



Holywells Park Scavenger Hunt

This is a kid-friendly scavenger hunt (perfect for 5-10 year olds). Find the clues, solve the puzzle & enjoy the playground at the end.

Distance 0.6 kilometers / 0.4 miles

Duration 45 minutes



Wildlife



Wheel friendly



Public loos



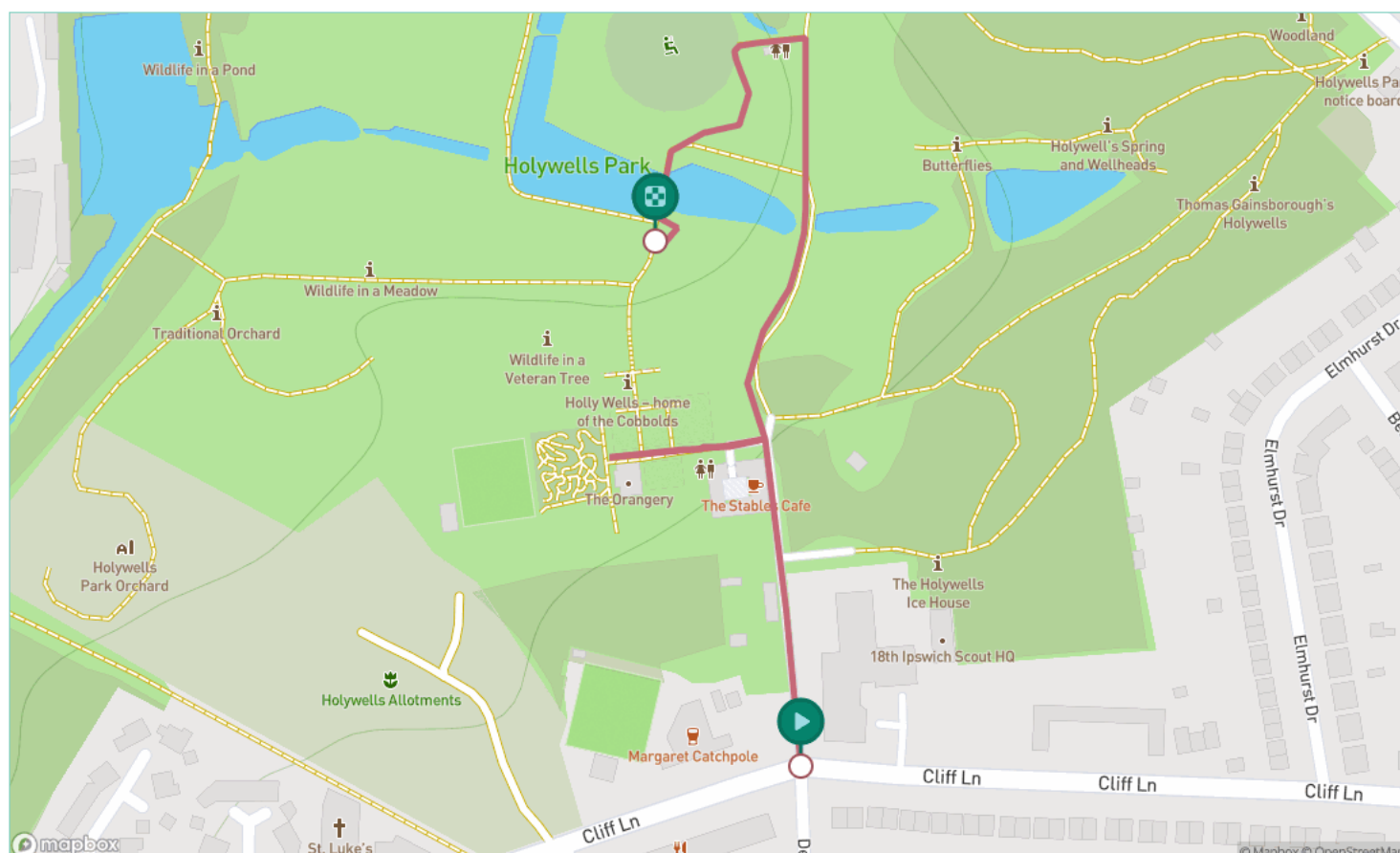
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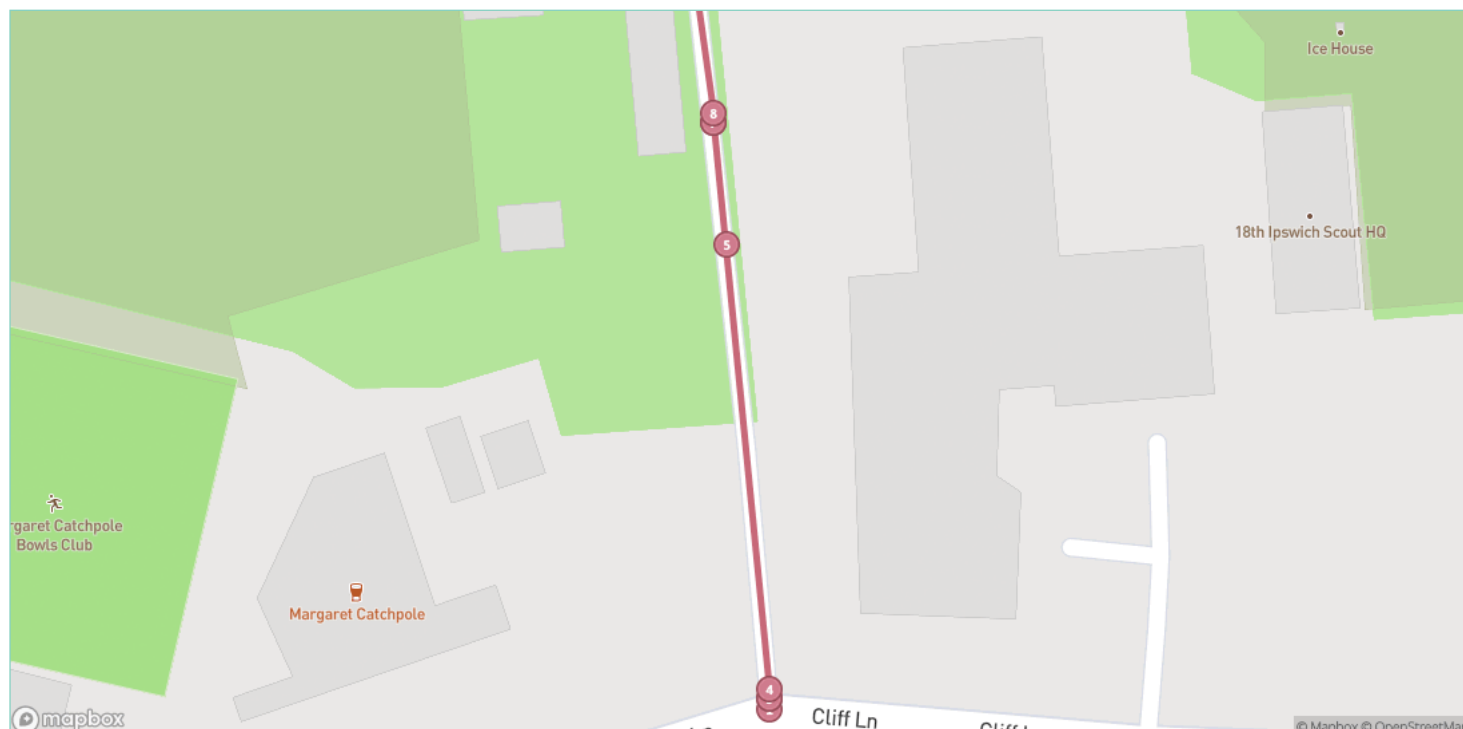
Public transport



Child friendly



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Step 1: This walk starts at the entrance to Holywells Park on Cliff Lane (IP3 0NT). The nearest bus stop for Route 2 is next to the Margaret Catchpole pub very close to this entrance.

Step 2: This is a kid-friendly puzzle hunt (perfect for 5-10 year olds). The walk is step free with some inclines and declines. Paths are predominantly tarmac but maybe uneven in places.

Step 3: 🕒 📄 ♀ Can you help solve this scavenger hunt? You might want a pen & paper to note down the clues or use the phone. 📝 Keep your eyes peeled for the signs, they'll help you solve this puzzle.

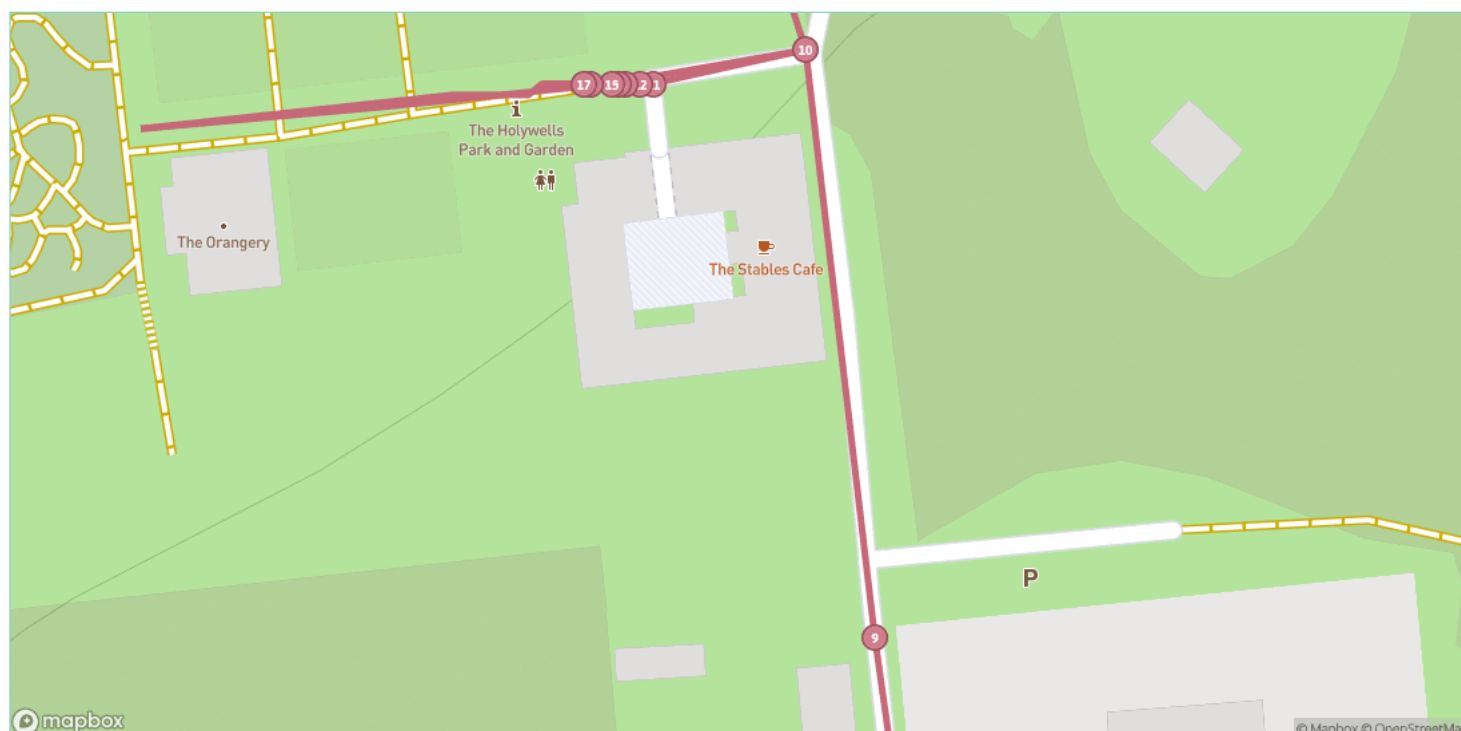
Step 4: Enter Holywells Park on Cliff Lane to begin our Scavenger Hunt. Please be mindful of moving vehicles.

Step 5: Just up ahead to the left, you'll see a small row of two cottages.

Step 6: In front of the first cottage you'll find your first clue. Can you spot a sign related to a famous song? Look carefully.

Step 7: The song lyrics are from the film, Mary Poppins. Can you spot the sign? Can you try and say the extraordinarily long word out loud? It's a fun word to say and sing! Tap "play" to find out a little more.

Step 8: Looking at the sign above the window; note down the second letter on the second line to save your first clue. 📝



Step 9: Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious! You should have the letter 'X' noted down. Continue into the park, follow the path as it descends.

Step 10: The old stable building (now a cafe) is on your left hand side. Turn left to walk past the cafe.

Step 11: Here you'll find the entrance to the cafe where you can also find toilets. It's open Monday - Saturday 9am to 3pm ish.

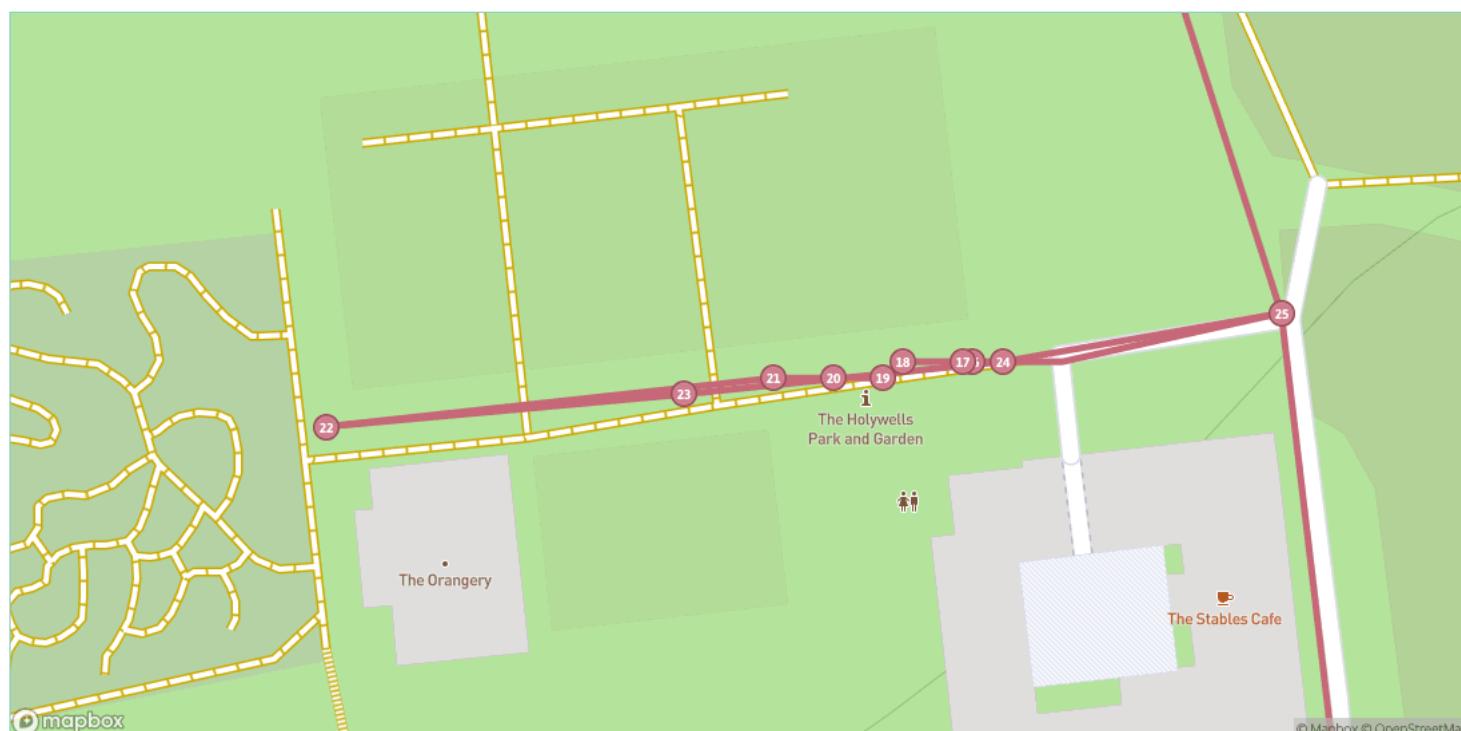
Step 12: Next up, we're looking for a blue plaque on a brick wall. Can you see one? It's to the right of the entrance to the cafe.

Step 13: Find the first name on this plaque. Can you spot it? Note down the 6th letter of Elizabeth Knipe Cobbold's first name. Have you got it?

Step 14: You should have written down the letter 'B'. 📝 This is your second clue. Well done! Would you like to find out a little more about Elizabeth? Tap the 'Play' button below to find out more.

Step 15: Now we need to look around for another notice board. Something attached to the ground and covered with little birds. Can you see it? It might be behind you.

Step 16: Do you have a favourite bird on this panel? Now, note down the fourth letter of the third word from the top of this notice board.



Step 17: Great stuff. You should have noted down the letter 'U'. That's 3 clues you've found already! Now we need to sneak quietly into the courtyard. Do you know how to sneak?

Step 18: Tip toeing or wheeling quietly into the courtyard is the perfect sneaky movement. Like a proper spy! 🕵️

Step 19: This courtyard is surrounded by beautiful flowers in spring and summer and is a great place to spot wildlife and mini critters.

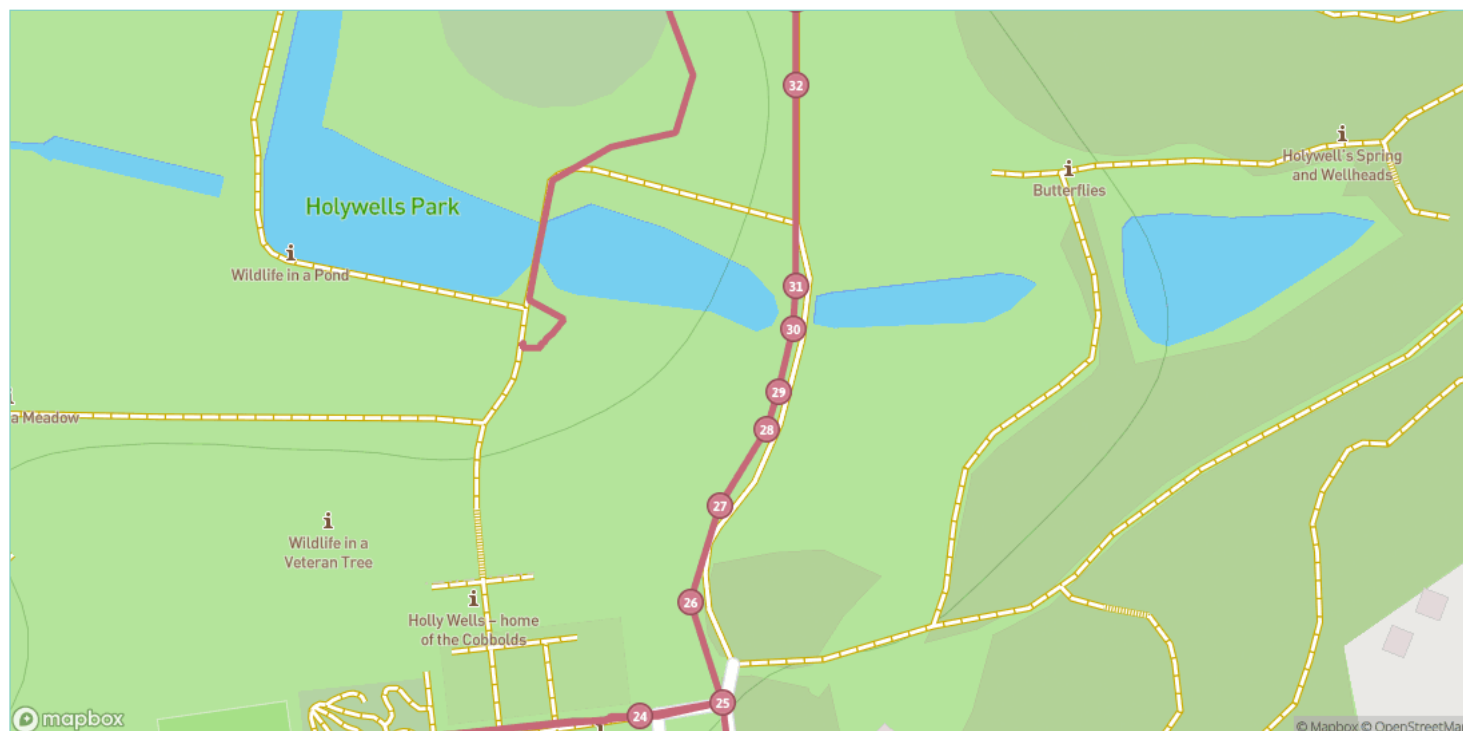
Step 20: Look around can you hear or see a bee? 🐝 Bees are wonderful insects as they help pollinate flowers and plants which go on to turn into fruit or vegetables that you can find on your table and in the shops.

Step 21: When you're ready, continue ahead into the far end of the courtyard. Walk past the conservatory.

Step 22: Here you'll find a great space to tune into the sights and sounds of nature. Tap the 'Play' button below to find out your next task. 🖱️

Step 23: When you're ready, retrace your steps back towards the cafe. We still need to find a few more clues. Keep your eyes and ears peeled.

Step 24: Continue past the cafe and get ready to turn left to go slightly downhill.



Step 25: You'll walk past a finger post with signs pointing in every direction. You're turning left.

Step 32: When you're ready continue downhill. You'll see a notice board on your right hand side.

Step 26: Keep going downhill. Whatever the season, notice the trees. Are they full of leaves or blossom? What colour are they?

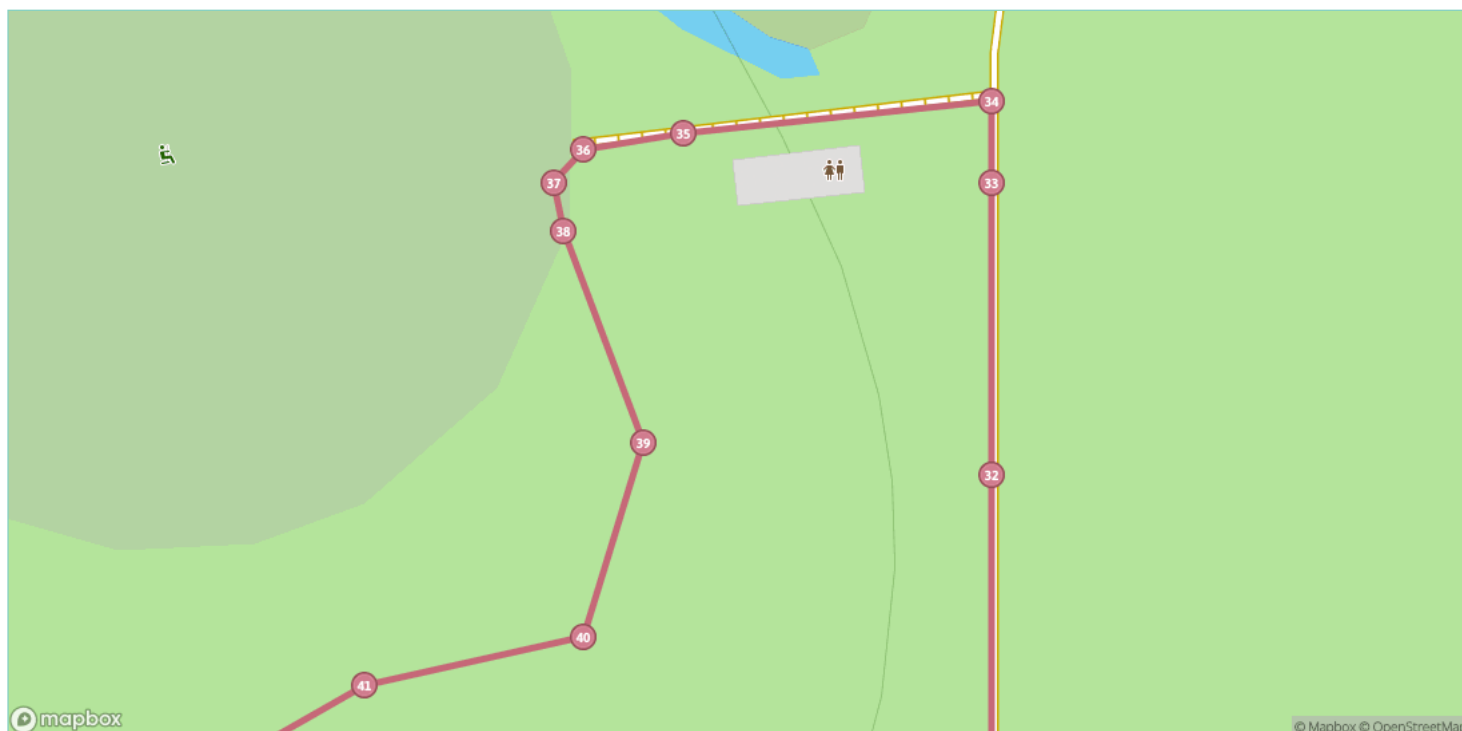
Step 27: Do you have a favourite tree? How about this pine tree which is green all year round and known as an 'evergreen'?

Step 28: In summer the trees provide shade and year round they help keep the air clean and provide a habitat for local wildlife.

Step 29: For fun, why not try and keep to the shadows as you hop, skip, jump or wheel under the tree canopy.

Step 30: Soon you'll cross over a bridge.

Step 31: Take a look over the bridge and into the pond. What can you see?



Step 33: The notice board has a map of how the area looked in the past and shows a timeline of history.

Step 34: Now follow the path downhill towards the playground. You'll pass a cafe and toilets as you go.

Step 35: Right keep your eyes peeled. We need to look for our next clue. Can you spot a 'communication board' anywhere? It's covered in pictures.

Step 36: Have you found it? Here lies our next clue. But where exactly is the clue?

Step 37: You need to note down the last number on the communication board. Its right at the bottom on the right hand side. Can you see it? 👁️

Step 38: 📝 You should have noted down the letter '5'. Are you curious about what all these letters and numbers mean? Let's keep going! We still need another clue.

Step 39: With the communication board and kids playground in front of you, turn left. Walk around the outside of the playground on the tarmac path.

Step 40: You'll pass by benches as you go if you fancy a rest.



Step 41: Continue along the path. Look out for a wooden bridge on your left hand side.

Step 42: Make your way over the bridge but remember to stop in the middle. This is a great spot to tune into nature.

Step 43: In summer you might spot dragonflies, damselflies, moorhens and other water birds. The sound of running water as it goes under the...

Step 44: ...bridge is also very calming. On the other side of the bridge we will find out next clue. Are you ready?

Step 45: Look for a beautiful curvy wooden butterfly bench with words on it. Can you see the bench?

Step 46: Can you guess what the words are about? Walk around the bench to see if you can figure it out.

Step 47: They are the names of butterflies! Can you find the one that says Speckled Wood? It holds the secret to our next clue.

Step 48: Note down the first letter of the first word. You should have "S" noted down for the final clue. You've collected 4 letters & 1 number from 5 clues. These letters might look like nonsense but let's try and crack the code.



Step 49: Take a seat on the bench, You should have 4 letters and one number written down like this in this order: XBU5S. Firstly, replace each letter with the letter before it in the alphabet. So for example B = A or S = R.

Step 50: The code should look like this now: WAT5R. Hmm that's still not a proper word is it? 😐 OK now you need to work out what letter is the 5th letter in the alphabet. Clue: A = 1 and B = 2. Have you got that?

Step 51: A long, long time ago, before there were cars, mobile phones or even electricity, the ground here was hiding something amazing... WATER! Find out about the magic of water at Holywells Park by tapping 'Play' below. 🖱️

Step 52: We hope you enjoyed the little scavenger hunt. Your prize is to go and have fun in the playground. Here's a final fun fact: the water in the splash park is fed from cleaned water from Holywells! How cool is that? 🌊

Step 53: When you're ready retrace your steps back to the playground to enjoy your prize. Well done!

Step 54: We have another scavenger hunt in Christchurch Park if you've not done it yet. 📍