



Green Chain Walk Section 6

Walk in the footsteps of royalty as you pass grand forests, parks, and the historic Eltham Palace on this fantastic Green Chain walk.

Distance 6.8 kilometers / 4.2 miles

Duration 1 hour and 55 minutes



Great views



Refreshments



Public transport



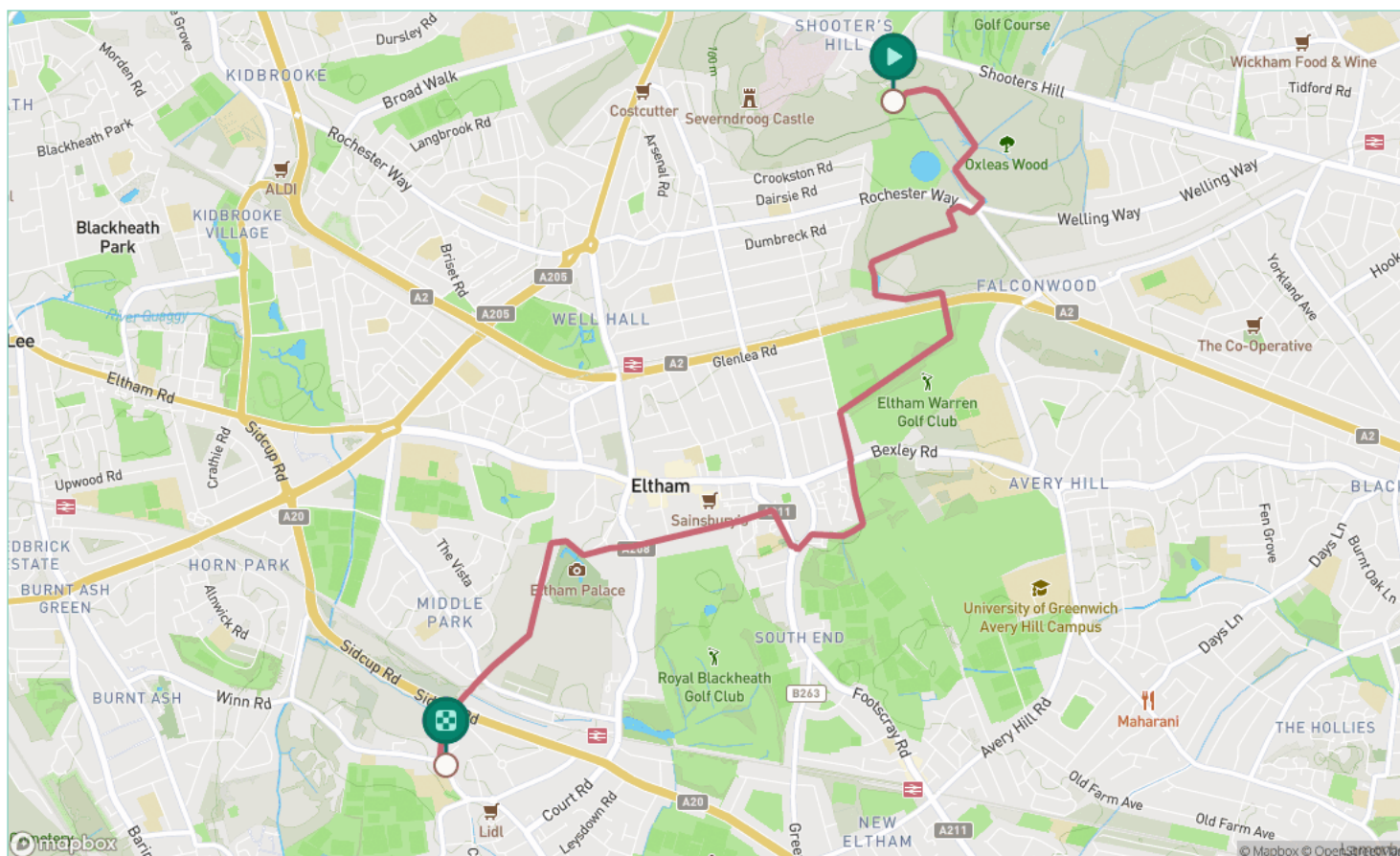
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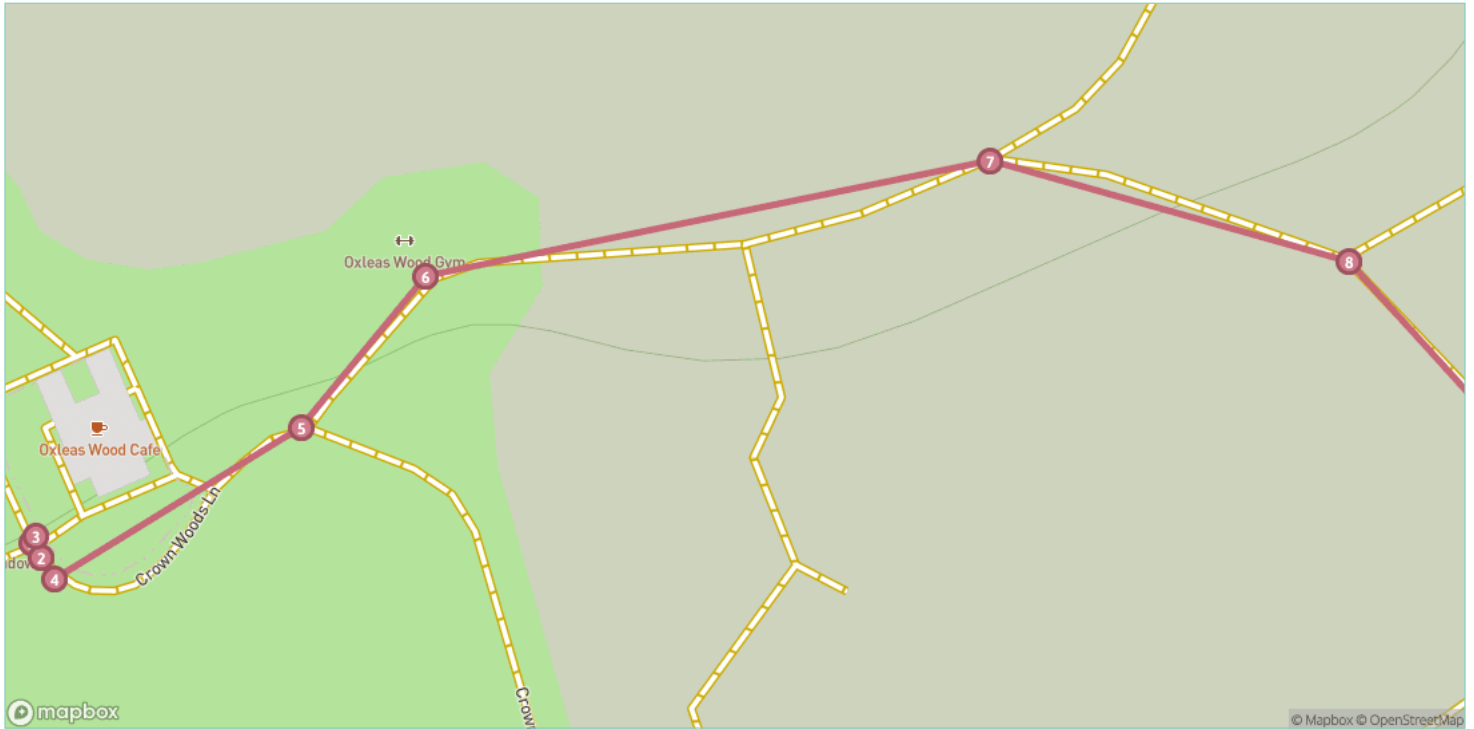
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Step 1: Welcome to section 6 of the Green Chain walk. This walk begins at Oxleas Wood and ends at Mottingham.

Step 2: To reach the start of this section from Falconwood Rail Station, exit onto Rochester Way and walk along the pavement until you reach Welling Way. Meet up with this route at Step 16 and follow in reverse to the start point.

Step 3: A gorgeous view to start of this section!

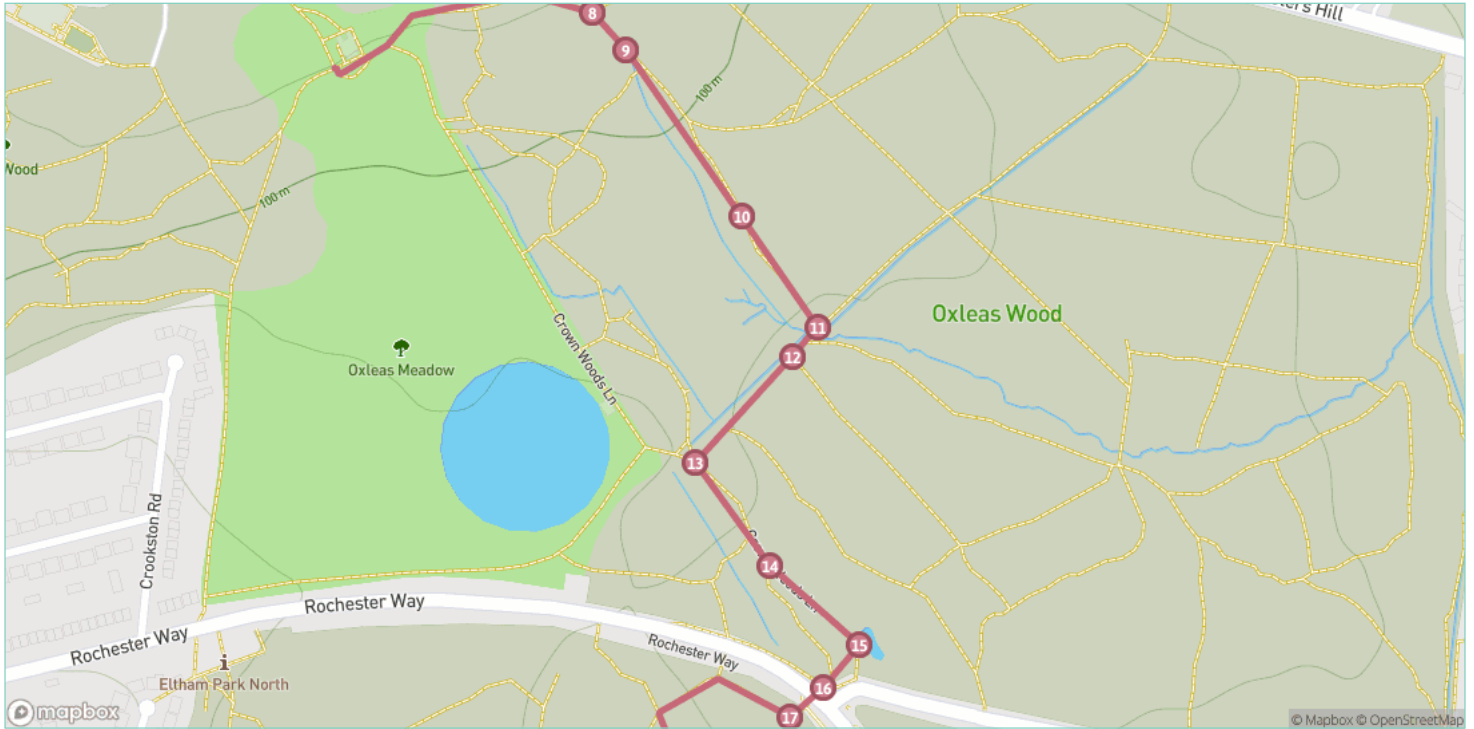
Step 4: If you'd like, feel free to load up on refreshments before we start. When you're ready, facing the cafe, turn to the right.

Step 5: Follow the paved path away from the cafe. Note the Green Chain posts along the way. These will help you keep on track.

Step 6: The paved route becomes a dirt track through Oxleas Wood.

Step 7: At the fork, veer right.

Step 8: At the next fork, go right again.



Step 9: Keep looking for the Green Chain posts if you need another marker point along this path.

Step 10: Stay straight ahead, ignoring any side paths here.

Step 11: Soon, come to a path junction. From here, the route continues to the right.

Step 12: The tree-lined route here is stunning!

Step 13: At the next Green Chain sign, follow the arrow to the left.

Step 14: Stay left at the next fork, heeding the advice of the yellow arrow!

Step 15: Now, head to the pavement and turn right.

Step 16: Cross Rochester Way. There's no pedestrian light, so proceed carefully when it's clear. Falconwood Station is just to the left.



Step 17: The route continues directly ahead, into Shepherdleas Wood.

Step 18: At the next junction, turn left.

Step 19: Stay to the left, still following the Green Chain posts.

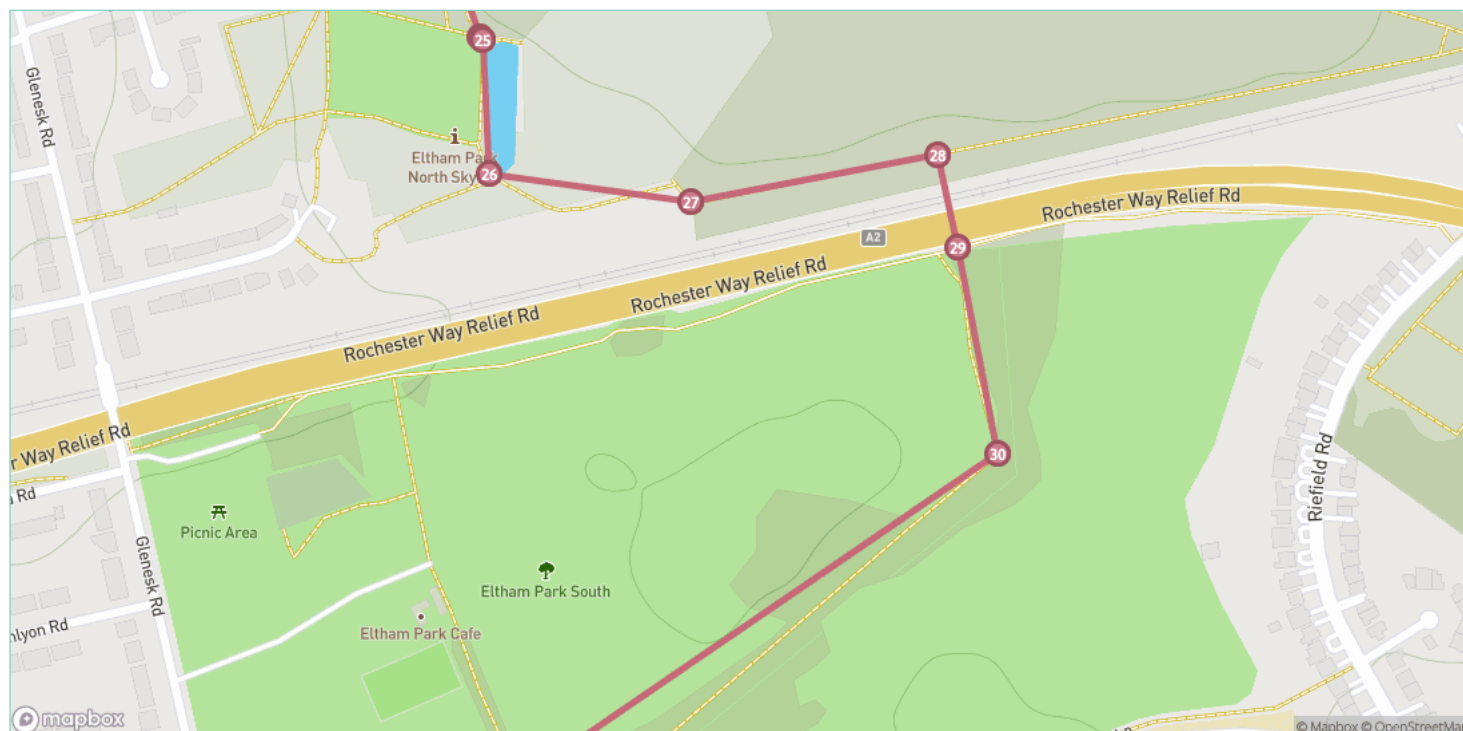
Step 20: At the next fingerpost, turn right, following the sign for Eltham Palace.

Step 21: Next comes a long straight section, much easier to navigate!

Step 22: At the junction here, turn left.

Step 23: Doesn't matter if you go left or right around the tree!

Step 24: Emerge now in the open grounds of Eltham Park North. Turn left.



Step 25: Follow the marker post to the right, to and along the lovely Long Pond.

Did you know?

The ancient long pond was probably excavated between 1800 and 1830 and was a private boating lake in the mid 19th century. Today it is the home of several varieties of wildfowl. From Long Pond there are distant views towards the City of London and Crystal Palace.

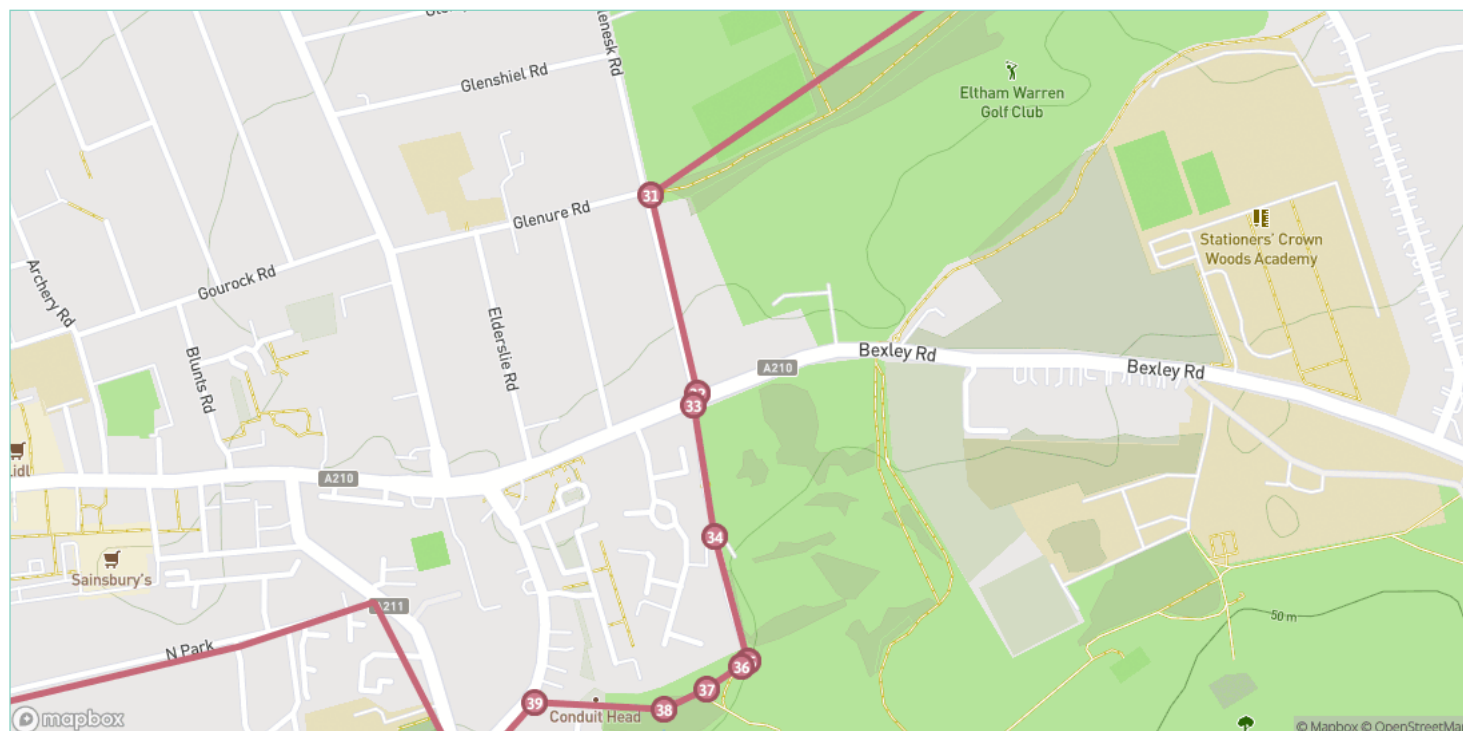
Step 26: Bear left at the far end of the pond to skirt the edge of a long meadow.

Step 27: Next, re-enter the woodland straight ahead. Follow the path parallel to the railway and Relief Road.

Step 28: Upon reaching the Green Link Bridge, turn right to cross the railway and road into Eltham Park South.

Step 29: Follow the path straight ahead, along the eastern boundary of the park.

Step 30: After following the path to the right, you're now walking along the southern boundary of the park.



Step 31: After emerging into Glesk Road, turn left.

Step 32: Cross Bexley Road with the new zebra crossing.

Step 33: Continue straight on down Butterfly Lane.

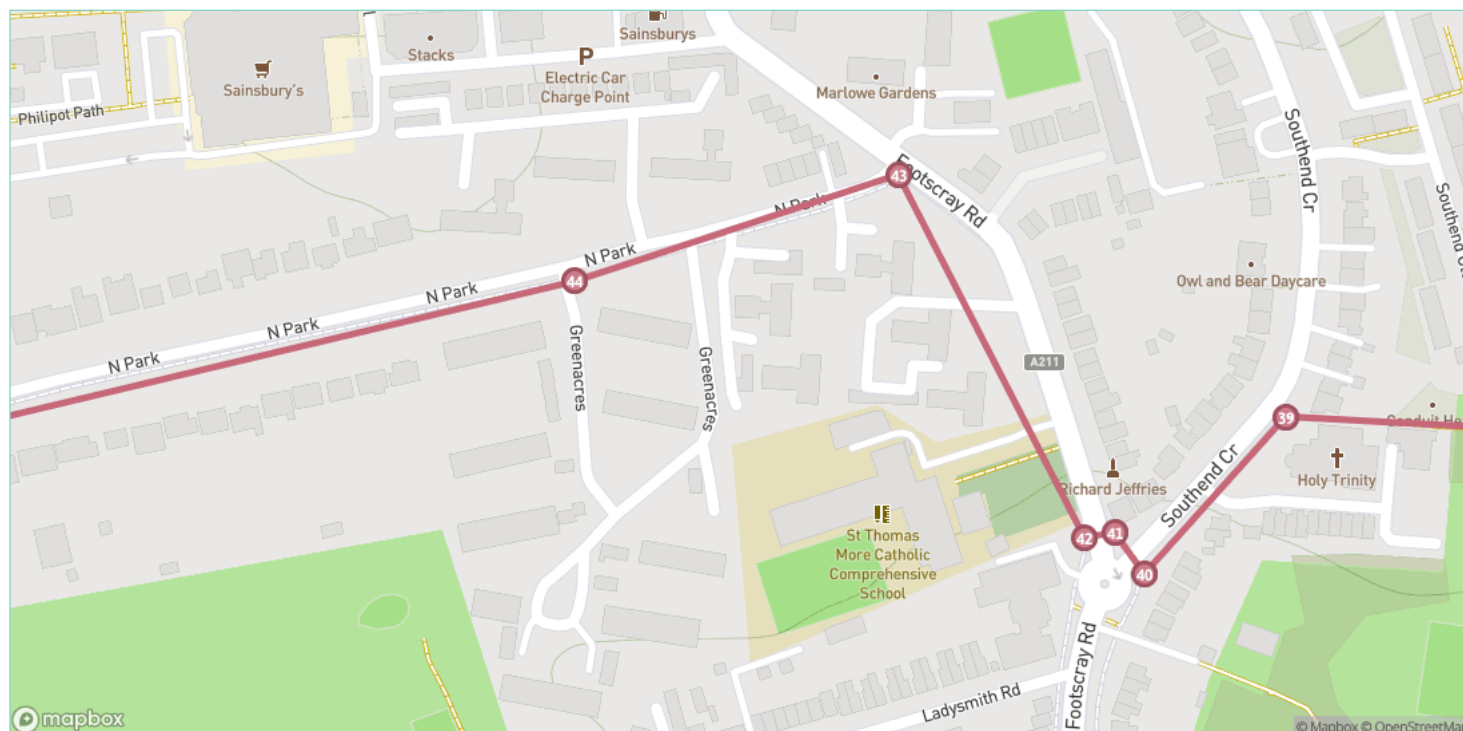
Step 34: We loved this route because these green spaces let us feel so far from the built up areas of London!

Step 35: At the end of Butterfly Lane, follow the dirt track to the right.

Step 36: Keep to the right at the next path junction...

Step 37: Still following the sign for Eltham Palace.

Step 38: Next, keep straight on down the track towards Southend Crescent.



Step 39: Turn left past the Holy Trinity church.

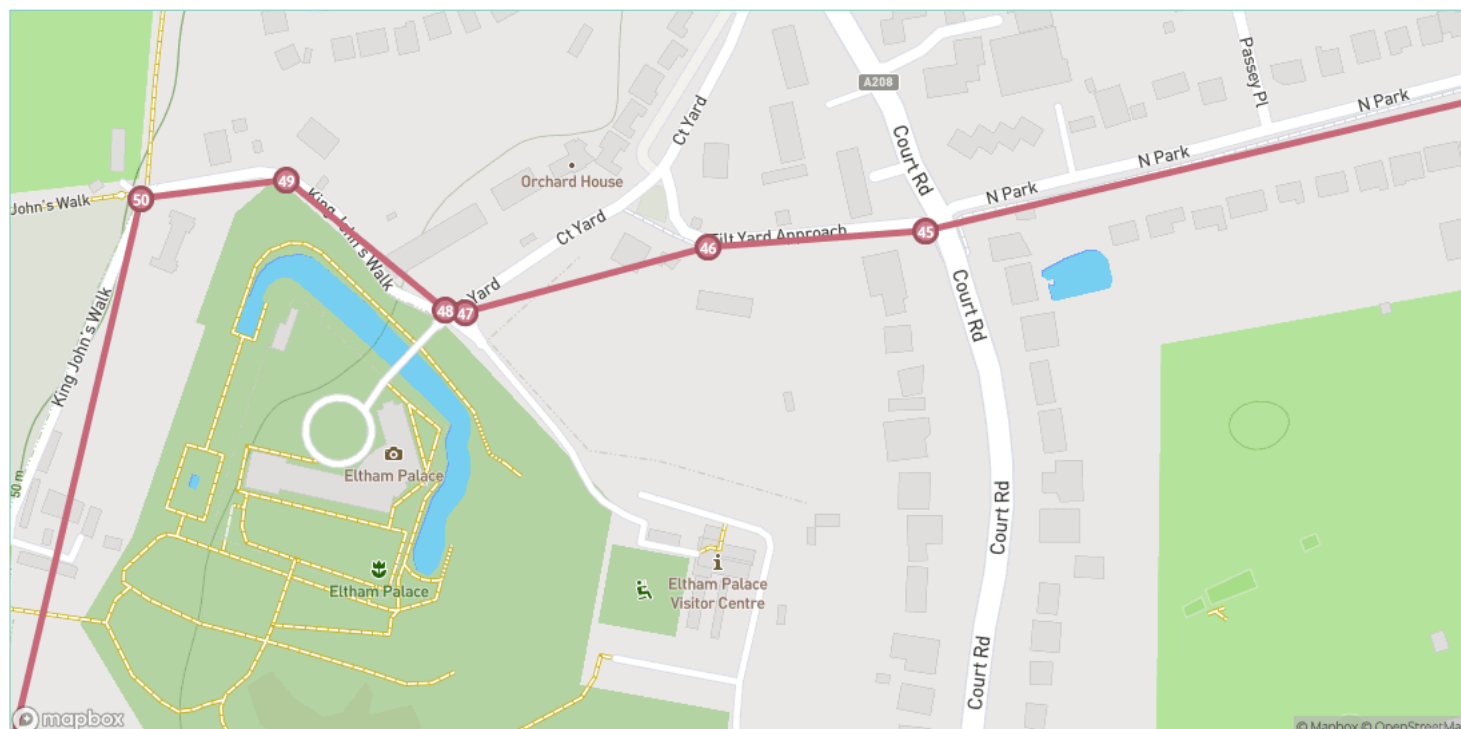
Step 40: At the next junction, first turn right to cross Southend Crescent.

Step 41: Then, turn left to cross Footscray Road.

Step 42: Turn right on the other side.

Step 43: Turn left from Footscray Road into North Park.

Step 44: Follow North Park to the end.



Step 45: Cross Court Road into Tilt Yard Approach opposite.

Step 46: Cross the grass here and turn left down Court Yard to the entrance of Eltham Palace.

Did you know?

The manor of Eltham came into royal possession on the death of the Bishop of Durham in 1311. The parks were enclosed in the 14th Century and in 1364 John II of France yielded himself to voluntary exile here. In 1475 the Great Hall was built on the orders of Edward IV and the moat bridge probably dates from the same period. Between the reigns of Edward IV and Henry VII the Palace reached the peak of its popularity, thereafter Tudor monarchs favoured the palace at Greenwich.

Step 47: The entrance to Eltham Palace is here.

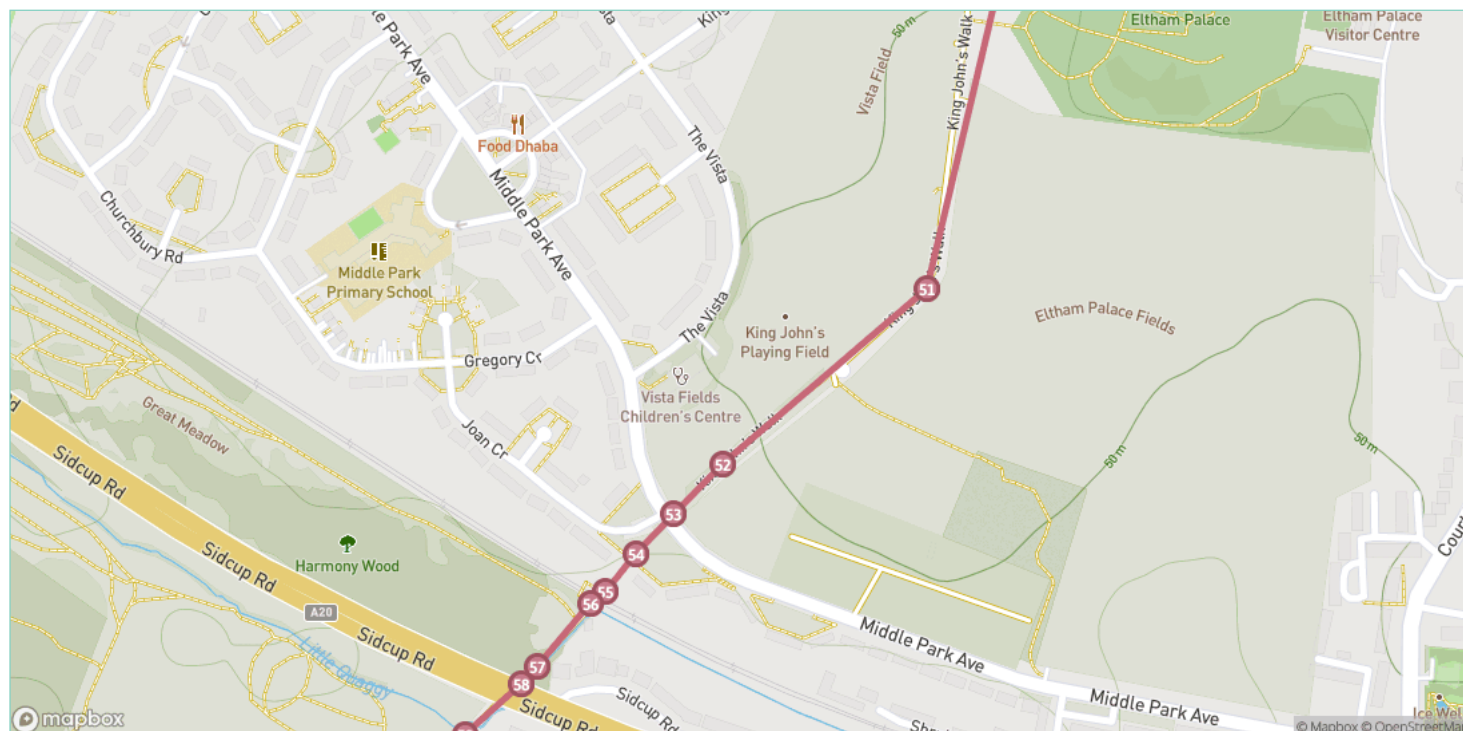
Did you know?

Eltham Palace is one of the few important medieval royal palaces in England to survive with substantial remains intact. In the 1930s an important private house, boasting an ultra-modern design was built adjoining the Great Hall by a wealthy couple, Stephen and Virginia Courtauld. It's now one of the finest examples of Art Deco architecture in England.

Step 48: Our route turns right to continue on. If you have extra time, we highly recommend a visit to the Palace!

Step 49: Keep walking down King John's Walk until you reach the gate up ahead.

Step 50: There, turn left.



Step 51: Another opportunity for fantastic views, this time of the city to the right!

Step 52: After a nice long stretch, come to Middle Park Avenue, just after the gate.

Step 53: Cross using the traffic lights and follow the path opposite.

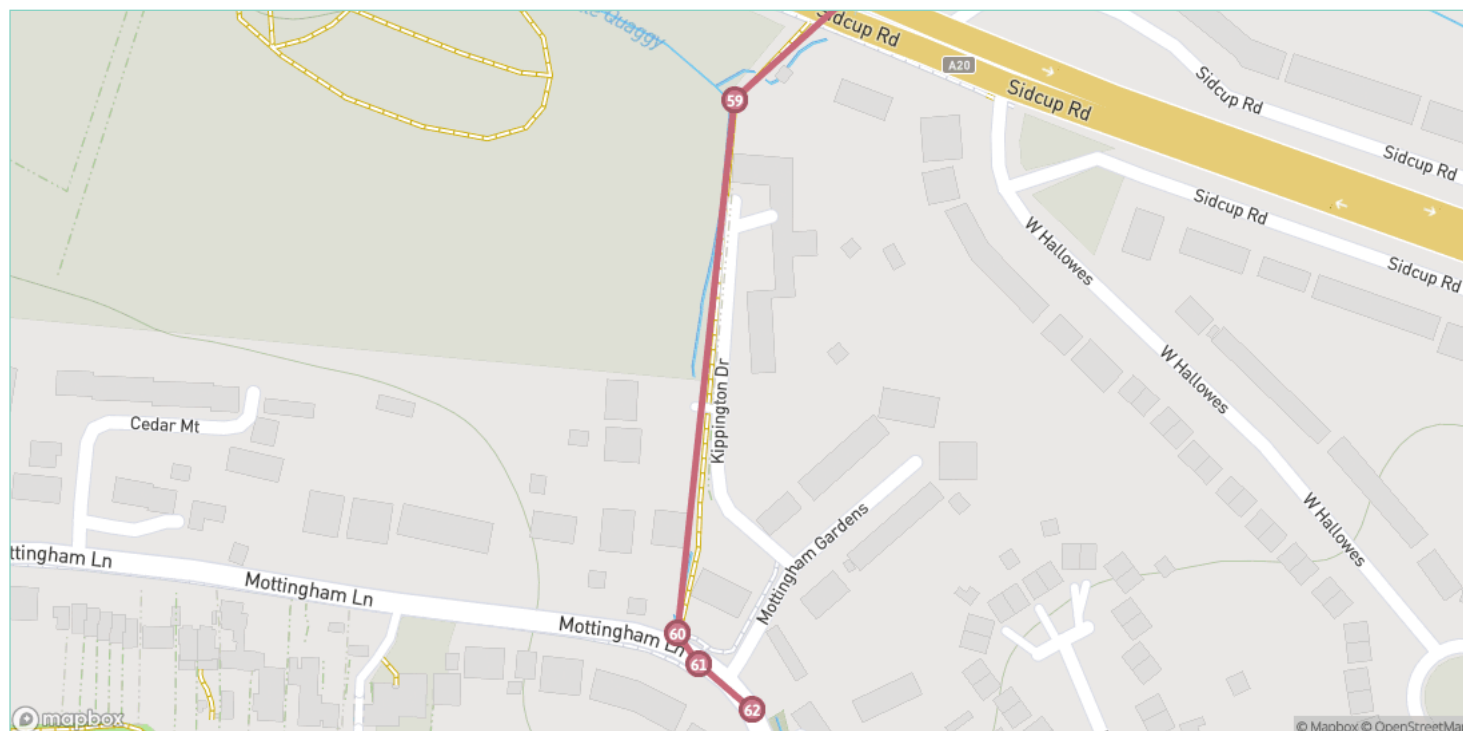
Step 54: Cross the metal barriers here.

Step 55: Then take the steps up and over the railway.

Step 56: Then take the steps back down the other side.

Step 57: Heading through another gate.

Step 58: Cross the dual carriageway of Sidcup Road at the traffic lights.



Step 59: Following the long tree-lined path opposite to Mottingham Lane.

Step 60: Pass through one final metal gate to reach Mottingham Lane.

Step 61: You've now completed section 6 of the Green Chain Walk. How about moving on to section 8 towards Beckenham Place Park.

Step 62: If you're heading home by train, turn left down Mottingham Lane, then stay left towards and along West Park. Cross Sidcup Road and take the pedestrian passage opposite the crossing to the station.