



The Kidlington Elephant Trail

Follow the blue elephant footprints and signposts to walk this step-free circular trail.

Distance 4.5 kilometers / 2.8 miles

Duration 1 hour and 40 minutes



Wheel friendly



Water feature



Public transport



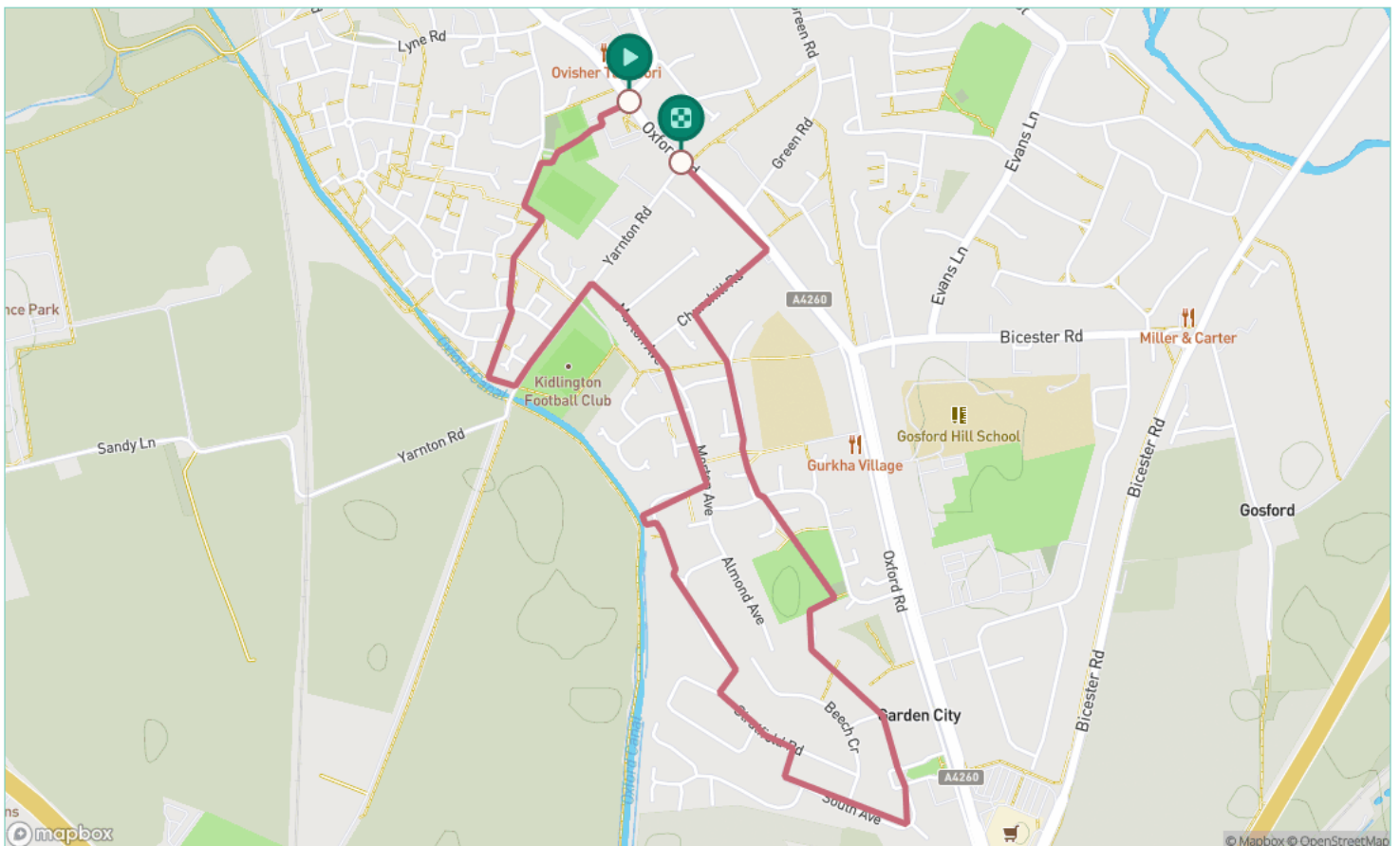
Dog friendly



Child friendly



Botanics



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: This walk was created in partnership with Cherwell District Council. Enjoy over 30 walks across North Oxfordshire and experience the sights and sounds of nature as you go.

Step 2: A great way to get children involved in finding their way as well as connecting with nature in green spaces along the route.

Step 3: This is one of five family friendly accessible walking trails based on zoo animals exploring Kidlington and Gosford.

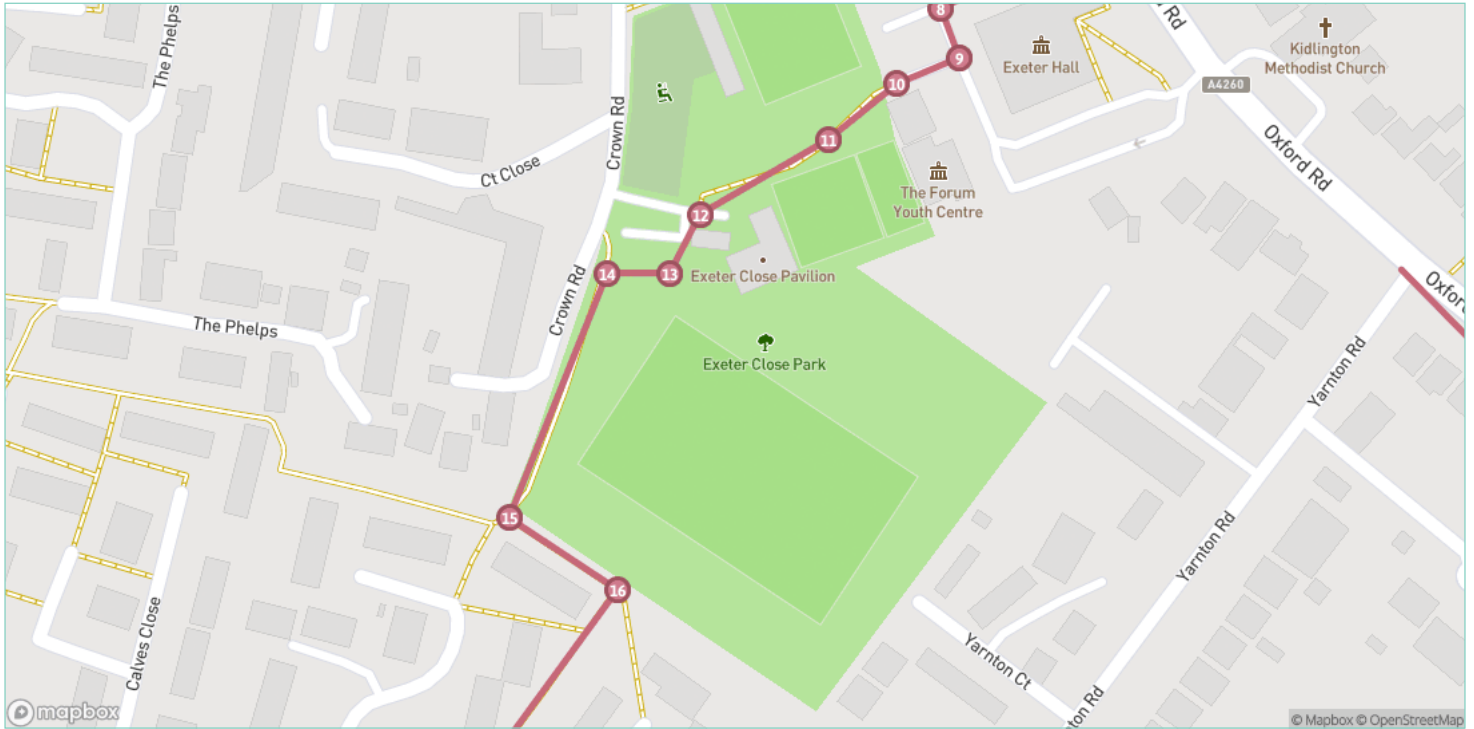
Step 4: The walk begins at Exeter Hall near the village centre (OX5 1AB). Buses stop near here and parking is available.

Step 5: Although we've started and ended this walk at Exeter Hall, you can pick up the route from any point!

Step 6: Walk from the car park towards Exeter Hall and follow the path around it signed to the Health Centre.

Step 7: Turn left at the junction with Exeter Close. Notice the attractive entrance to the Close to your right.

Step 8: Pass two large trees and a bench.



Step 9: Pass through a set of bicycle-shaped barriers. Turn left and then right to walk around the car park.

Step 10: Head towards and pass through another set of bicycle-shaped barriers.

Step 11: You're now in Exeter Close Park. There is a small zip-wire on the right. Follow the gravel path passing benches as you go.

Step 12: On reaching a third set of bicycle-shaped barriers, follow the blue footprints and head across a parking area towards the green space.

Step 13: Exeter Close Park is a great space to bring a dog, a picnic and some friends.

Step 14: On the far left there is a free outdoor gym that you may wish to use now or another time.

Step 15: Use the path to the right of Exeter Close Park.

Step 16: Turn left at the concrete bollards, then take a right.



Step 17: At the crossroads of paths please take the path straight ahead.

Step 18: Exit this alleyway, then cross over Grovelands.8a

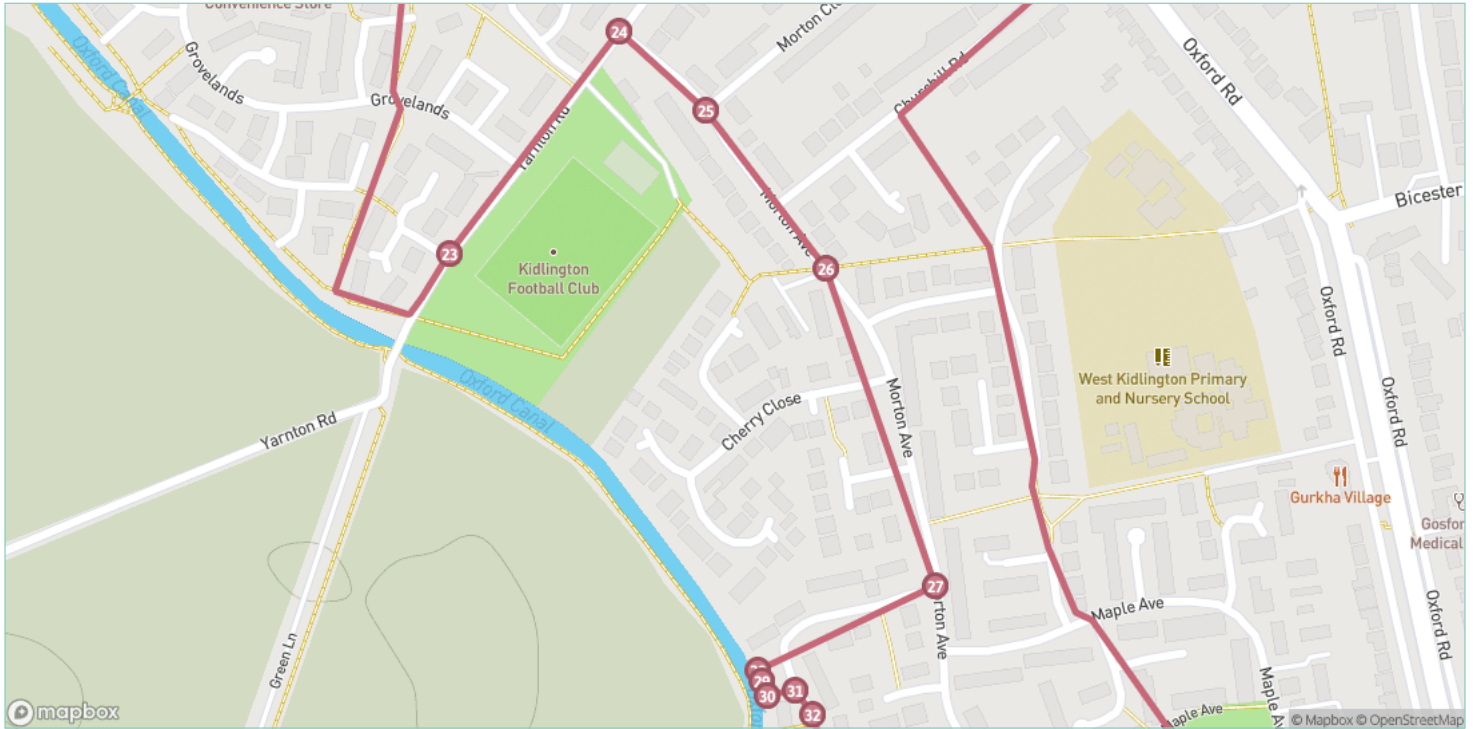
Step 19: Continue following the path.

Step 20: This section is really fun, having been decorated with frogs, bees and ladybirds.

Step 21: Turn left onto Yarnton Road. There is a slight incline as you head up to the metal railings.

Step 22: Please note that there is only pavement on the left hand side. A grass verge is located on the right hand side, but this is not ideal for those with wheels.

Step 23: Cross Newport Close, Grovelands and Broad Close. Just past Kidlington Football Club on your right, follow the blue elephant footprints and cross Yarnton Road.



Step 24: Then turn right onto Morton Avenue. Well done you've now reached the 1 km marker!

Step 25: Remember you're following the Elephant Trail today. This is marked by the blue coloured prints and stars on the pavement.

Step 26: Continue along Morton Avenue. Notice the short cut you can take if you want a shorter walk.

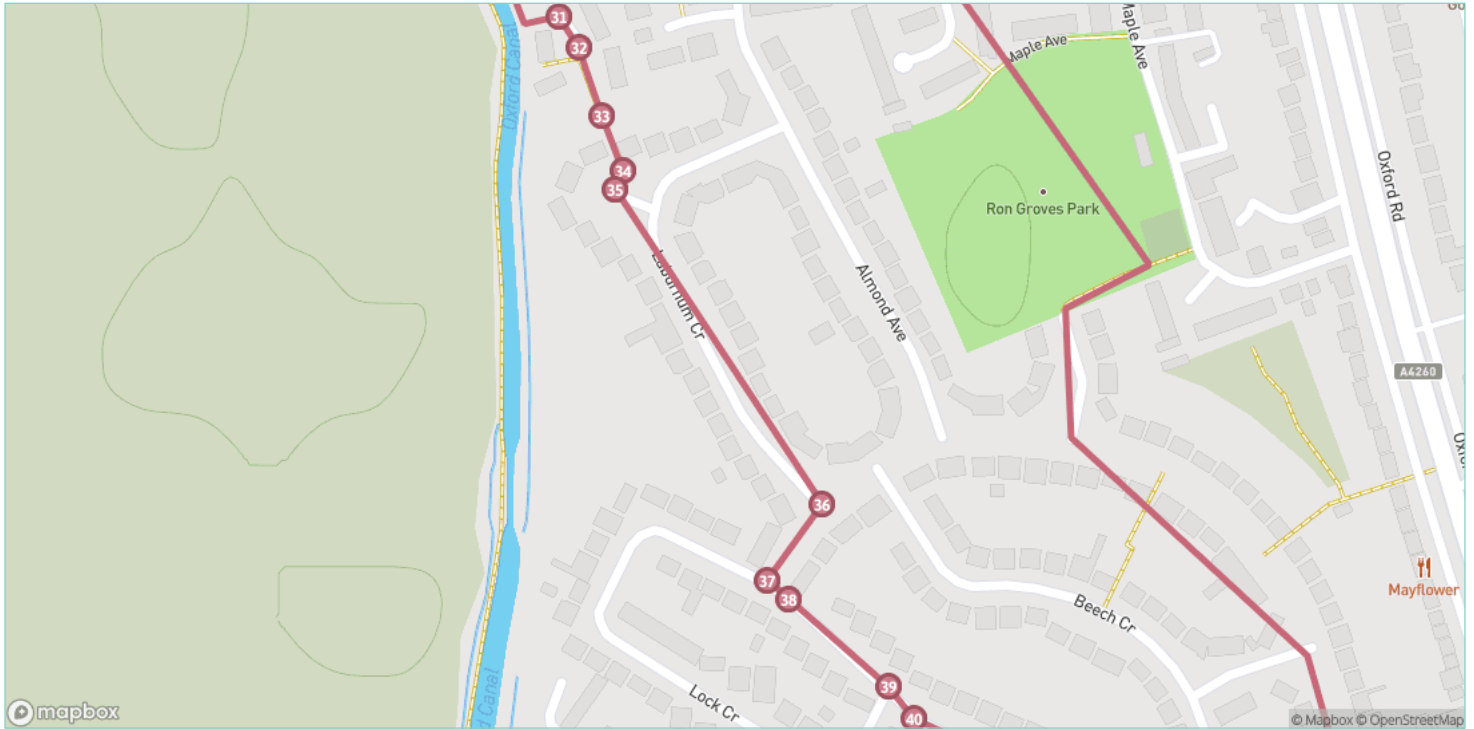
Step 27: Cross Cherry Close and Rowan Close and then turn right onto Spruce Road and follow it down to Oxford Canal.

Step 28: Straight ahead is the Oxford Canal.

Step 29: Why not take a break and enjoy being by the water?

Step 30: There may be a canal boat passing by.

Step 31: Return to the route and bear left around the bungalows, following the blue footprints.



Step 32: Now head to your left. There is a slight decline and two concrete bollards at the start and end of this alleyway.

Step 33: Plus a game of hopscotch!

Step 34: Exit the alleyway and follow the footprints left and then right around a grassed area.

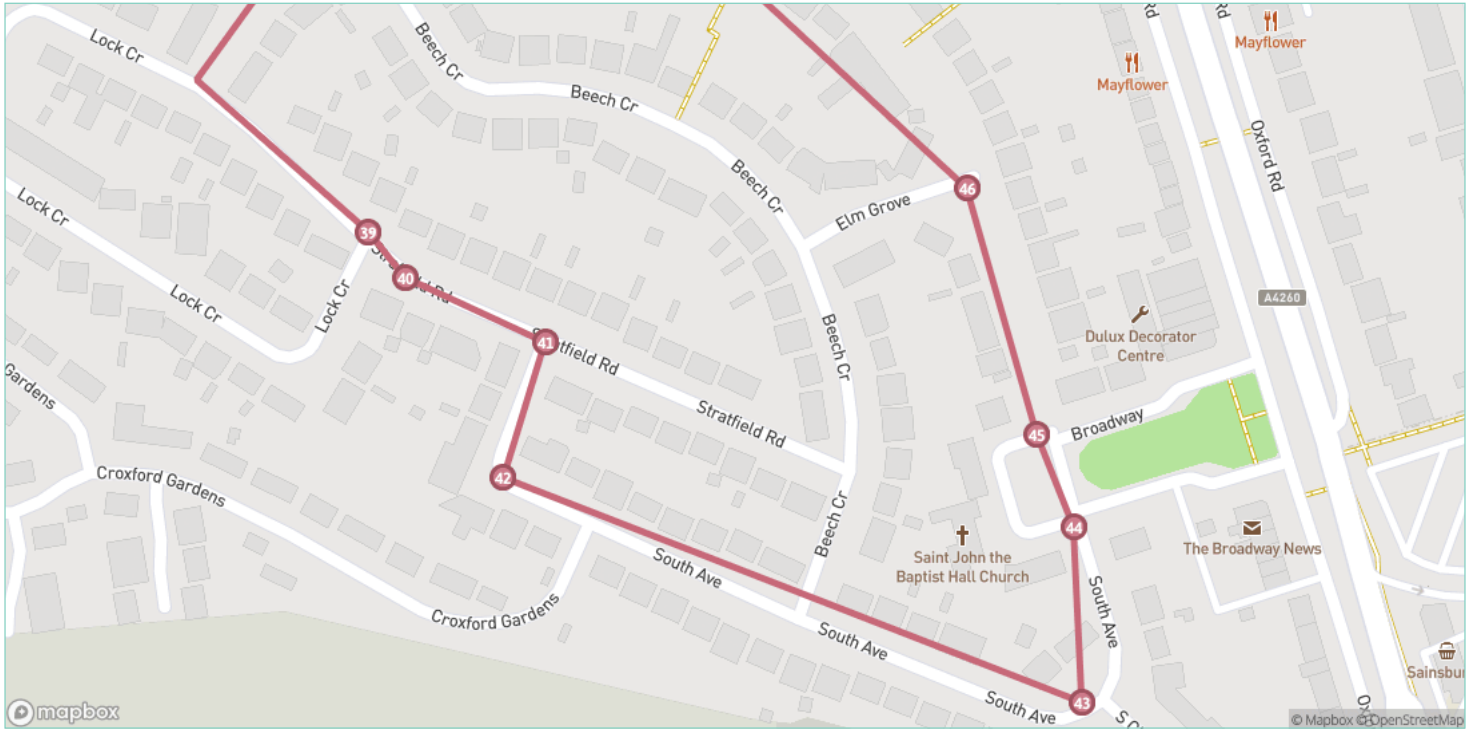
Step 35: Continue onto Laburnham Crescent.

Step 36: Turn right onto Hazel Crescent.

Step 37: Turn left onto Stratfield Road.

Step 38: Well done you've now reached the 2km marker!

Step 39: In summer you may discover Common hollyhocks and Eucalyptus along the way.



Step 40: Continue along Stratfield Road.

Step 41: Turn right and cross onto South Avenue following the blue footprints.

Step 42: Follow South Avenue as it bears around to the left.

Step 43: Cross over Beech Crescent and then follow the road as it continues to bear around to the left.

Step 44: South Avenue crosses the Broadway and becomes Hazel Crescent. Keep following the blue elephant footprints.

Step 45: Carry straight on past the elephant bench and along what is now Hazel Crescent for a short while.

Step 46: Cross Hazel Crescent following the blue stars.



Step 55: Do not go straight on here as the elephant sign and dashed blue line ahead indicate a short cut route. Take this path to the right.

Step 56: Carry on along the alleyway.

Step 57: Then turn right onto Churchill Road.

Step 58: You've made it to 4km! Now turn left onto Oxford Road.

Step 59: Walk back along the Oxford Road to the start at Exeter Hall. Or you may choose to explore a bit more of Kidlington with one of our other walks in app.