past the tree, stay on the path and continue ahead.

Step 27: Turn left at the next path junction.

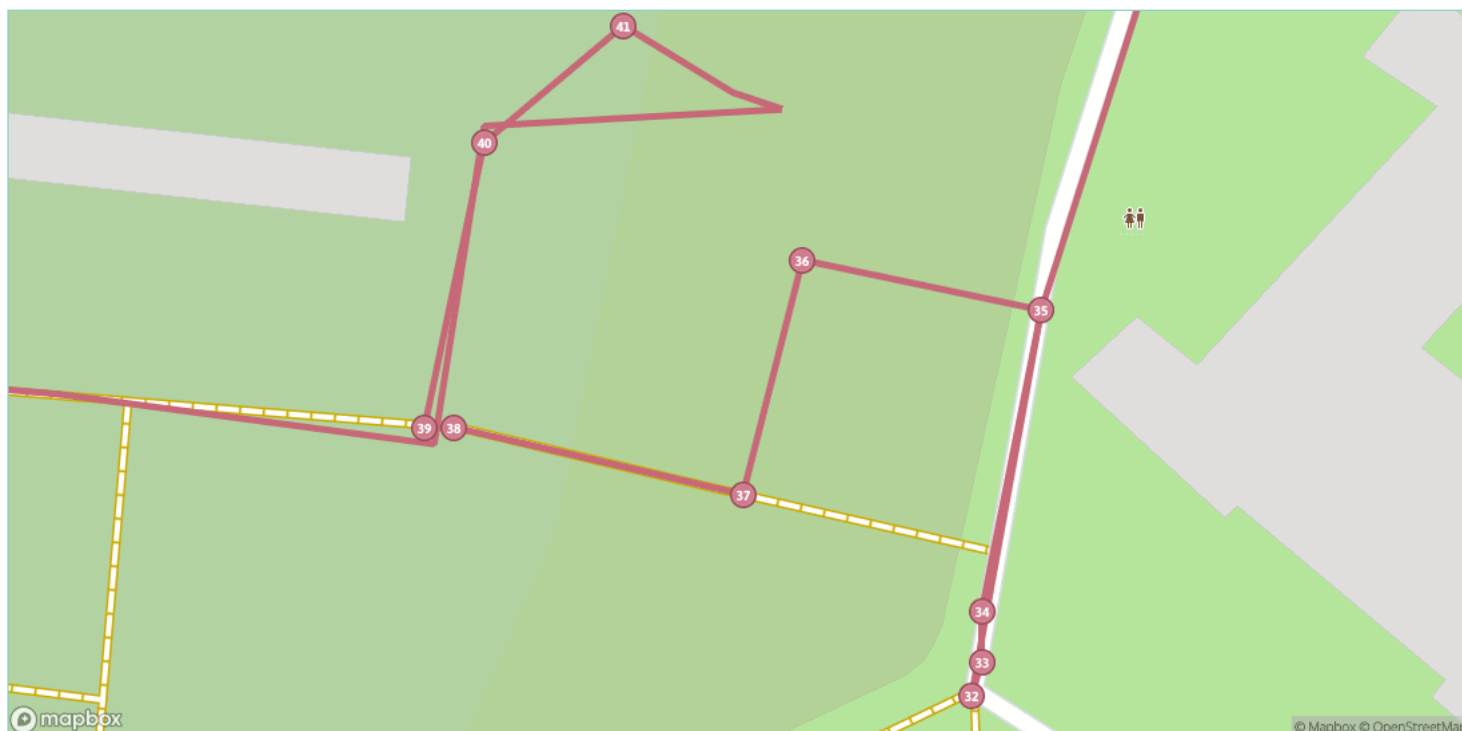
Step 28: At the former stables you'll find The Reader Ice Cream Parlour and cafe. It's usually open 8:30am - 5pm.

Step 29: When you're ready, continue ahead.

Step 30: On your left you'll find The Reader Bookshop. It's usually open 10am - 4pm. Why not nip in for your next brilliant read?

Step 31: Further ahead, you'll find another kiosk as well as some public toilets.

Step 32: A little further ahead, you'll find the Mansion House. Empty since the early 1970s, the house was restored and reopened in 2019.



Step 33: It's now The Reader, an international reading centre and is billed as the world's first public building dedicated entirely to literature and wellbeing. The original Neolithic Calderstones themselves now sit inside the house.

Step 39: Look right for a secret entrance that looks rather inviting.

Step 40: Follow the path on the right.

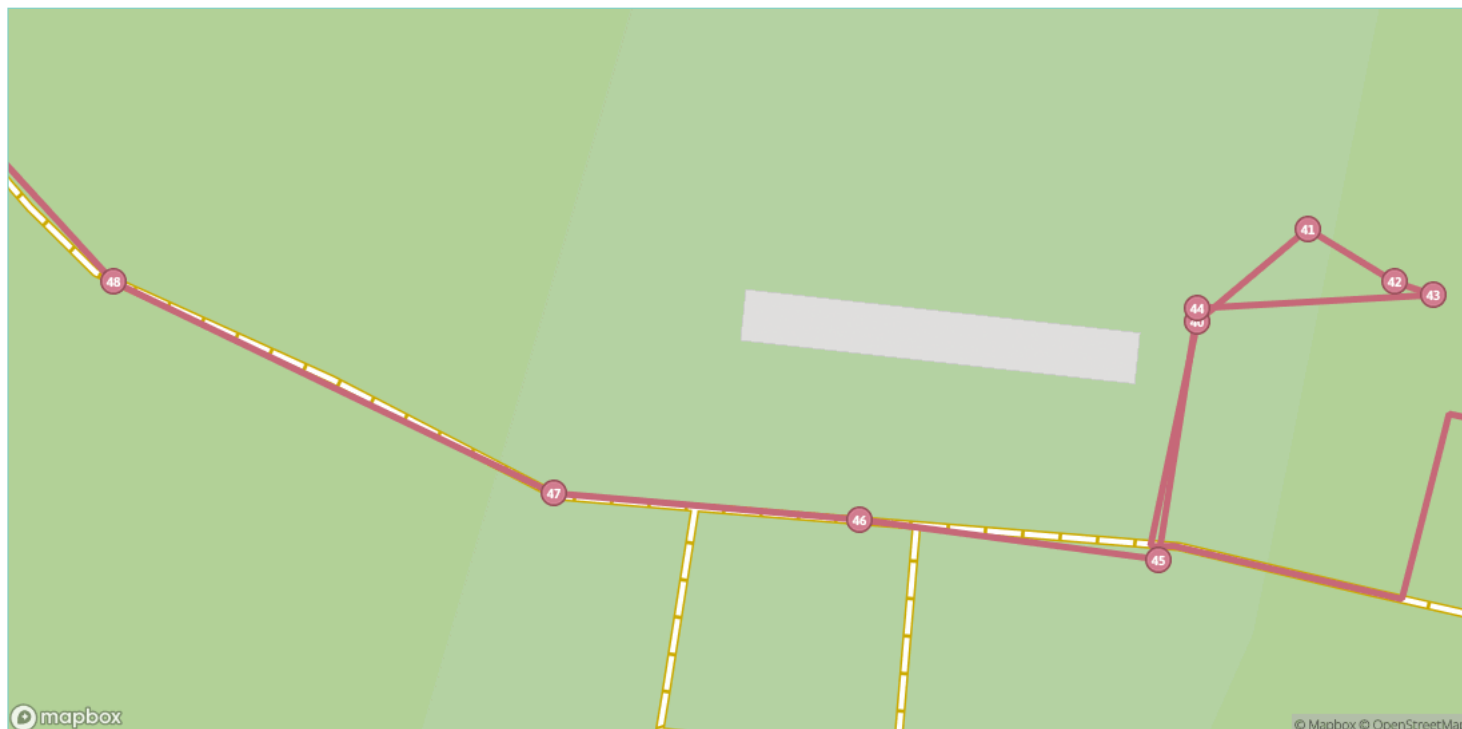
Step 34: The Mansion House is usually open 10am - 4pm. Do visit inside and when you're ready retrace your steps back towards the cafe kiosk.

Step 35: With the kiosk on your right, you should see a small gate opening on your left. Head on in.

Step 36: Now follow the path ahead into the China garden surrounded by gorgeous flora like the handkerchief tree, bamboo, dawn redwood and more.

Step 37: Check out the interpretation board for more information.

Step 38: Follow the path into the walled garden.



Step 41: Continue as it winds around into the hidden Japanese Garden. We recommend wandering as you wish.

Step 42: The garden was created in 1969 by park apprentices as part of a training scheme. It's now a tranquil and richly planted hidden gem.

Step 43: Take a moment to notice the good things in nature.

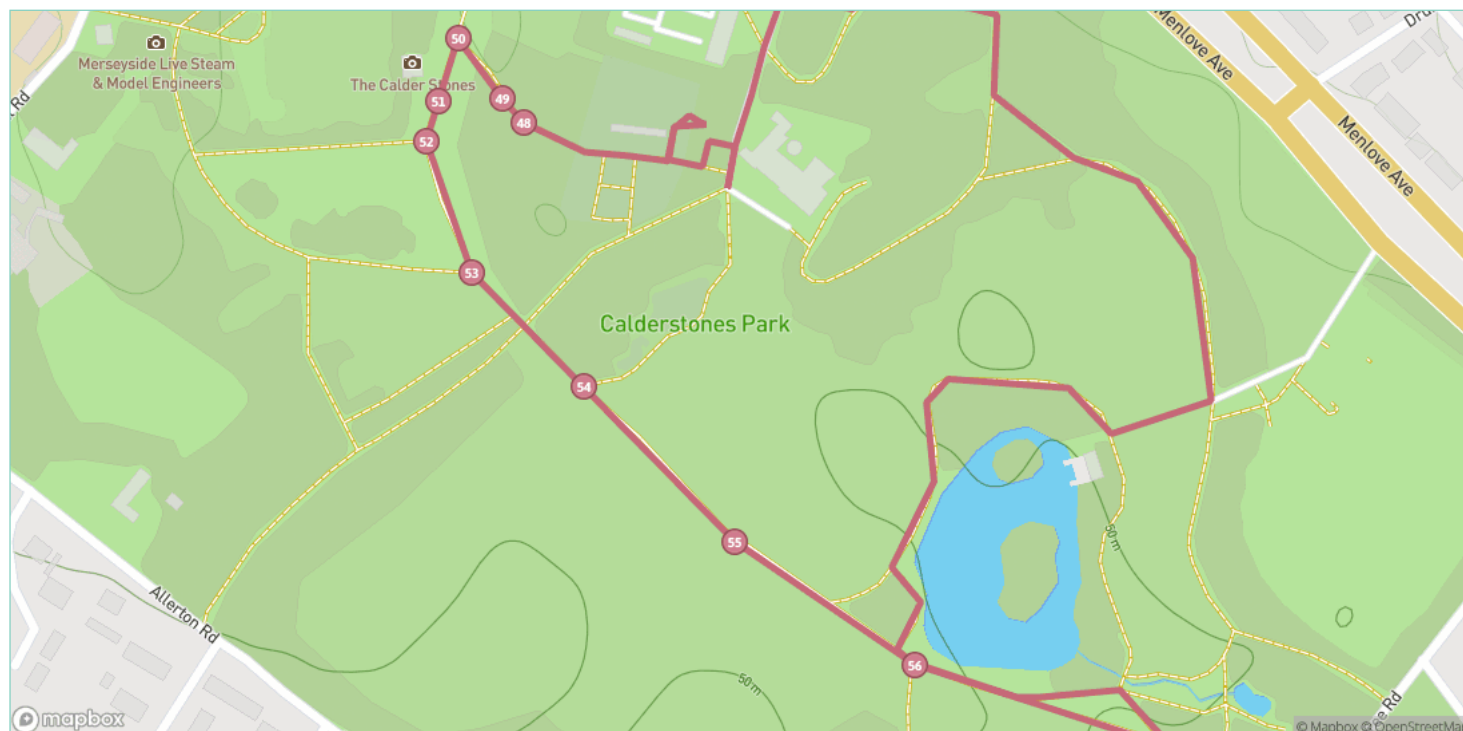
Step 44: When you're ready, exit the garden and wind your way back to the walled garden.

Step 45: Turn right to walk down the main path from earlier.

Step 46: There's plenty of benches everywhere including under the pergola - a perfect place to eat your lunch, read a book or enjoy a mindful moment.

Step 47: Continue ahead, walk towards the gap in the wall. There is a small step here.

Step 48: Follow the gravel path slight right.



Step 49: Continue ahead towards a standing stone.

Step 56: The lake from earlier will be on your left hand side.

Step 50: At the end of the small path, turn left. Here you'll find remnants to the former botanic garden including an old glasshouse.

Step 51: Continue down the wide tree-lined path.

Step 52: Continue ahead.

Step 53: Enjoy the dappled light from the trees as you go. Just up ahead on the left hand side you'll find the kids playground.

Step 54: Beatles star, Paul McCartney officially opened this play area in 1998, in memory of his late wife, Linda.

Step 55: When you're ready keep following the main path.



Step 57: The exit to the park is just up ahead and the nearest bus stop is on Menlove Avenue.

Step 58: We hope you enjoyed this walk around Calderstones Park. Discover your next walk in the app. ❤️