



Sheldon Country Park Trail

A lovely step-free nature walk through a Sheldon Country Park. Has airport runway views, cute farm animals, tearooms and a toilet en route.

Distance 4.7 kilometers / 2.9 miles

Duration 1 hour and 30 minutes



Wildlife



Wheel friendly



Public loos



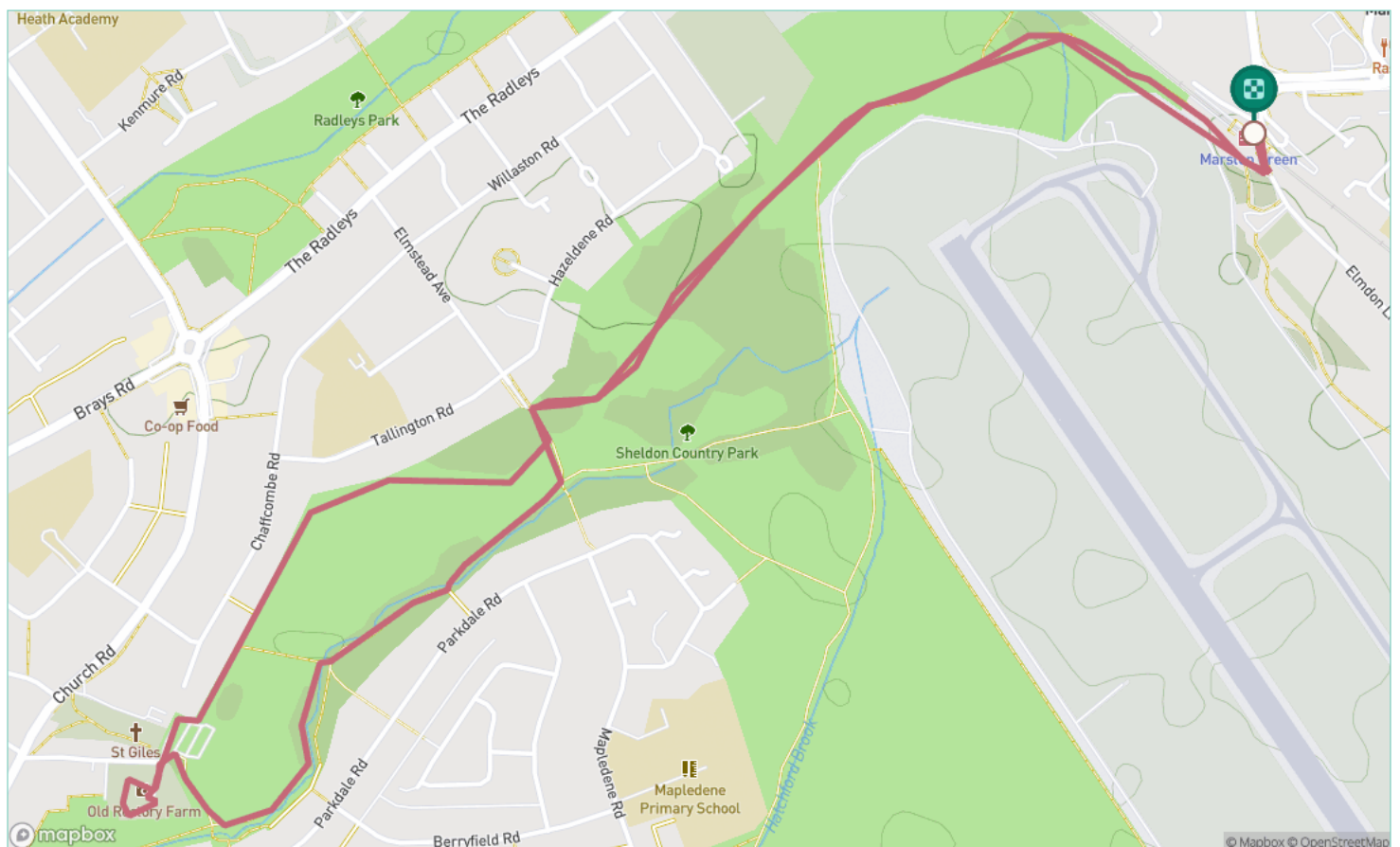
Refreshments



Public transport

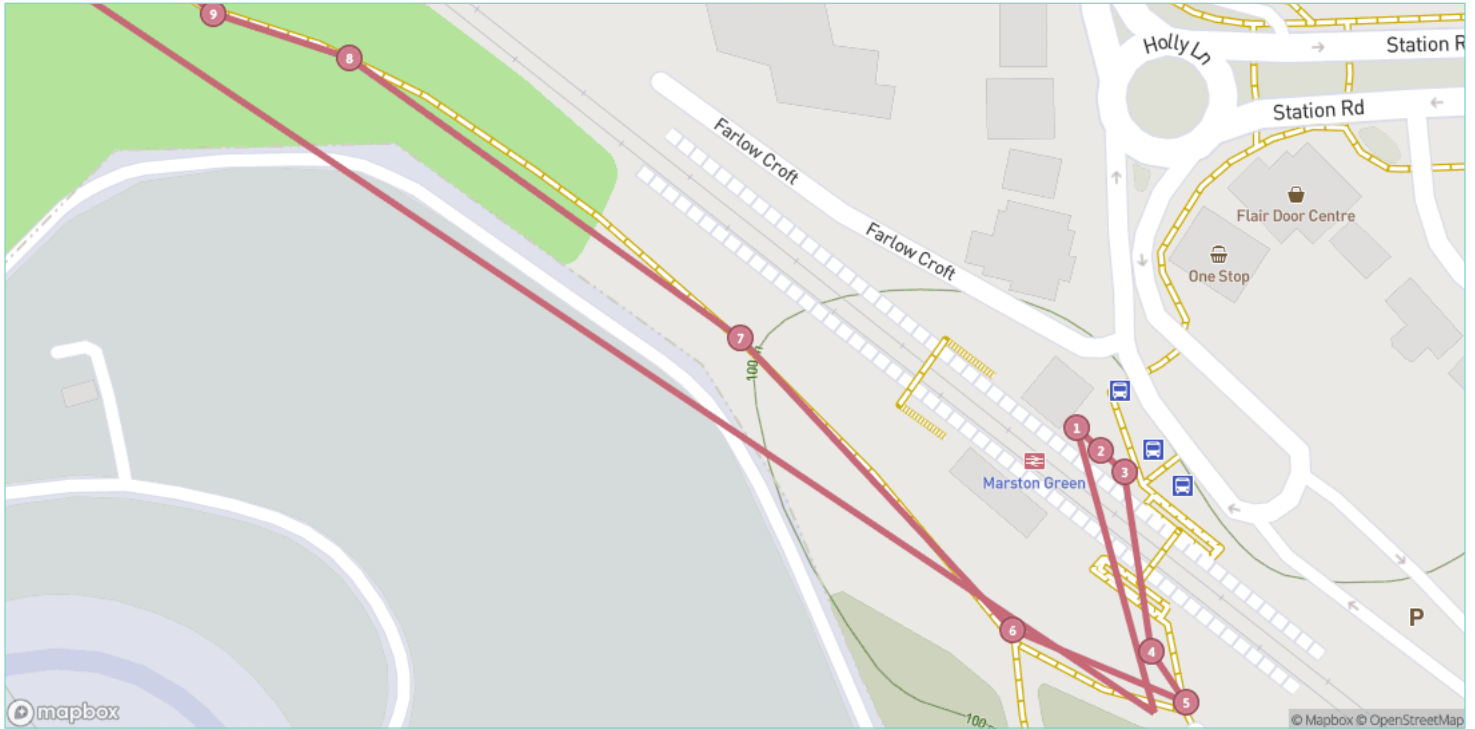


Child friendly



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Step 1: The walk begins at Marston Green train station. Hop on the West Midlands Railway line to get there.

Step 2: This walk is mostly flat and step-free however there is a short section at the end which is across grass which may get muddy in wet weather. If so, it would be best to retrace your steps back to the start to avoid this section. 🌿

Step 3: Cross the accessible bridge over the platform.

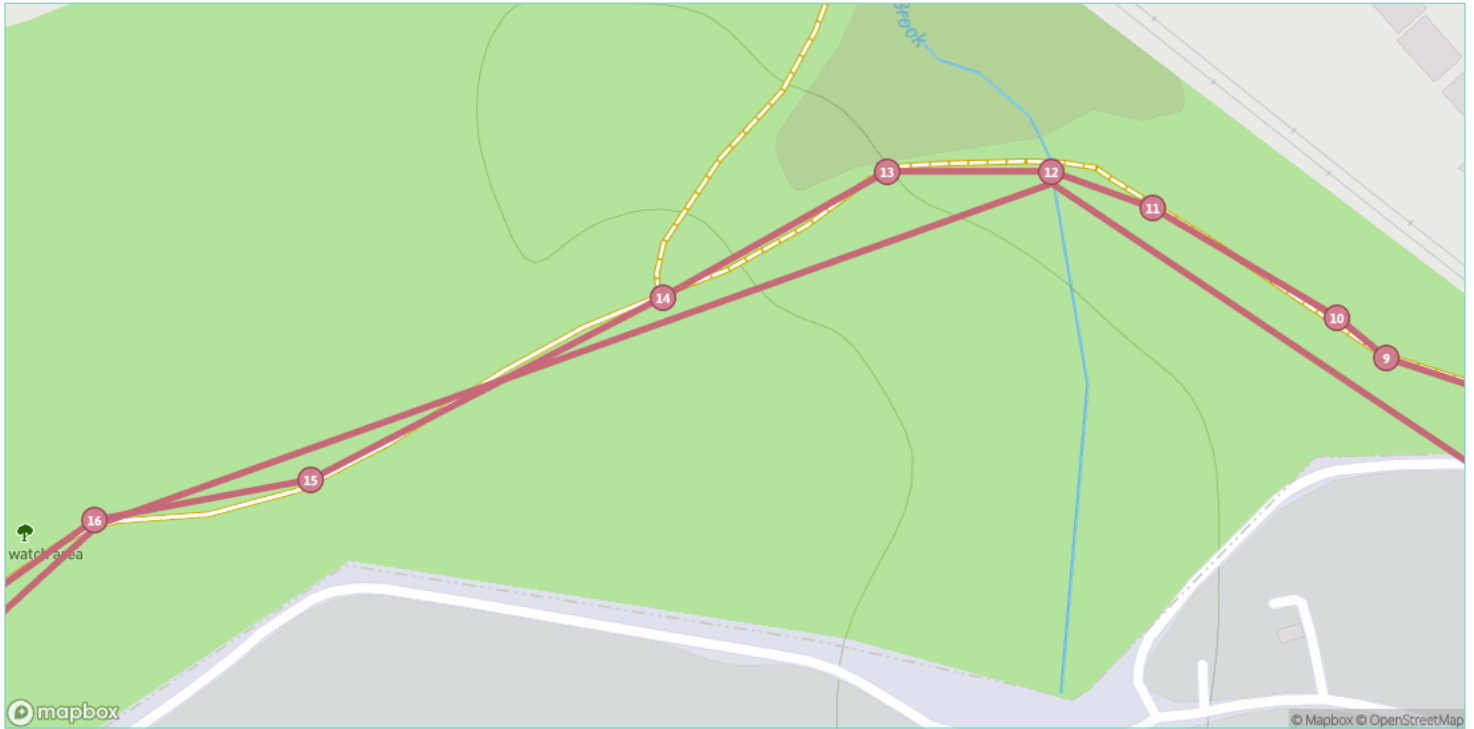
Step 4: Turn left as you exit the bridge, you'll soon see the start of the footpath on your right.

Step 5: Turn right onto the footpath to enter Sheldon Country Park.

Step 6: Follow the path with the train station to your right.

Step 7: Continue along the path and go through the metal gate.

Step 8: Take a deep breath and notice the nature around you as you continue along this tree-lined path.



Step 9: Sheldon Country Park is a great example of a “countryside in the city” experience with trees, flowers and a farm right next to a busy airport. It covers 300 acres and contains grassland, wetland, old hedgerows and mature woodland.

Step 10: Can you see any interesting plants in bloom?

Step 11: Continue and cross the bridge ahead taking you over Hatchford Brook.

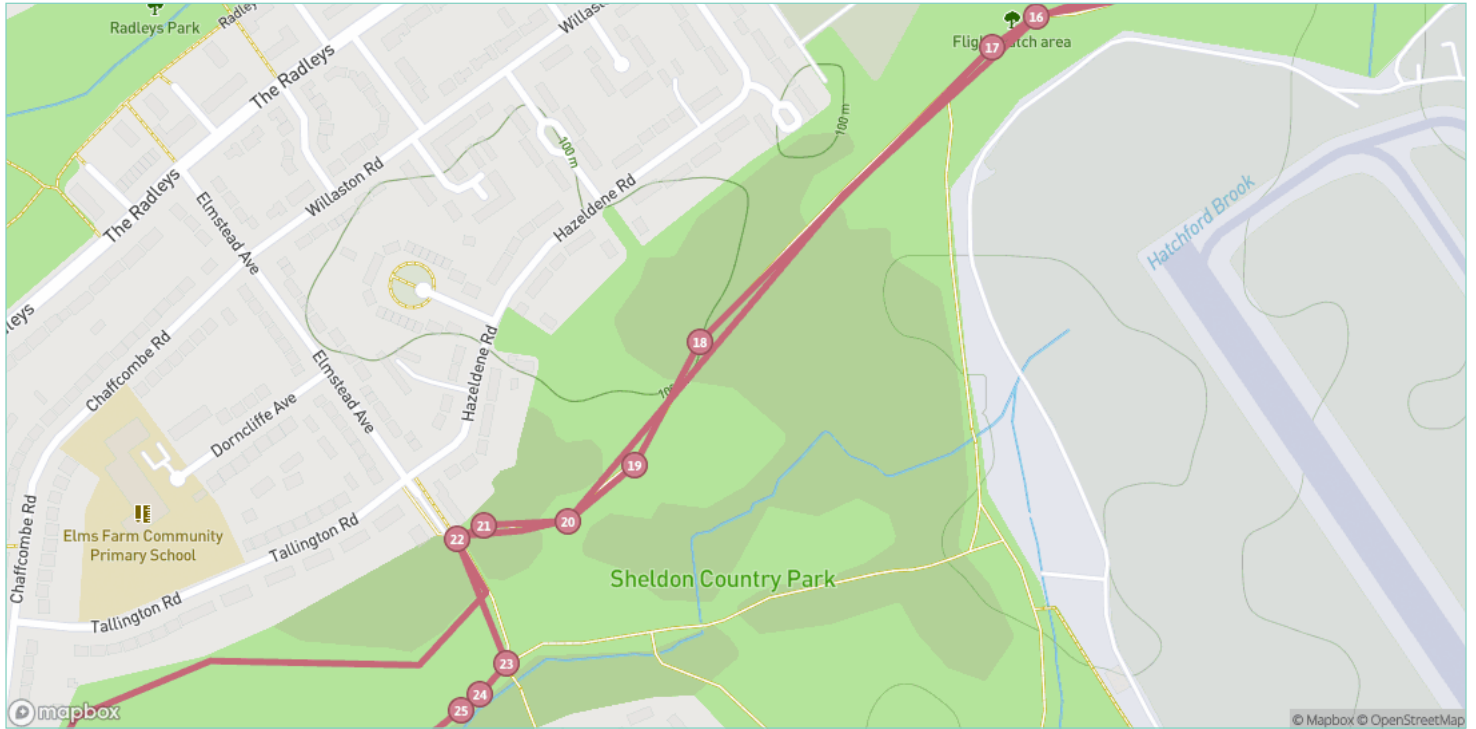
Step 12: Take a look over the bridge into the water. Can you see any interesting wildlife here?

Step 13: Continue following the path ahead.

Step 14: Ignore the path going off to the right and continue straight.

Step 15: Birmingham Airport is on your left. This is a great place for some plane spotting ✈️

Step 16: Take a seat and watch the planes take off from the runway if you have time.



Step 17: Continue along the same path.

Step 18: Keep following the tree-lined path as it meanders. Enjoy the dappled light from the trees as you go.

Step 19: Enjoy the nature around you taking in the seasons. Bramble bushes are in bloom! 🌸

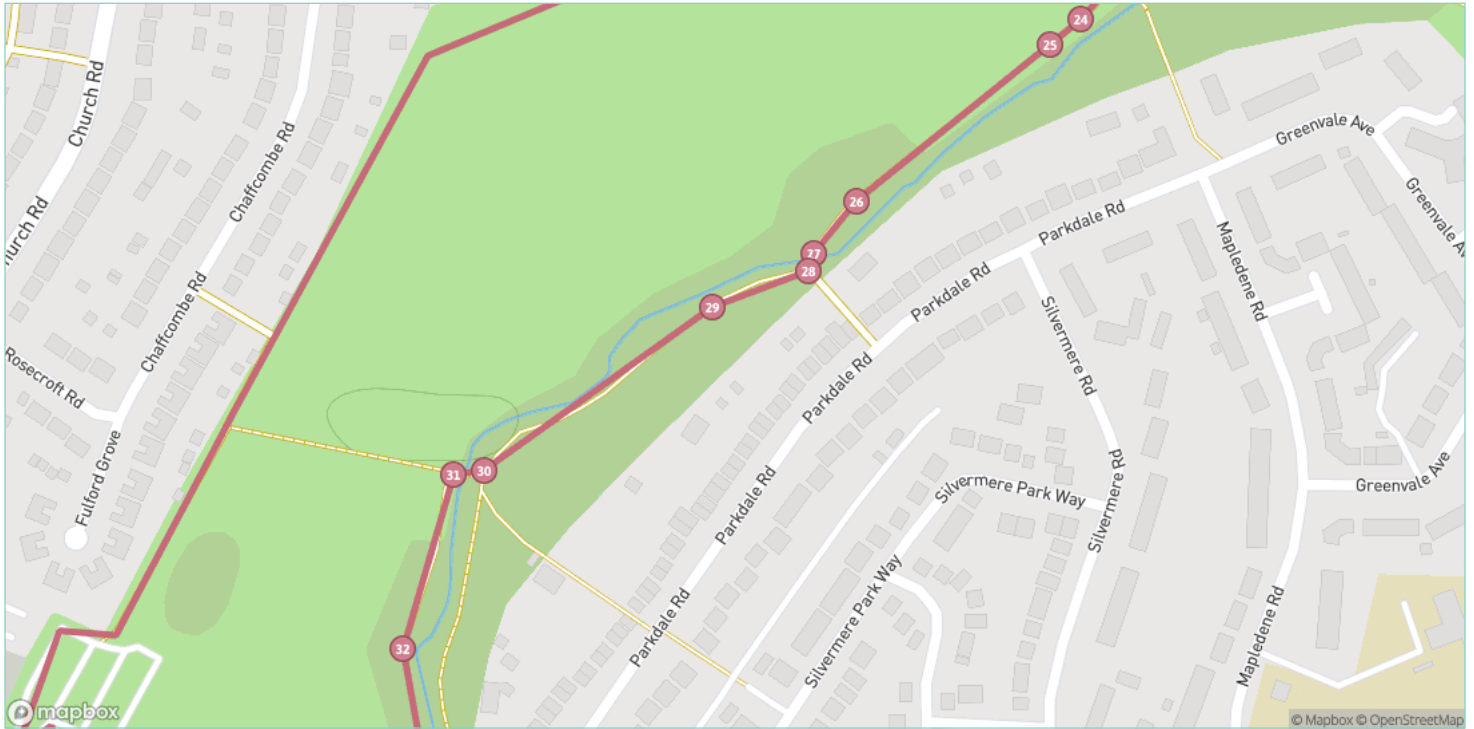
Step 20: Tuning into everyday nature with all of your senses can really help manage wellbeing. What good things can you see, hear or feel in nature?

Step 21: Get ready to turn left onto a shared cycle and footpath.

Step 22: Continue ahead, look out for cyclists 🚲

Step 23: Turn right when you see the signpost.

Step 24: Westley Brook will be on your left. Take a look through the trees.



Step 25: Continue along with the brook on your left.

Step 26: After a few minutes you'll pass a small bridge over the brook, cross the bridge

Step 27: Look over the bridge for a view of Westley Brook.

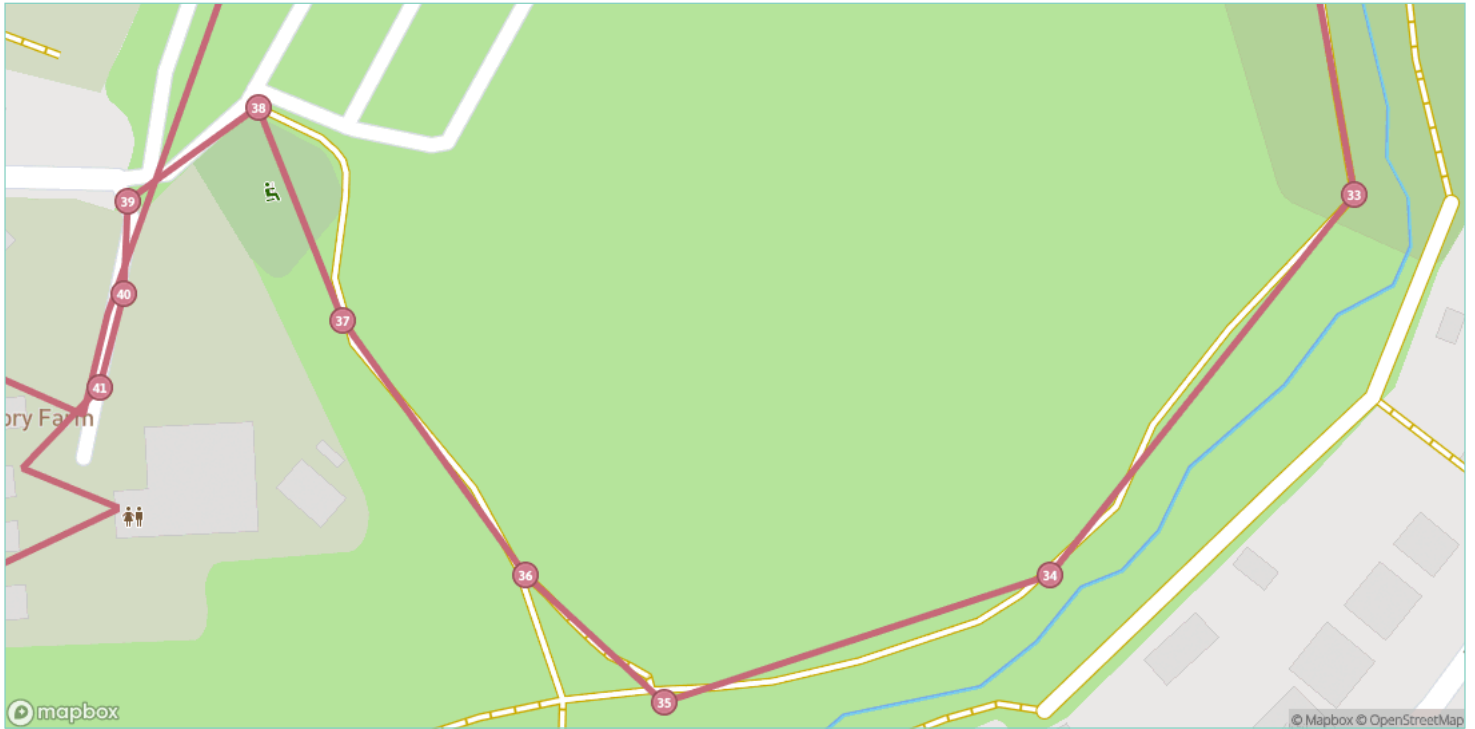
Step 28: Can you see any pollinators buzzing around? 

Step 29: Continue along the path, the brook will now be on your right.

Step 30: When you reach the crossroads, take the right path.

Step 31: Cross over the brook once again and immediately turn left.

Step 32: Continue along this path, with the brook now on your left.



Step 33: Follow the path as it meanders alongside the brook, the meadows should be on your right.

Step 40: You might spot beautiful geese amongst the daisies as you go.

Step 34: What signs of the season can you spot as you go?

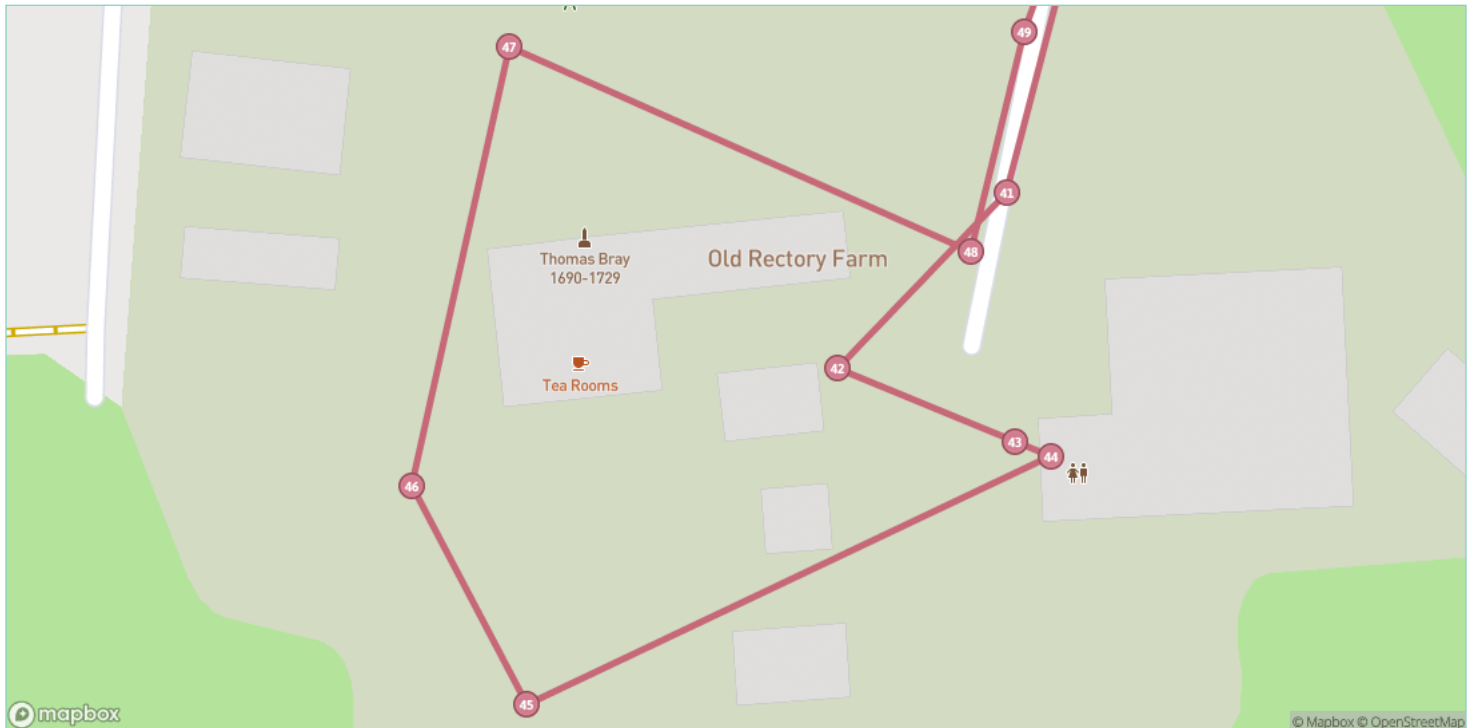
Step 35: Continue forward with a paddock on your right. Can you see any cows? 🐄

Step 36: Turn right along the paddock towards Old Rectory Farm.

Step 37: Straight ahead is a playground. Time for a fun stop?

Step 38: Follow our steps through the farm and tearooms or explore at your own pace (skip to step 44 to continue).

Step 39: Check out these pied white turkeys with striking plumage! Read the sign for more info.



Step 41: The farm dates back to the 17th century and was once home to Dr Thomas Bray, a clergyman and abolitionist.

Step 42: Can you find the guinea pigs? They are so adorable!

Step 43: Check out the beautiful plumage on the chickens.

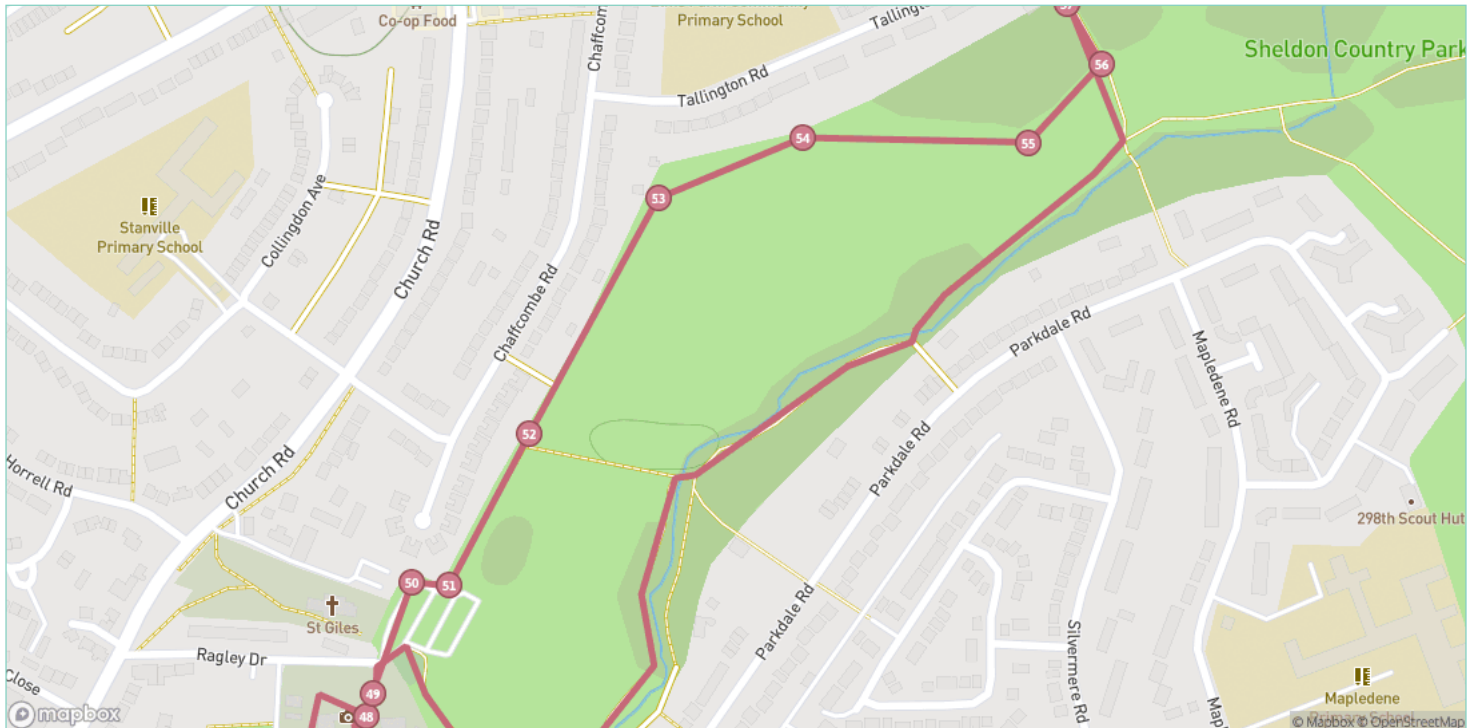
Step 44: There are handy public loos here.

Step 45: Don't forget to check out the pigs 🐷

Step 46: And the goats!

Step 47: Follow the signs to the tearooms for some refreshments.

Step 48: When you're finished exploring the farm, head onto the lane towards the car park.



Step 49: Go through the gate and enter the car park, watch out for cars here.

Step 50: Head towards the metal gate ahead and enter the park. We are heading back towards the start of the walk.

Step 51: Continue on this path with houses on the left and the park on your right.

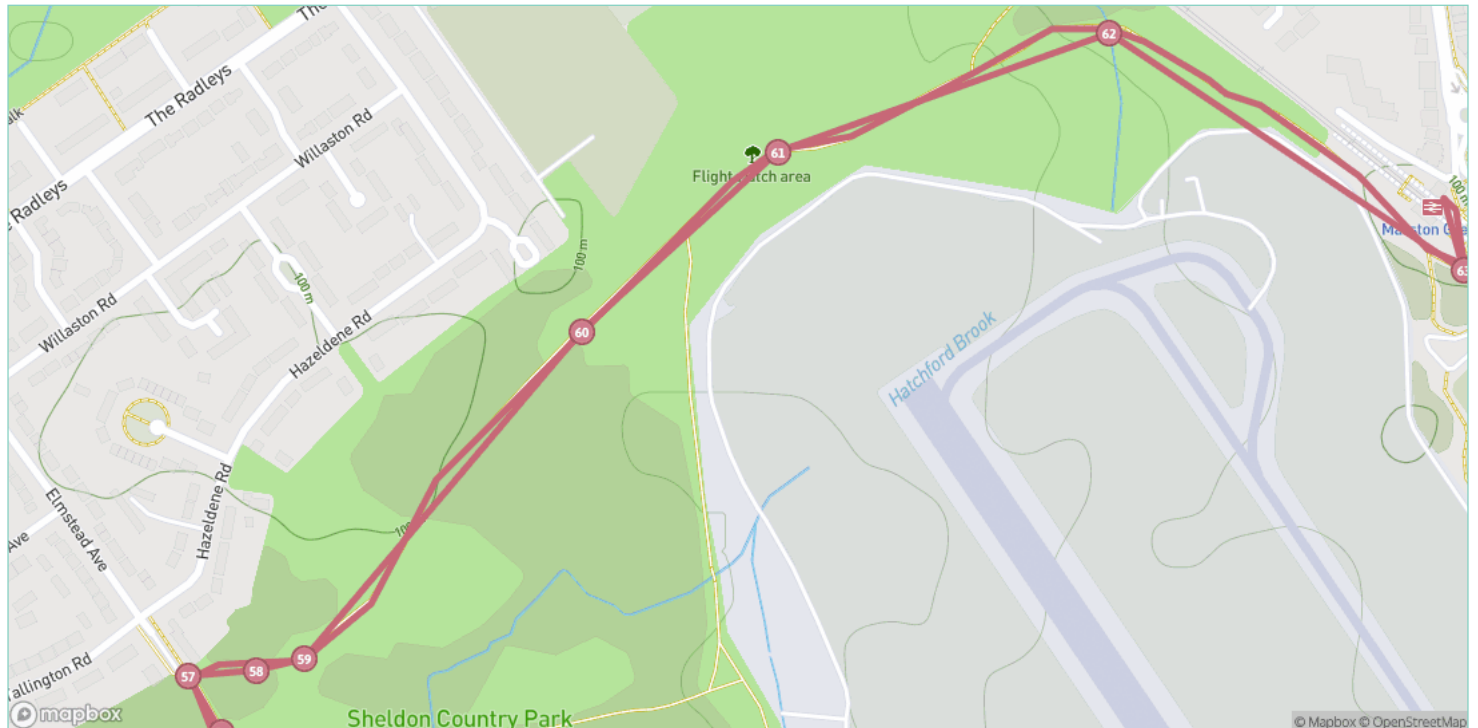
Step 52: The path becomes a grassy track, continue along the edge of the park.

Step 53: The path soon bends to the right with houses on your left.

Step 54: Keep following the grassy path as it curves.

Step 55: Don't forget to take a moment to enjoy the fresh air.

Step 56: Turn left when the grass track reaches a shared cycle and walkway.



Step 57: Turn right before you get to the park exit to continue along the edge of the park.

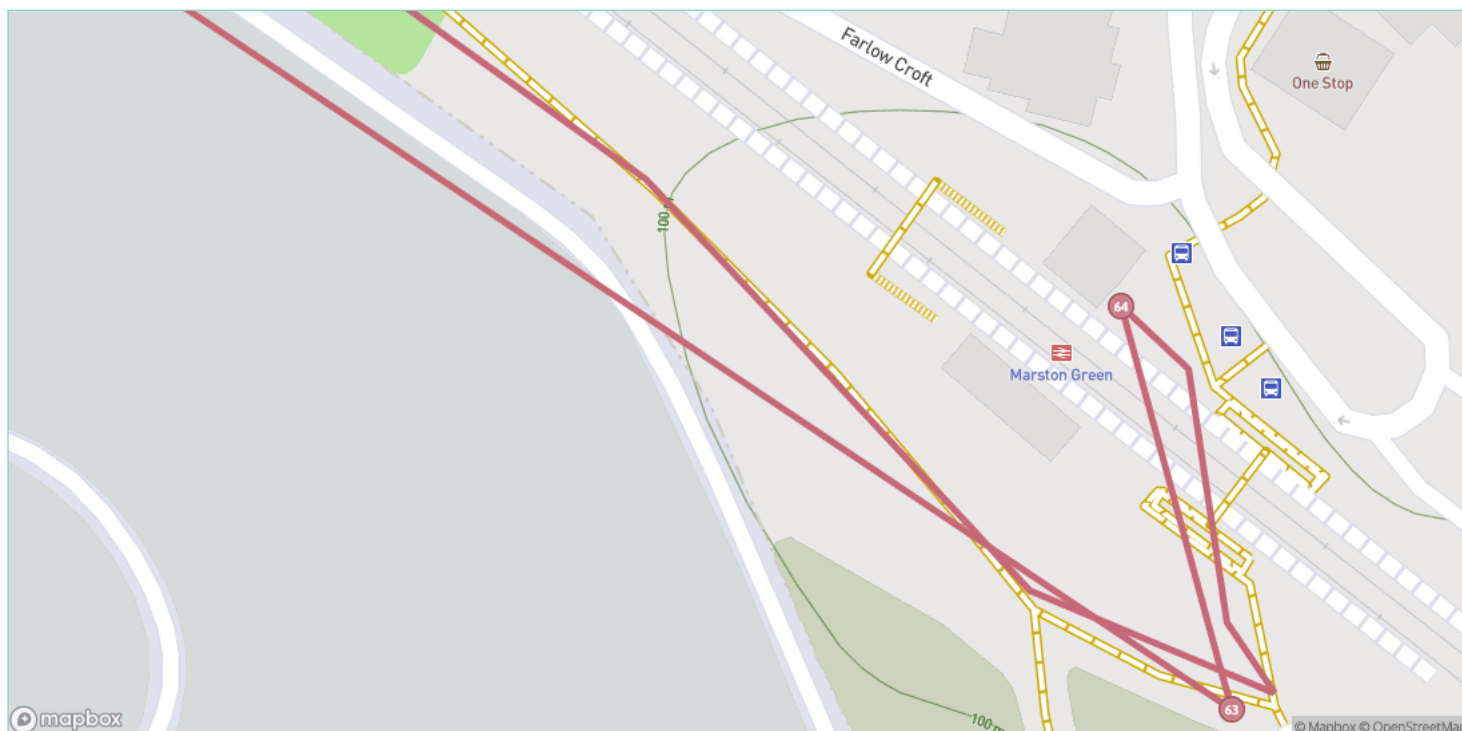
Step 58: Now you are following the same path back towards the start of the walk.

Step 59: Keep an eye out for more planes up ahead. ✈️

Step 60: The airport will be on your right with viewing benches on the left.

Step 61: Can you spot anything new that missed earlier?

Step 62: Continue over the bridge until you reach the exit for the station.



Step 63: Turn left and follow the footpath out towards the train station.

Step 64: Congrats on completing the walk! We hope you enjoyed it. There's lots more Birmingham-based walks in the app for you to enjoy.