Liverpool Heritage Trail

The Liverpool Heritage Trail shows off the fascinating people, buildings, events, and stories that have helped shape the city. Come along!

Distance 2.4 kilometres / 1.5 miles
Duration 1 hour

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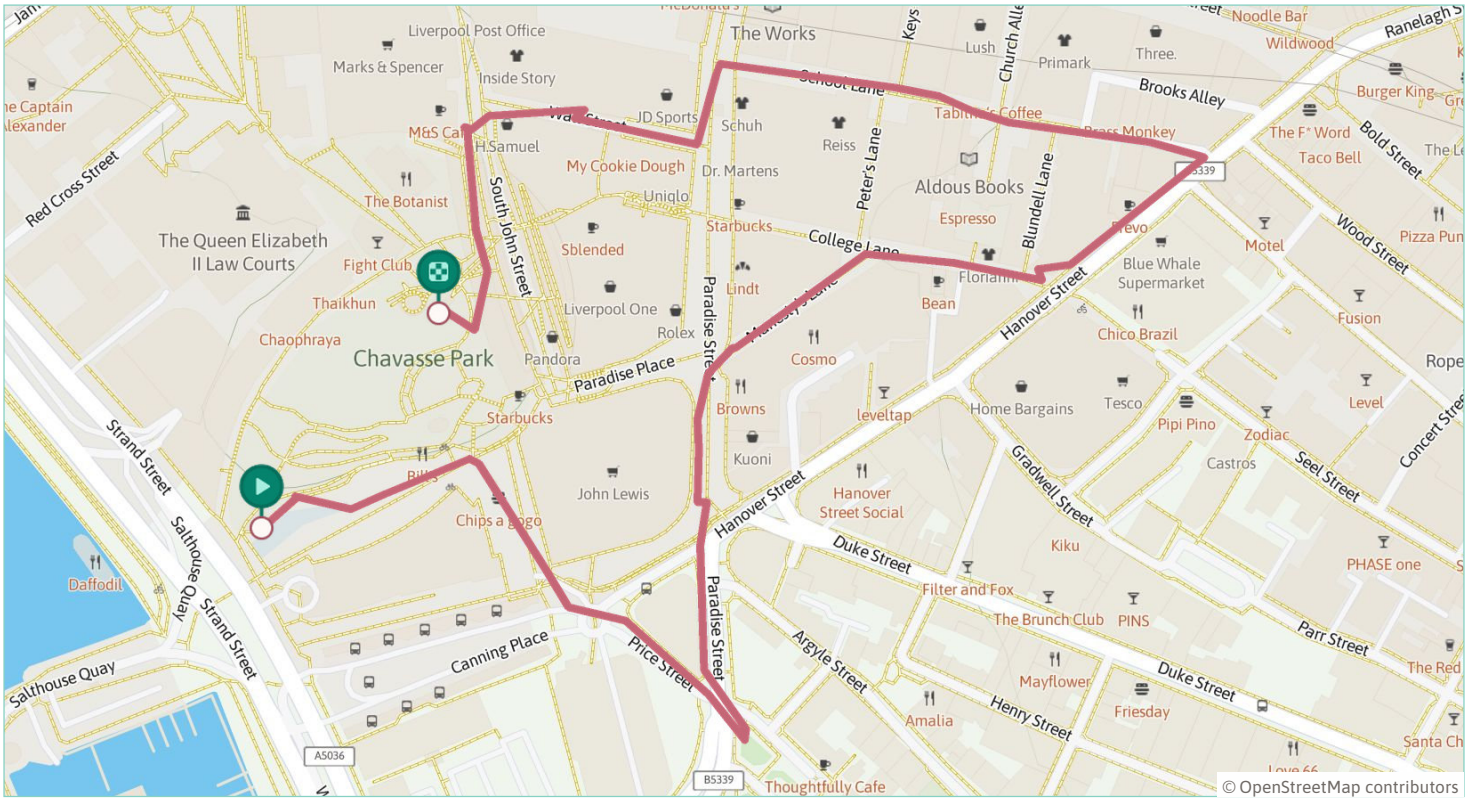

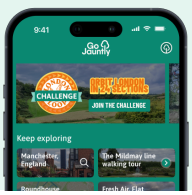

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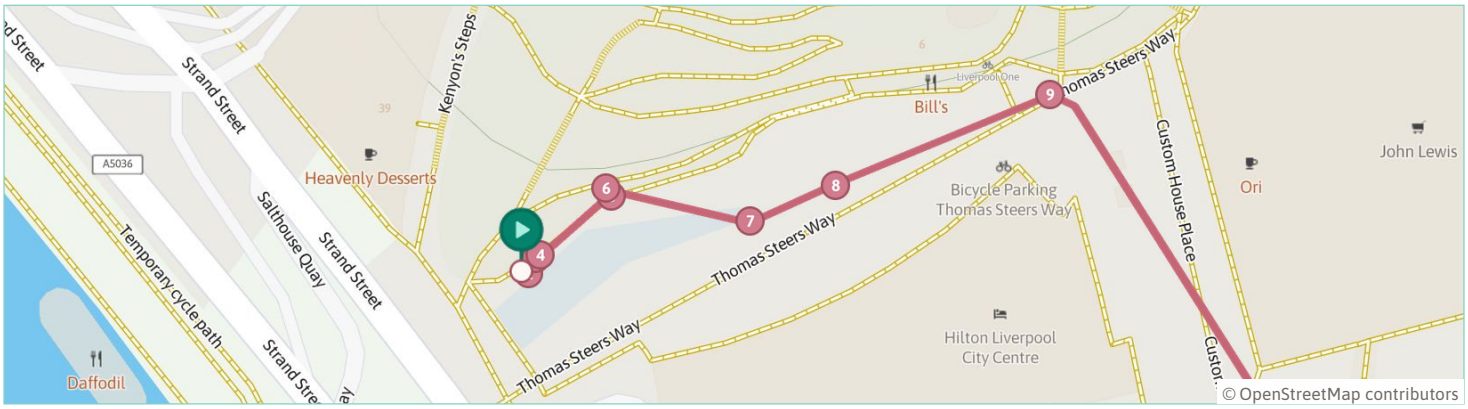

Step 1: Welcome to Liverpool! This heritage walk begins just off Strand Street, in the plaza by the Hilton hotel.

Step 2: The Liverpool ONE bus station is just around the corner, and Liverpool James Street station is a short walk up Strand Street.

Step 3: This Heritage Trail will take you on a self-guided journey through Liverpool's history. You'll discover the events, people, and places that have shaped this fascinating city.

Step 4: And because it's a tour of Liverpool City Centre, there's plenty of refreshment stops along the way. You won't be bored!

Step 5: On the heritage trail, you'll find 16 information points that look like this. We'll help you find all of them as you go about.

Step 6: At this first one, you can read about how Liverpool got its name, as well as some early history of the maritime city.

Step 7: When you're ready, let's head out. Walk away from Strand Street, towards the John Lewis.

Step 8: This area was once the Old Dock, the heart of Liverpool's commercial activity for almost 100 years. It was rediscovered by archeologists between 2001 and 2006.

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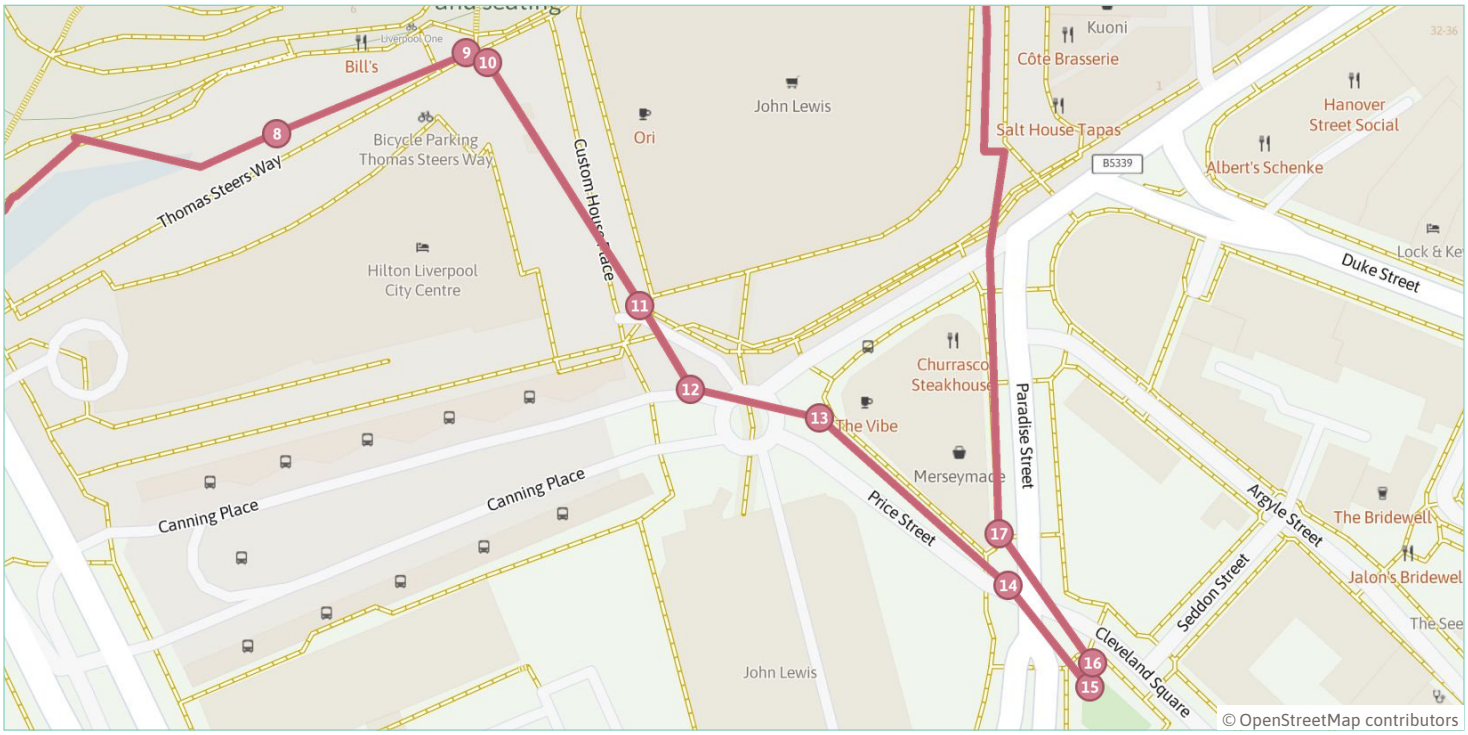


Step 9: Keep going towards the John Lewis.

Step 10: Just before the building, turn right, towards the bus station.

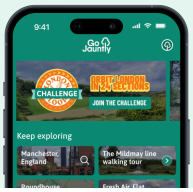
Step 11: You'll find the next marker here, where you can read more about the history of Liverpool's fifth Custom House.

Step 12: With the bus station to the right, the route continues straight ahead, toward the cafe on the corner of the building with the rounded front.

Step 13: Join up with the pavement and head to the right of the Vibe restaurant.

Step 14: At the next junction, use the lights to cross straight ahead. Turn right on the other side into the green square.

Step 15: You'll find the next marker in Cleveland Square, where you can read more about Liverpool's first Chinatown.



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Step 16: When you're ready, retrace your steps, back across the crossing you just used, to the Liverpool souvenir shop.

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Step 17: Turn right along the elegant brick building.

Step 18: Use the pedestrian lights to cross Hanover Street. Continue straight ahead.

Step 19: On the way, pass the gateway, a memorial to all the sailors who have passed through Liverpool.

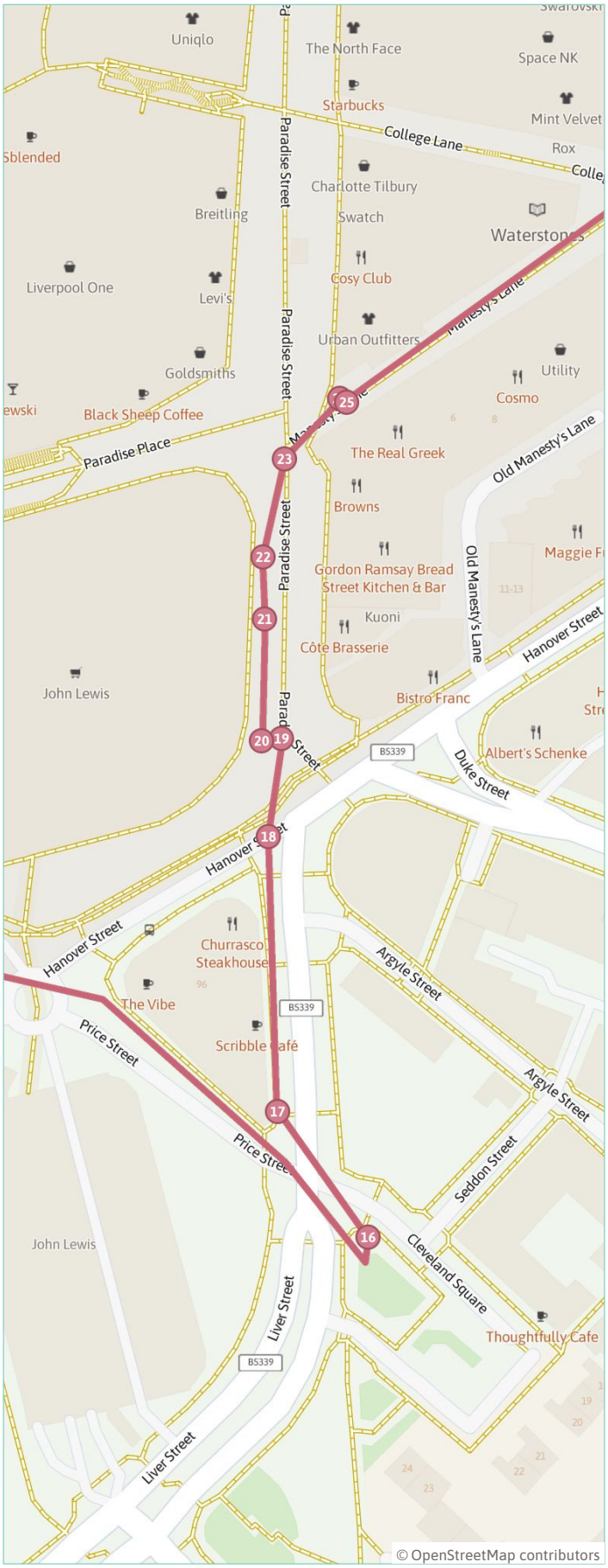
Step 20: The next trail marker is here, too, where you can read more about the maritime history of Liverpool.

Step 21: Continuing straight past the gate, you'll pass this building with a dramatic eagle on top.

Step 22: At the next marker nearby, you can read more about this building and its eagle!

Step 23: At the next junction, turn right, passing the Urban Outfitters store on your left.

Step 24: Head up this pedestrianised walk, called Manesty's Lane.



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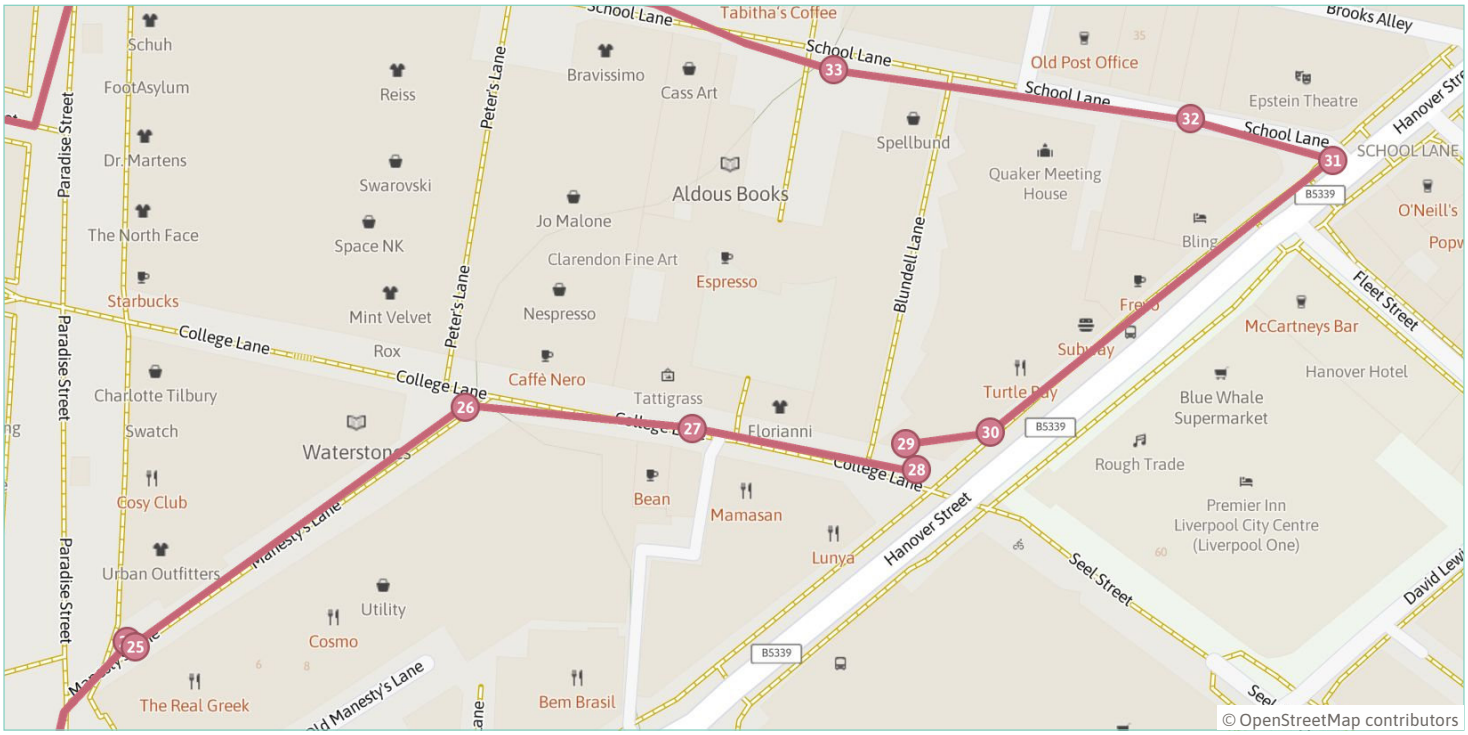

Step 25: On the wall on your right, find the next post, where you can learn about the history of this lane and its namesake, Joseph Manesty.

Step 26: Veer right onto College Lane, lined with more historic looking buildings.

Step 27: Here, you can read more at the next stop about the College Lane warehouses and their use in maritime trades.

Step 28: As you approach the corner with Hanover Street...

Step 29: Look out for the next stop, where you can read more about Hanover Street.

Step 30: The route continues by taking a left down Hanover Street. As you walk along, be sure to notice the historic buildings around you.

Step 31: The brick building ahead is the Epstein Theatre. At its base, find the next marker and read more about two iconic buildings on this corner.

Step 32: The route continues by turning left down School Lane, just in front of the Epstein Theatre.

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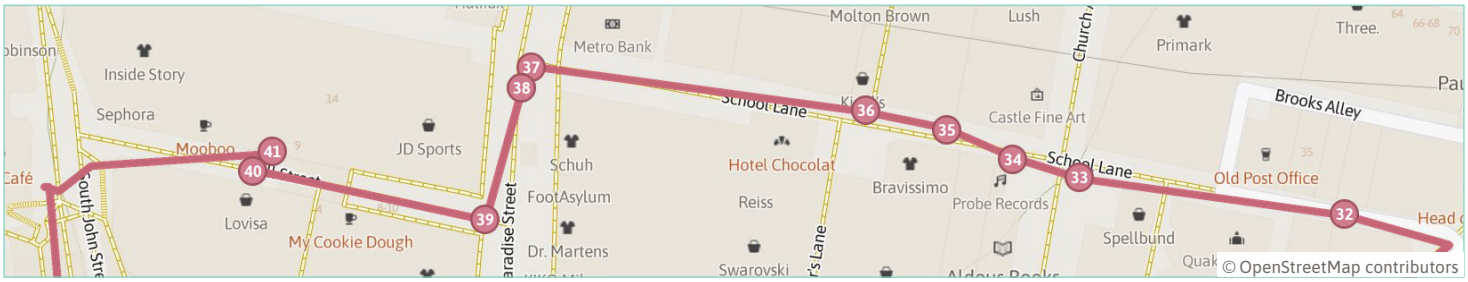
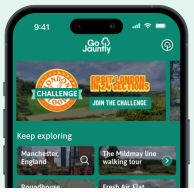


Step 33: The next historic building will soon appear on your left. This is the Bluecoat, the oldest building in Liverpool City Centre.

Step 34: You'll find the next stop on the tour here as well, where you can read more about this street's history.

Step 35: Continuing along School Street, we *loved* the vantage point of the Royal Liver Building in the distance.

Step 36: On your left, pass the entrance to Peter's Lane. Just to the right of the entrance is the next marker, which tells more about its history.



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Step 37: Continue ahead all the way out to Paradise Street. There, on the main shopping plaza, turn left.

Step 38: On the corner, don't miss the next marker, telling the story of Paradise Street.

Step 39: Next, take your first right, onto Wall Street.

Step 40: The next marker tells the story of Wall Street, once known as Thomas Street.

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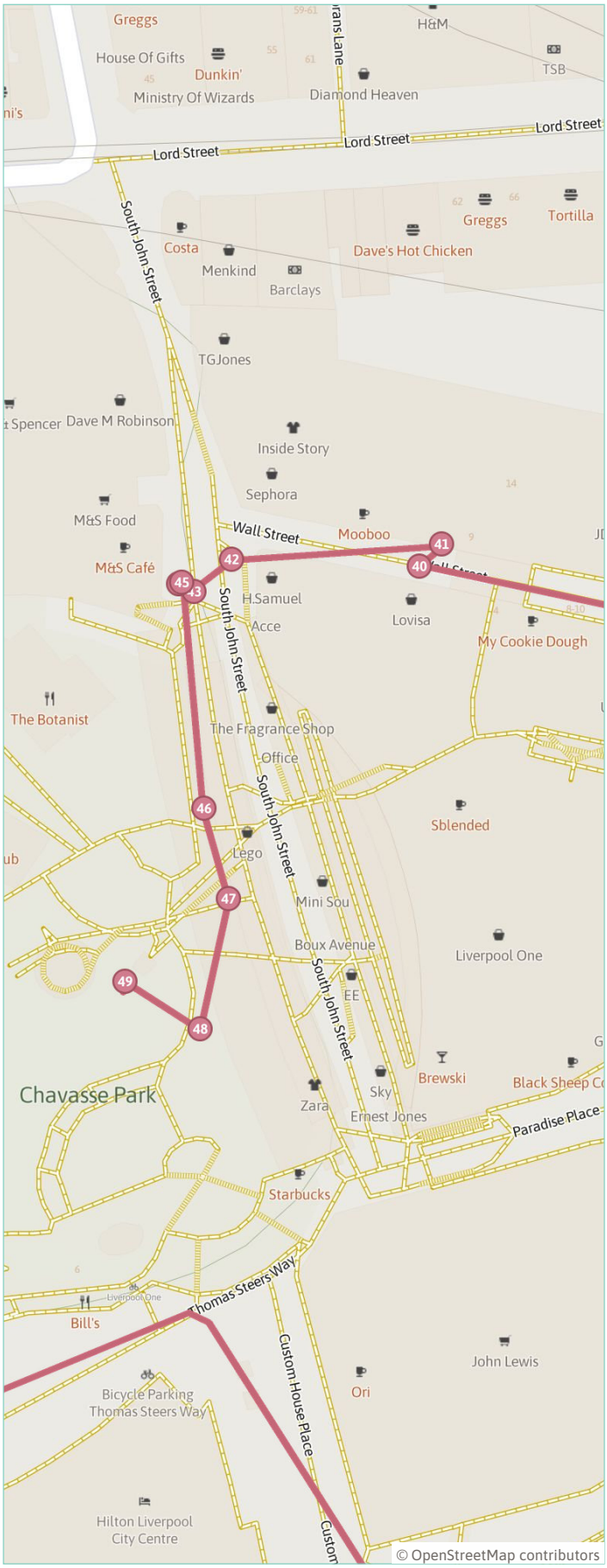

Step 41: You'll also find public toilets and the tourist information centre here.

Step 42: At the next junction, turn left. From here, you can head up the escalators or use the lift to the right.

Step 43: This is South John Street, now a vibrant shopping plaza.

Step 44: From here, head over to the lifts and read more about the history of this street.

Step 45: When you're ready, take the lift all the way to the top floor. Exit straight out into Chavasse Park.

Step 46: Follow along the edge of the park.

Step 47: Walk over the top of the other lift straight ahead, where you'll find...

Step 48: ... the final marker of the trail, telling the story of the park you're standing in.

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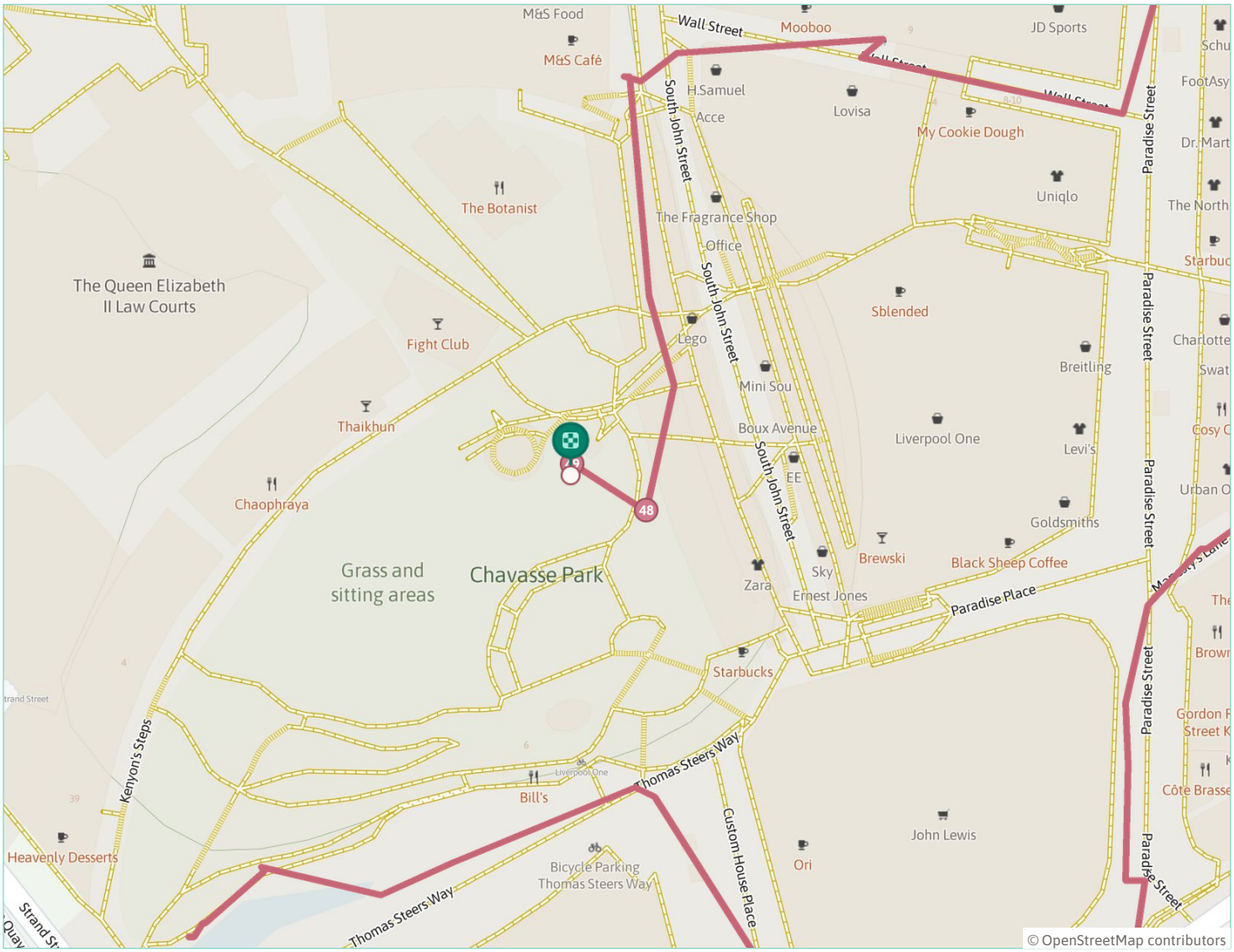
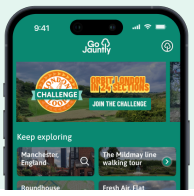


Step 49: The heritage trail ends here, in this lovely green oasis. Why not stop and take it in for a few minutes?

Step 50: From here, you can head back to the waterfront and the starting point by walking through the park. You can also retrace your steps back to do some shopping in Liverpool ONE. There's loads to do, take your time exploring!



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