



The Jubilee Walkway Section 3

The City Loop: A 3km walk in the heart of the City of London including the Barbican Centre and St Paul's Cathedral.

Distance 3.3 kilometers / 2.1 miles

Duration 1 hour



Picnic spot



Refreshments



Dog friendly



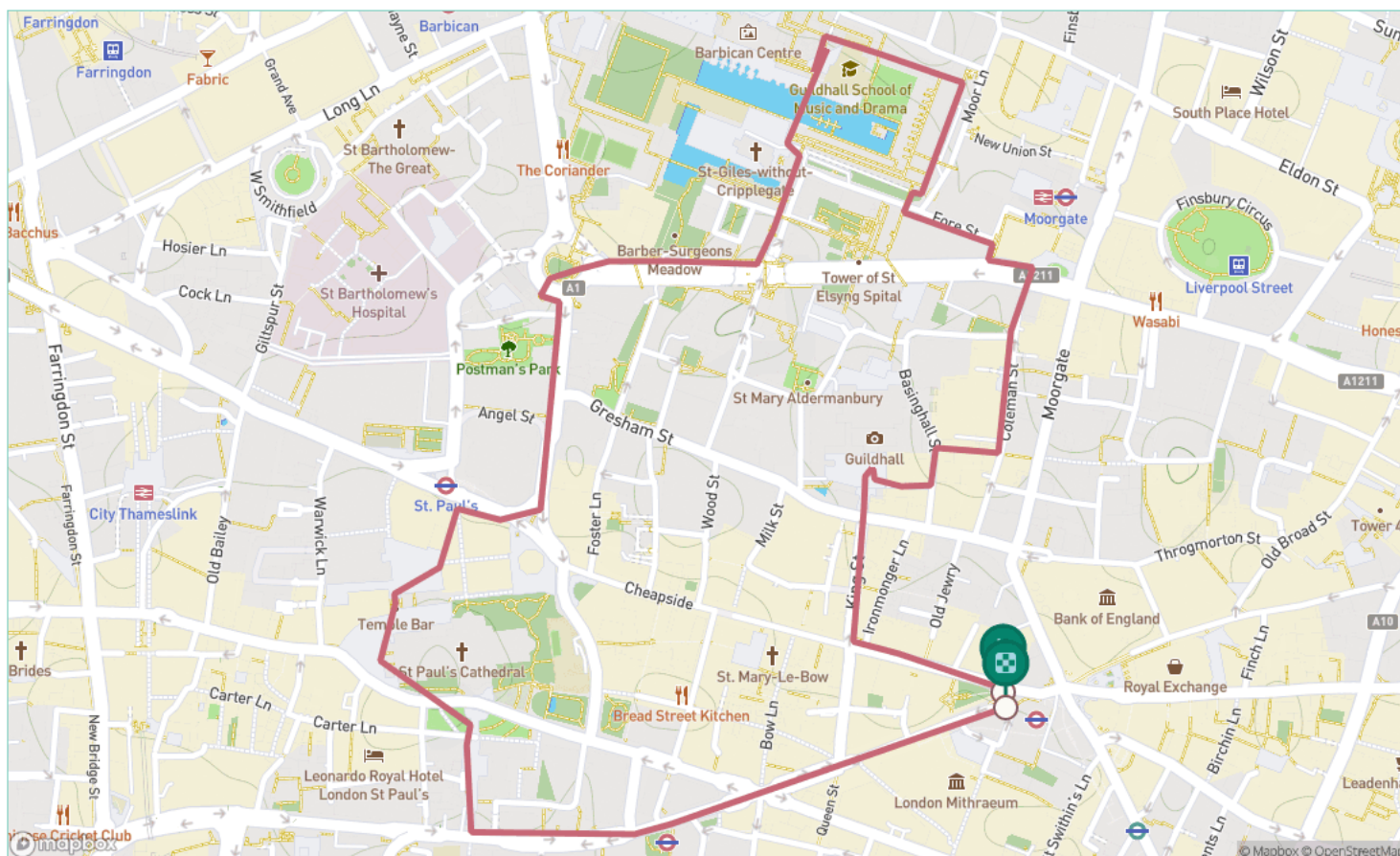
Great views



Child friendly

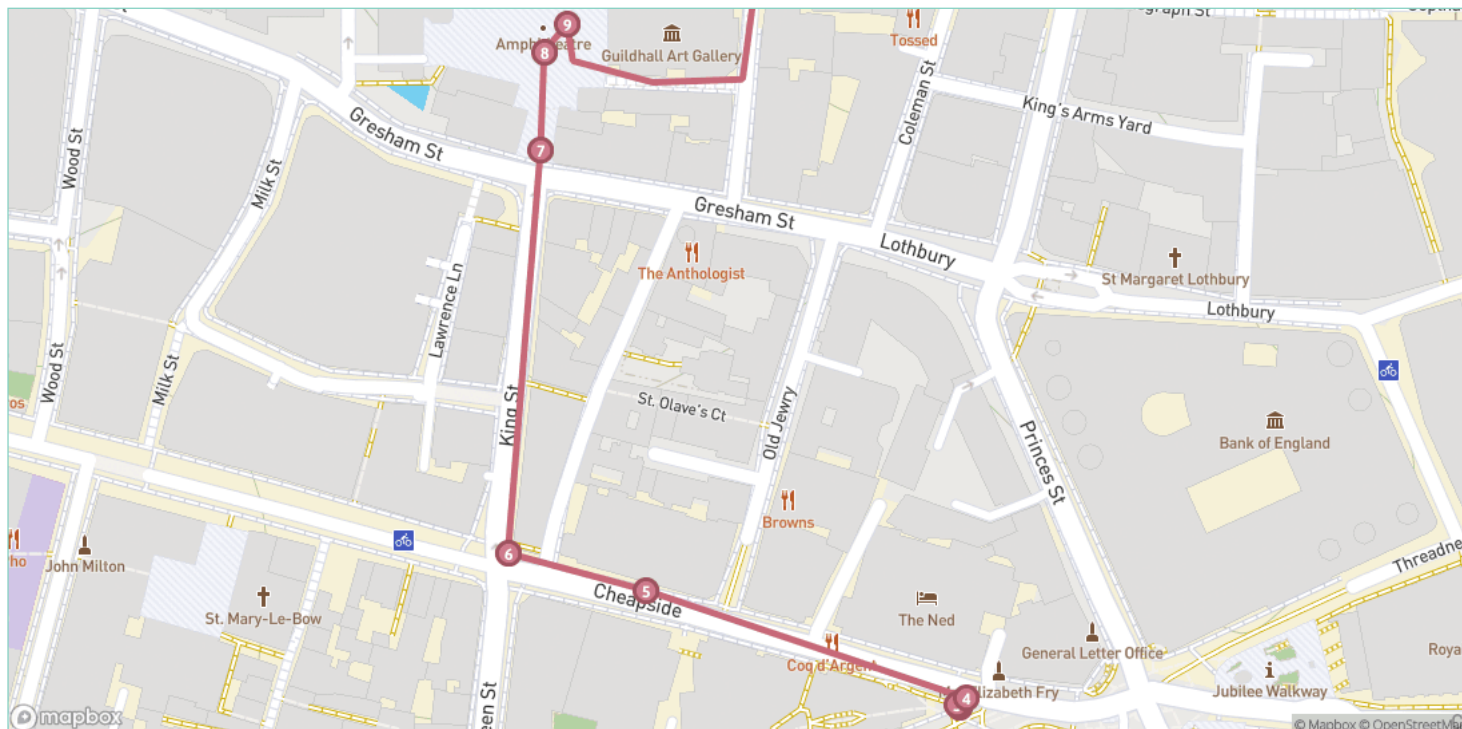


Public transport



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Step 1: Welcome to the Jubilee Walkway Section 3! This City loop provides a circular walk in the City of London that connects to the Barbican Centre. It provides a fascinating insight into city life. The nearest station is Bank.

Step 2: Start at Number 1 Poultry - a large modern dark-pink and white stone building on the corner of Poultry and Queen Victoria Street.

Step 3: Look for the Jubilee Walkway panel. The panel is found at the eastern tip of the building facing Bank and Royal Exchange.

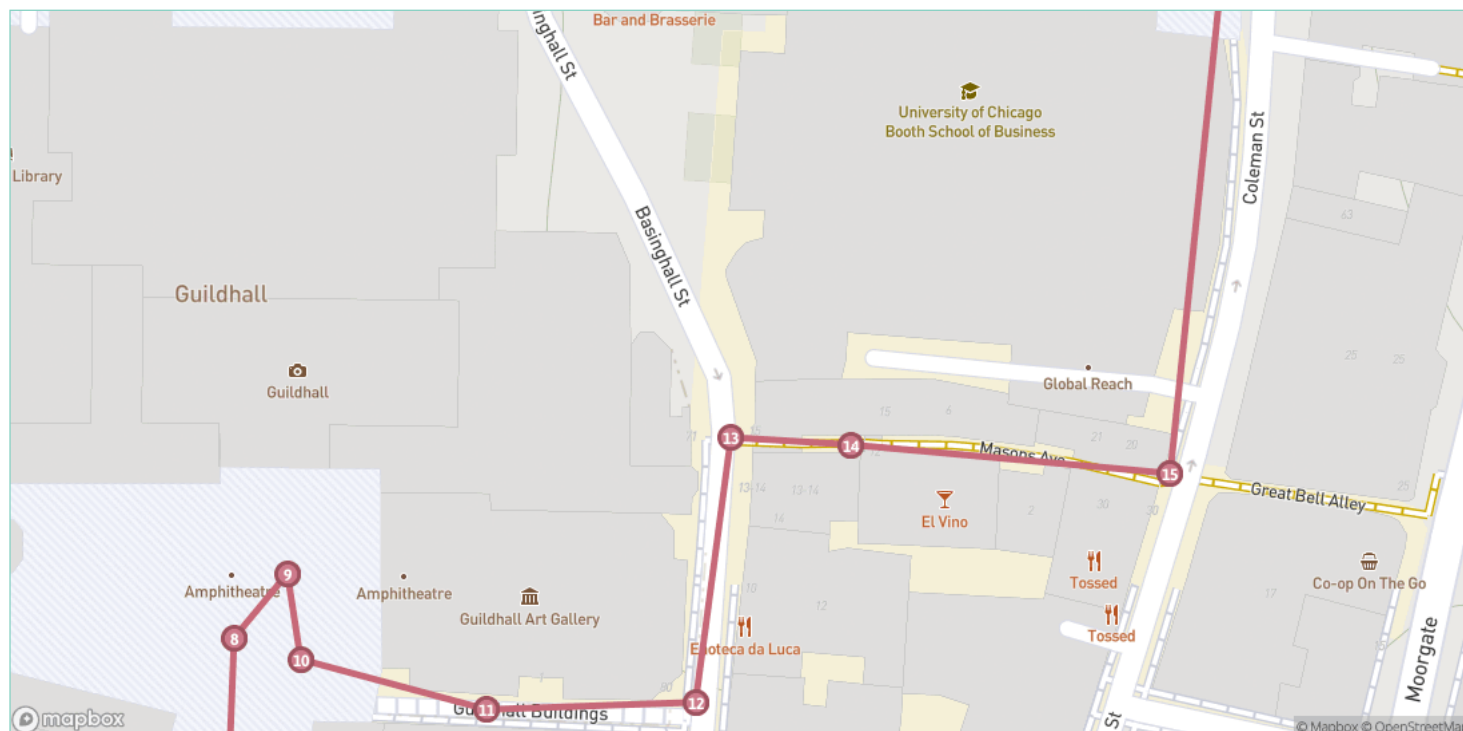
Step 4: Also look for the gold pavement disc where the late Queen Elizabeth II unveiled the panel in celebration of her Golden Jubilee in 2002.

Step 5: Carefully cross over Poultry and turn left to walk along it, away from the Royal Exchange.

Step 6: Poultry turns into Cheapside. Turn right on to King Street.

Step 7: At the end of King Street, carefully cross Gresham Street and walk through the two sets of bollards into Guildhall Yard.

Step 8: The stunning Guildhall is opposite.



Step 9: And the Guildhall Art Gallery is to the right.

Did you know?

Guildhall Art Gallery is the home of the City of London's art collection. From its origins in the 17th century it has grown into one of the largest local authority collections. Specialising in works of interest to London, it is particularly strong in Victorian material.

Step 10: In the Guildhall courtyard, look out for another gold pavement disc.

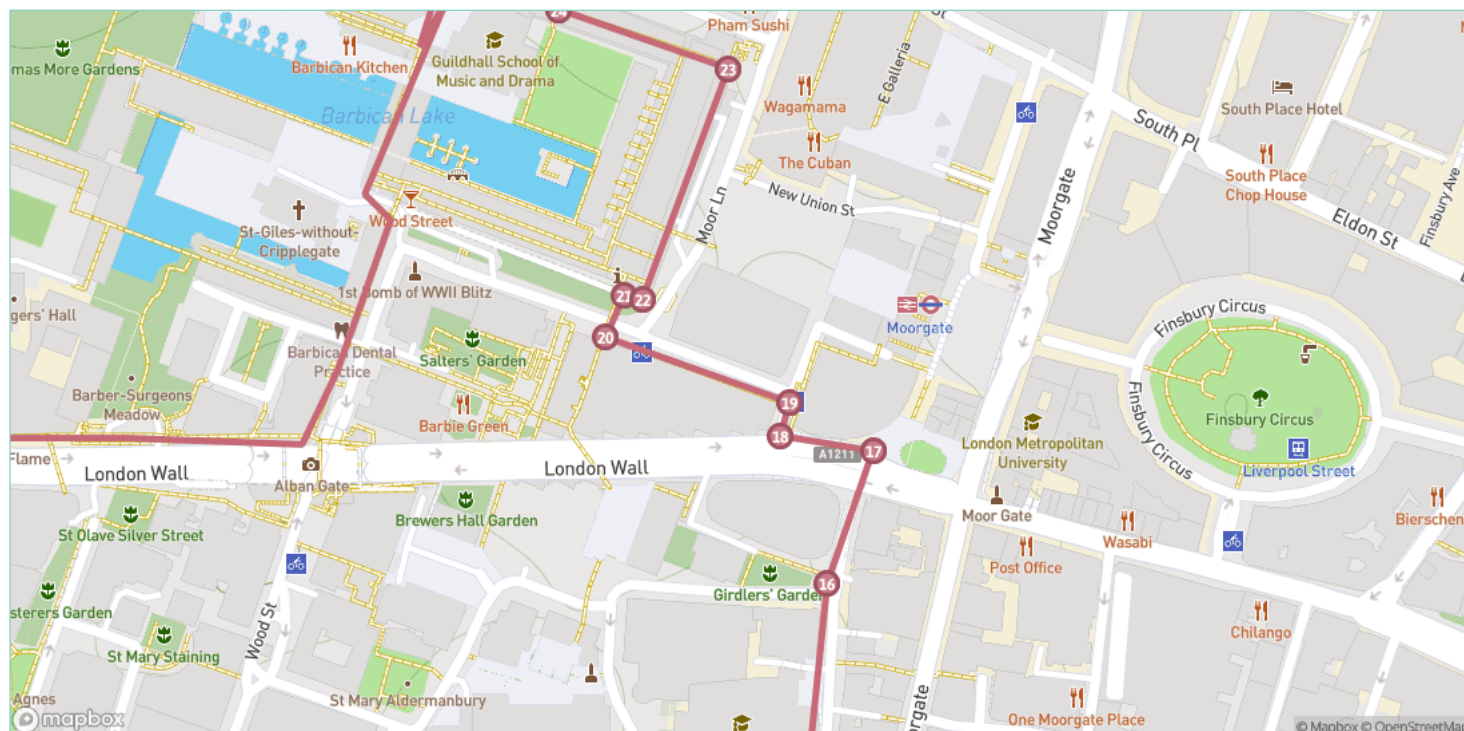
Step 11: Turn right down an alley marked Guildhall Buildings, lined with bollards painted with the City of London crest, with the art gallery to your left.

Step 12: At the end of the alley, turn left out onto Basinghall Street and carefully cross over the road.

Step 13: After approximately 40 metres, head through a narrow alley called Mason's Avenue on the right.

Step 14: The alley has pubs and shops lining its passage.

Step 15: Emerge onto Coleman Street and turn left along it.



Step 16: After crossing Basinghall Avenue you will see Girdlers Hall on your left with its manicured lawn.

Did you know?

Girdlers' Hall is the home of the Girdlers' Company, which is just one of 109 Livery Companies of the City of London. The Company was involved with girdle and belt making and received its Letters Patent from Edward III in 1327. The Company no longer practises its craft, but does present the girdle and stole worn by the Sovereign at each Coronation. The distinctive Hall is the third to occupy the site, the first being destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666 and the second by enemy action in World War II. The Company is noted for its well-kept gardens.

Step 17: Continue along Coleman Street. Cross London Wall and then head left in front of the curved glass building, Moor House.

Step 18: Turn right onto Fore Street Avenue. Walk up the stairs to access the high-level walkway network that connects the Barbican Complex.

Step 19: Continue along the walkway.

Step 20: Following the painted line, cross over Moor Lane on the Highwalk bridge.

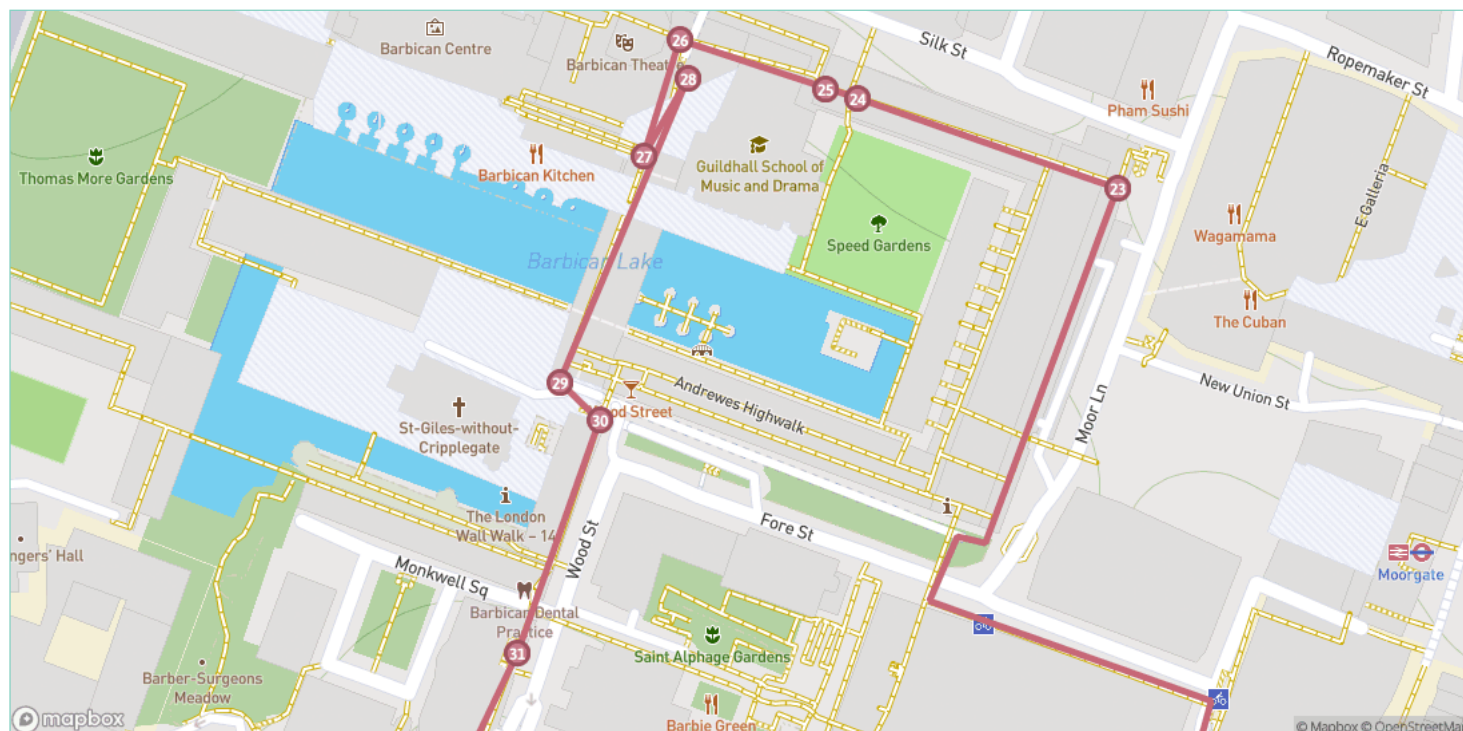
Step 21: At the front of Willoughby House turn right following the Museum of London sign.

Step 22: Turn left and continue on the outside of the complex. The painted line disappears for a short while.

Step 23: Turn left along Speed Highwalk, picking up the yellow line again.

Did you know?

The Barbican was built on the bomb-devastated site of a medieval community and, later, an overcrowded residential area. It takes its name from the medieval fortifications that were once here. It includes the largest performing arts centre in Europe, right in the heart of the Barbican Estate.



Step 24: Ignore the wide steps going up on the right.

Step 25: Stay left and enter the building via this tunnel with these stunning ceramic tiles by Dorothy Annan.

Step 26: At the end of the tunnel turn left following the yellow line.

Step 27: Halfway along the bridge you pass the entrance to the Barbican cafe on the right.

Step 28: We have effectively circled the central atrium, with fabulous views of the lakeside gardens below.

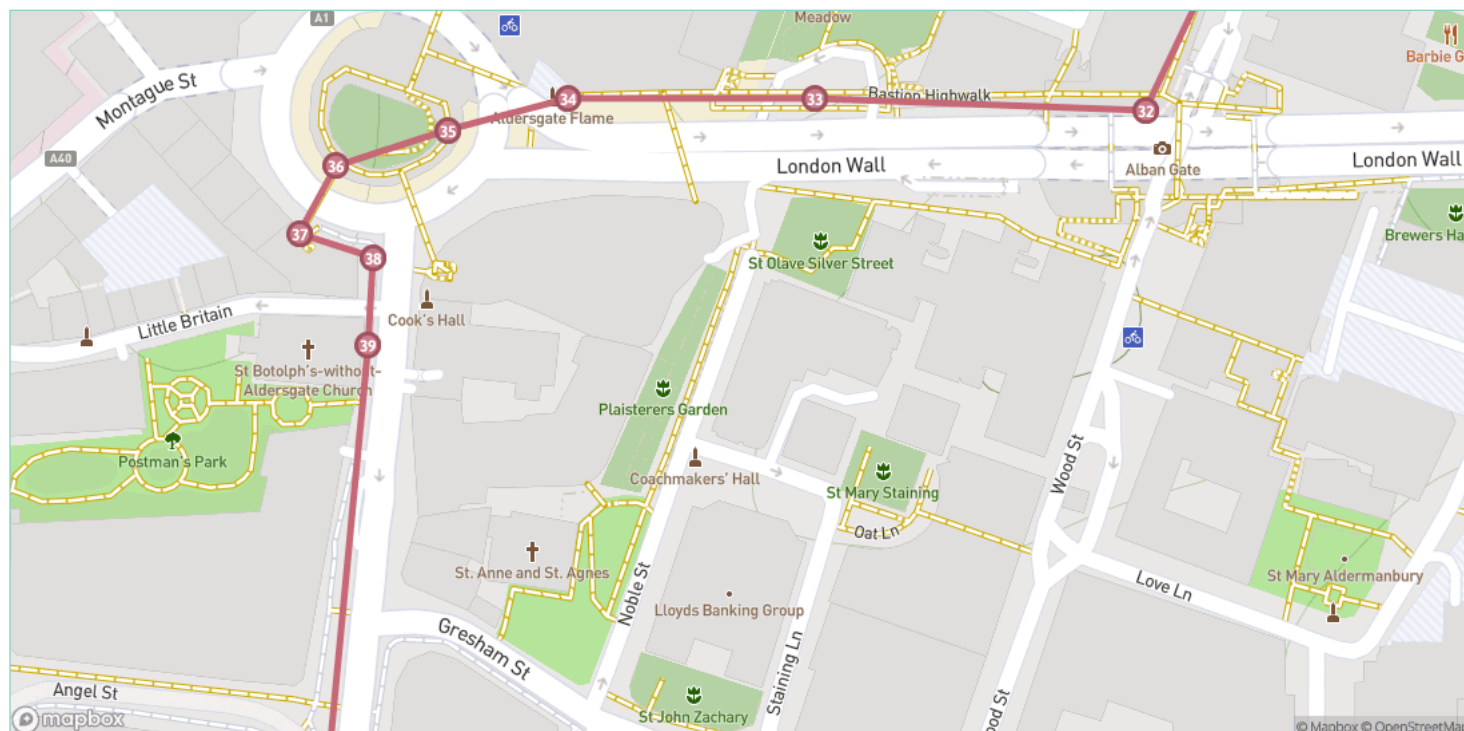
Did you know?

The Barbican Housing Estate has a complex multi level layout with numerous entrances. It was officially opened in 1969 and is made up of over 2000 flats. As well as the high-level walkway network, it has many outdoor areas, including gardens and water features.

Step 29: At the end of Gilbert Bridge, zig zag left then right to turn into Postern Highwalk, following the signs for the Museum of London.

Step 30: The church of St Giles Cripplegate is below on the right.

Step 31: Keep going ahead at the end of the Postern, onto Alban Highwalk, leaving the original Barbican complex.



Step 32: Alban Highwalk leads to a small shopping plaza. Turn immediately to the right onto Bastion Highwalk.

Step 36: Take the second bridge with painted white handrails over Aldersgate Rotunda road below.

Step 33: Continue ahead, taking note of the ancient city walls dating back to Roman times, contrasting against the Barbican complex and skyscrapers.

Step 37: And drop back down to street level by using the lift or steps.

Step 34: Continue to follow Bastion Highwalk straight ahead to the Museum of London.

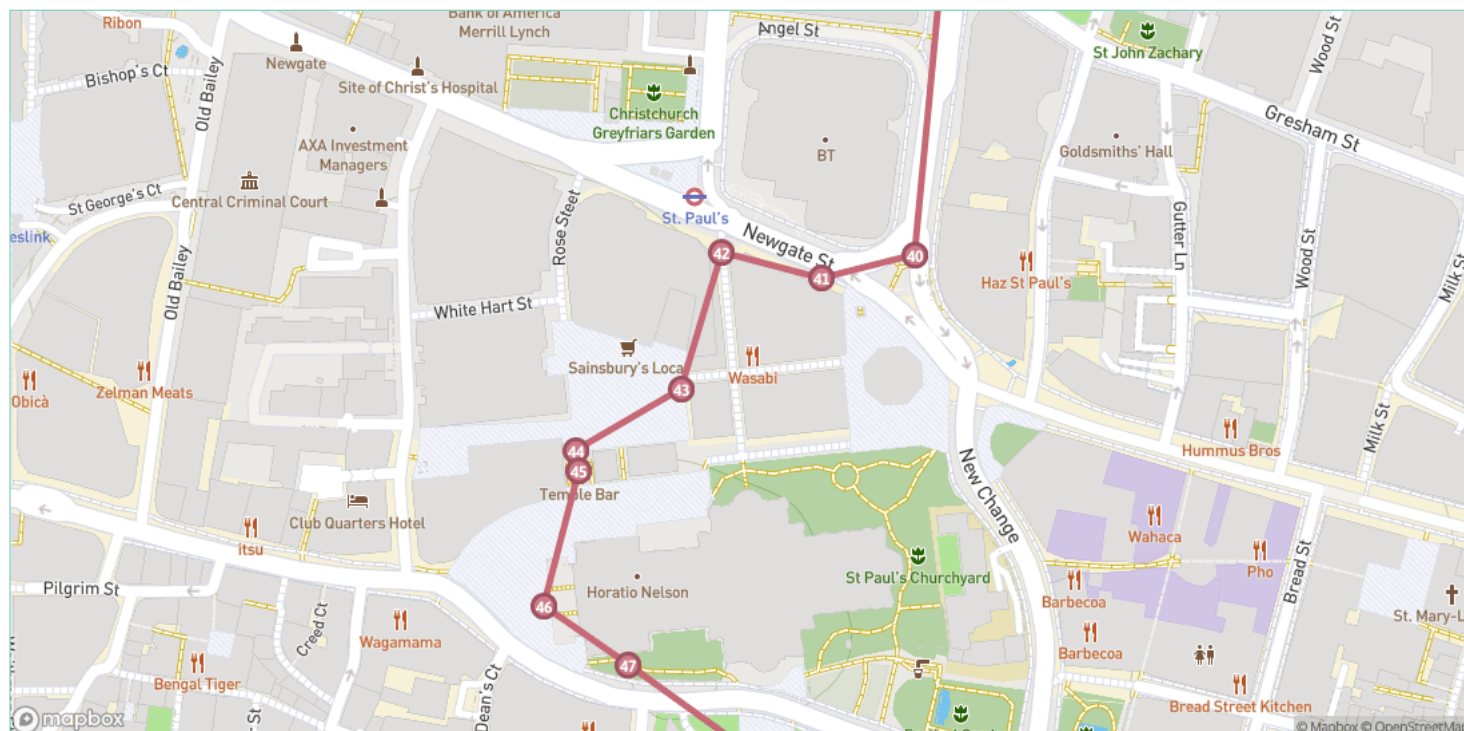
Step 38: Back on street level, turn to the right and go around the corner into Aldersgate Street, which continues ahead as St Martin's Le Grand.

Did you know?

The Museum of London is the world's largest urban history museum, containing well over a million objects. It tells the story of London from pre-history to the present. It is due to close this site at the end of 2022 before relocating to Smithfield Market in 2025/2026.

Step 39: Walk down the right hand side of St Martin's Le Grand Street, passing an old blue policebox.

Step 35: Keep left round the semi circle green space called Nettleton Court at the Museum of London.



Step 40: At the end cross over Newgate Street (the dome of St Paul's Cathedral is now ahead) and turn to the right.

Step 41: Walk along Newgate Street, past the entrance to St Paul's tube station.

Step 42: Turn left down the shopping alley known as Queen's Head Passage.

Step 43: At the end of the passage turn to the right into the modern Paternoster Square which has benches, sculptures and great views of St Paul's.

Step 44: In Paternoster Square, walk diagonally towards the left across the square, to the large stone archway of Temple Bar.

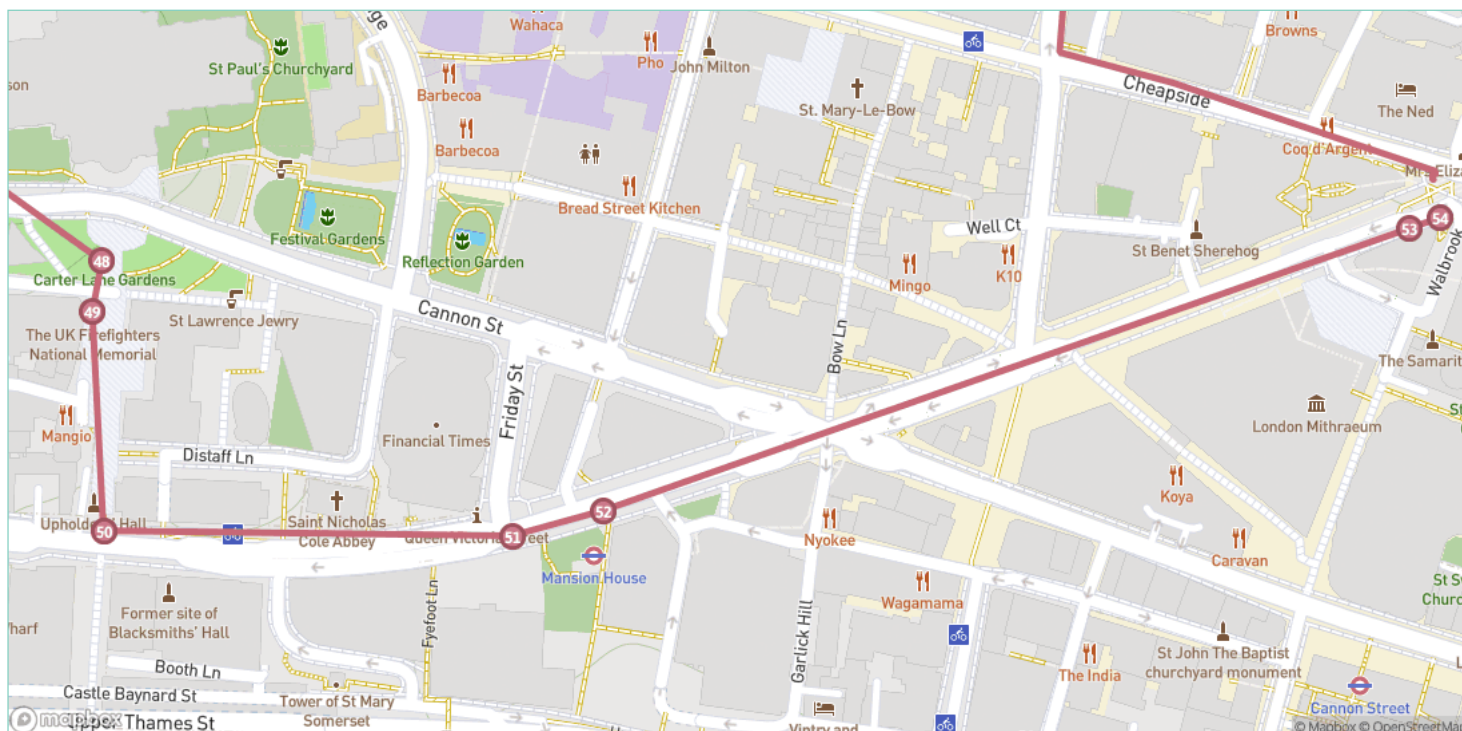
Step 45: Pass through the archway. There are public toilets here on the left.

Step 46: Enter St Paul's Churchyard and bear right through the plaza towards the famous steps to the western entrance of the cathedral.

Did you know?

The Cathedral (the fourth to occupy this site) was designed by the court architect Sir Christopher Wren and built between 1675 and 1710 after its predecessor was destroyed in the Great Fire of London. It is one of London's most iconic landmarks.

Step 47: From here continue round St Paul's Cathedral (keeping it on your left).



Step 48: Cross over St Paul's Churchyard and walk through Carter Lane Gardens with the City of London Information Centre on your right.

Step 49: Through the gardens, head downhill towards the river, crossing Carter Lane into St Peter's Hill with great views of the Tate Modern.

Step 50: Turn left into Queen Victoria Street.

Step 51: Cross the road at the pedestrian crossing at the junction with Friday Street.

Step 52: Continue up Queen Victoria Street on the right hand side, past Mansion House tube station.

Step 53: You'll shortly find yourself back to Number 1 Poultry...

Step 54: ...and Bank Tube station. Well done for completing section 3 of the Jubilee Walkway. How about heading on Section 4 next?