



Bristol Ring Section 6

The final section is view-filled as you travel across Purdown, Stoke Park Estate and along the River Frome. Option to walk back along BBRP.

Distance 11.1 kilometers / 6.9 miles

Duration 4 hours and 20 minutes



Wildlife



Water feature



Great views



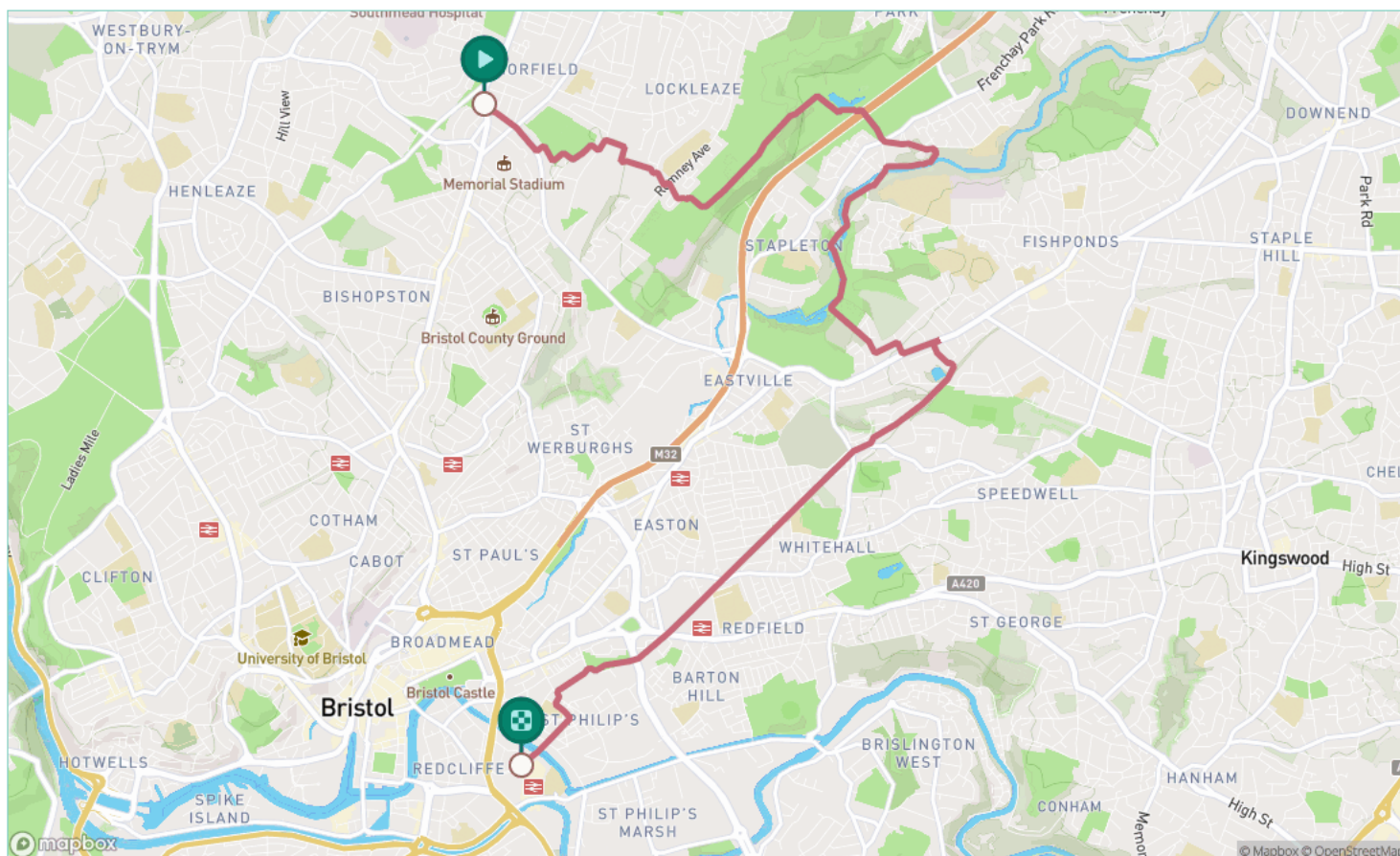
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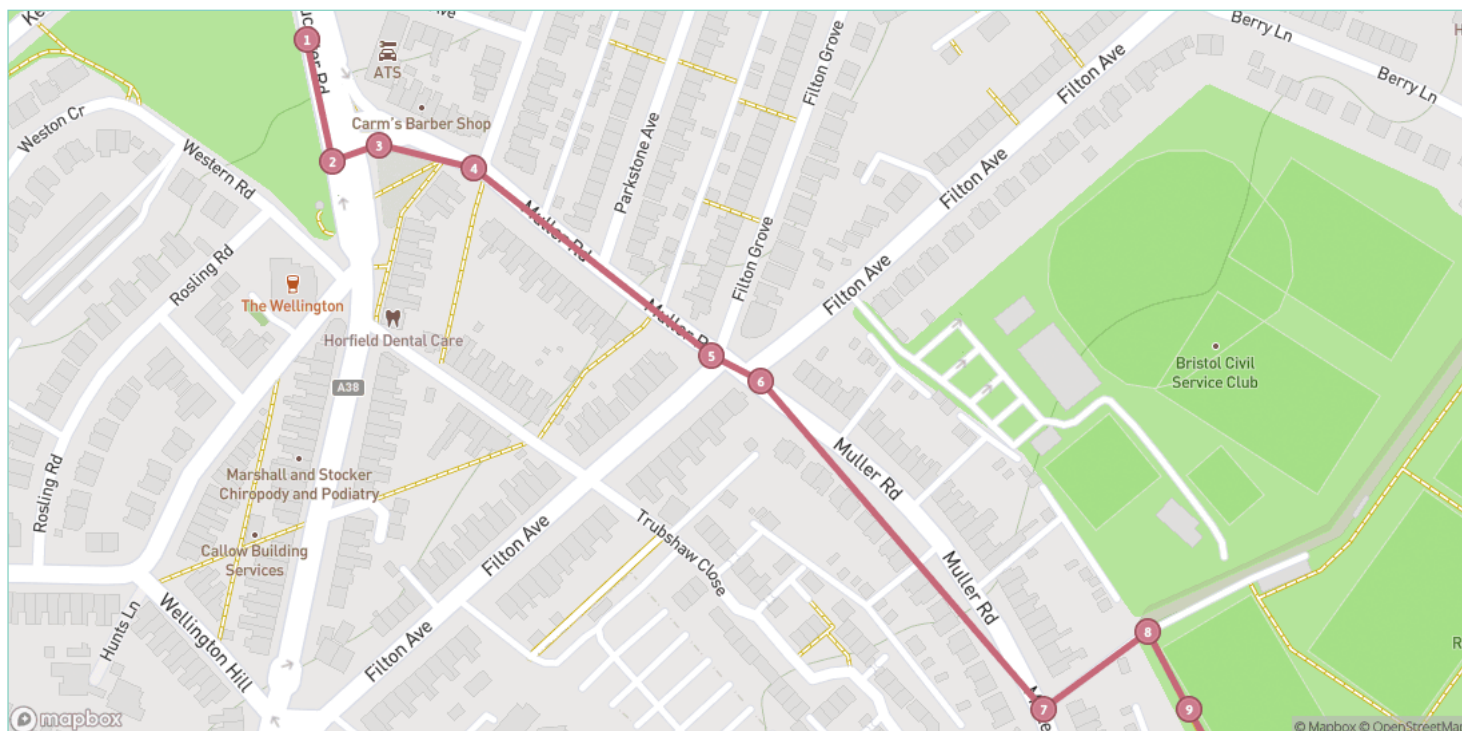
History



Hilly & steep



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Step 1: Section 6 starts just south of the Muller Road Top bus stop which is served by routes from the city centre, including 71 from Temple Meads.

Step 8: When you reach the grass, head right along the perimeter of the playing fields.

Step 2: Start Section 6 by using the pedestrian crossing to cross Gloucester Road towards Muller Road.

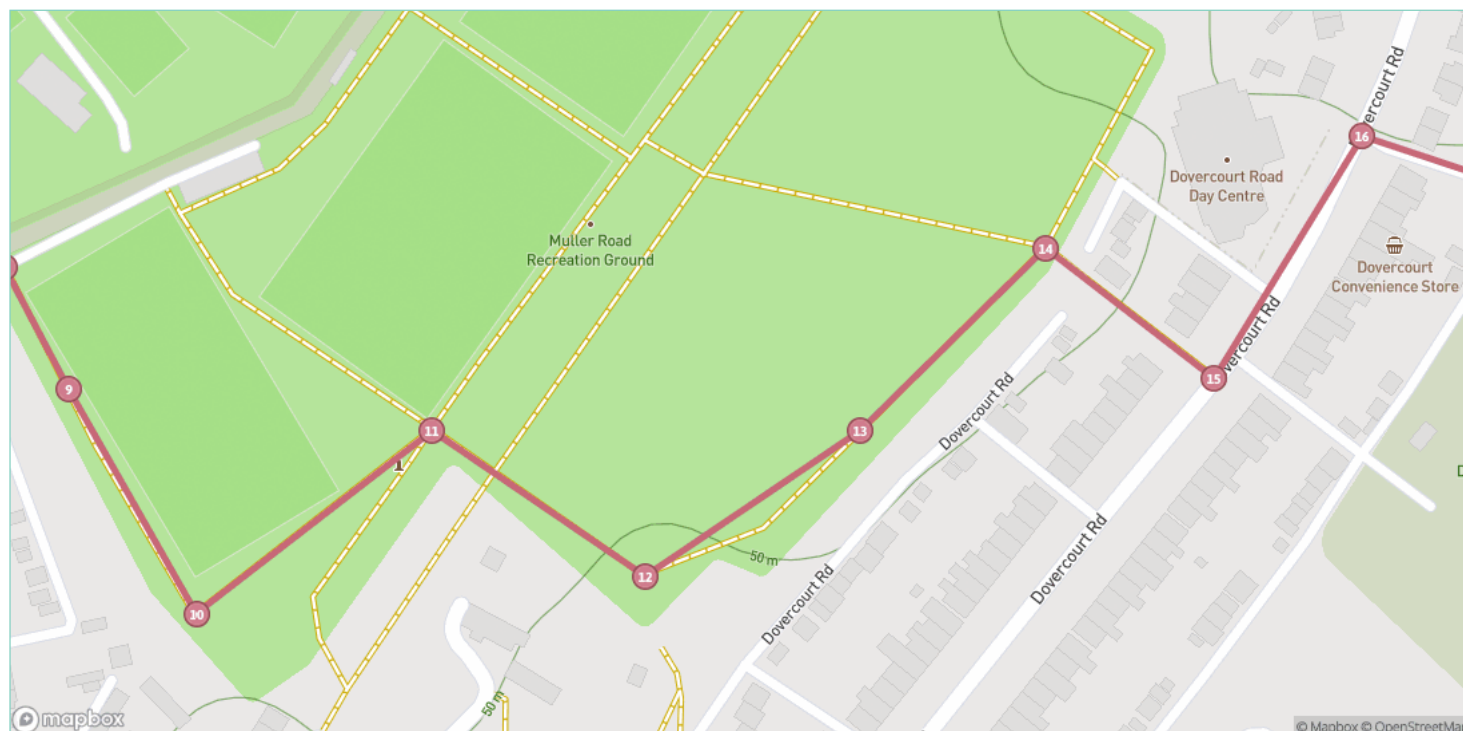
Step 3: Head left on the opposite side to walk around the grass and into Muller Road.

Step 4: Head downhill to the junction with Filton Avenue.

Step 5: Cross Filton Avenue at the lights.

Step 6: Then turn left to cross Muller Road. Turn right on the opposite side to stay on Muller Road.

Step 7: After house no. 79A, turn left to enter Muller Road Recreation Ground on the tarmac path.



Step 9: Can you see the old BT tower? We're headed there today!

Step 10: Turn left to keep to the perimeter.

Step 11: Pass a ramp leading sharp right, walk a few steps ahead from the ramp and then turn right to head down the grass slope into the next field.

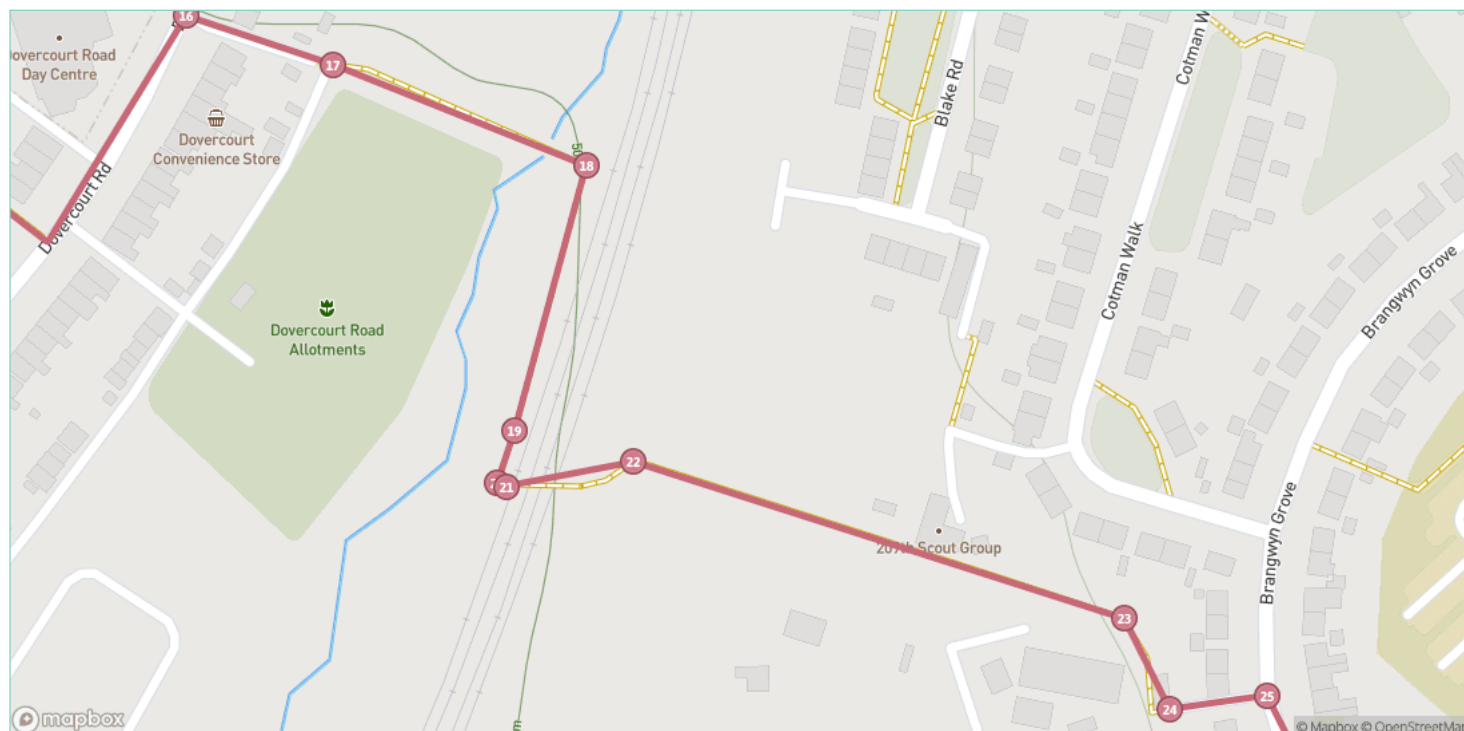
Step 12: Skirt the perimeter of this next field.

Step 13: Keep going until you reach steps on the right. Enjoy the expanse of sky and the wonderful trees around the recreation ground.

Step 14: Turn right, go down the stairs and continue until you reach the road.

Step 15: Go through the gap and turn left onto Dovercourt Road. There is a small convenience store along this stretch.

Step 16: After the shops, turn right onto this path which has a sign for the 'Footpath to Lockleaze'.



Step 17: Combine past the bollards and go straight with the allotments to the right.

Step 18: Follow the path to the right. You're now alongside the railway track.

Step 19: Head up the steps to cross over the railway line.

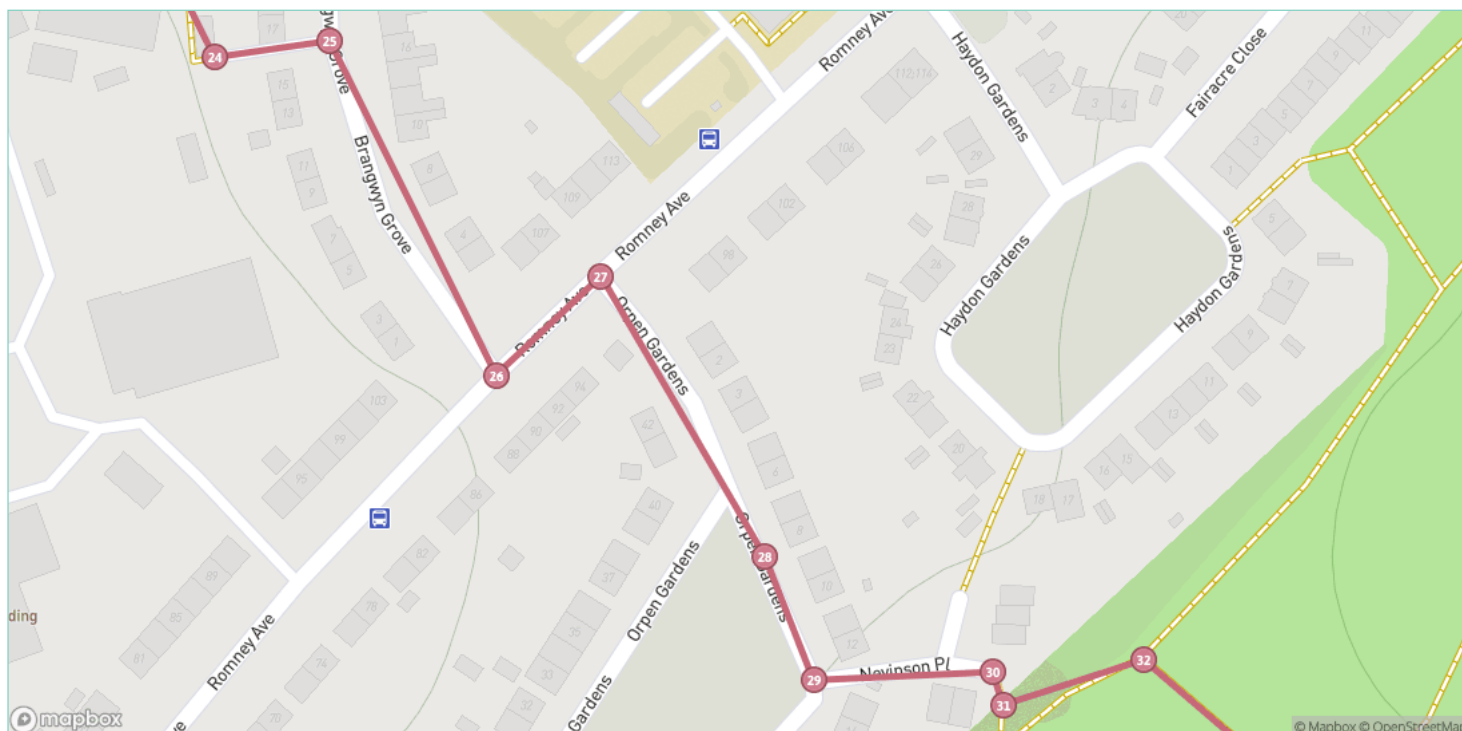
Step 20: Enjoy the view from the top and embark on a bit of train-spotting.

Step 21: Walk across the bridge.

Step 22: Follow the path uphill on the opposite side through a lovely tunnel of young trees and shrubs.

Step 23: Follow the winding end of the path to the road.

Step 24: Continue to the end of the path to join Brangwyn Grove.



Step 25: Turn right on Brangwyn Grove and continue downhill.

Step 26: Turn left to cross Brangwyn Grove at the junction of Romney Avenue by the very cute pencil bollards.

Step 27: Soon after, turn right to cross Romney Avenue and walk up Orpen Gardens, heading uphill.

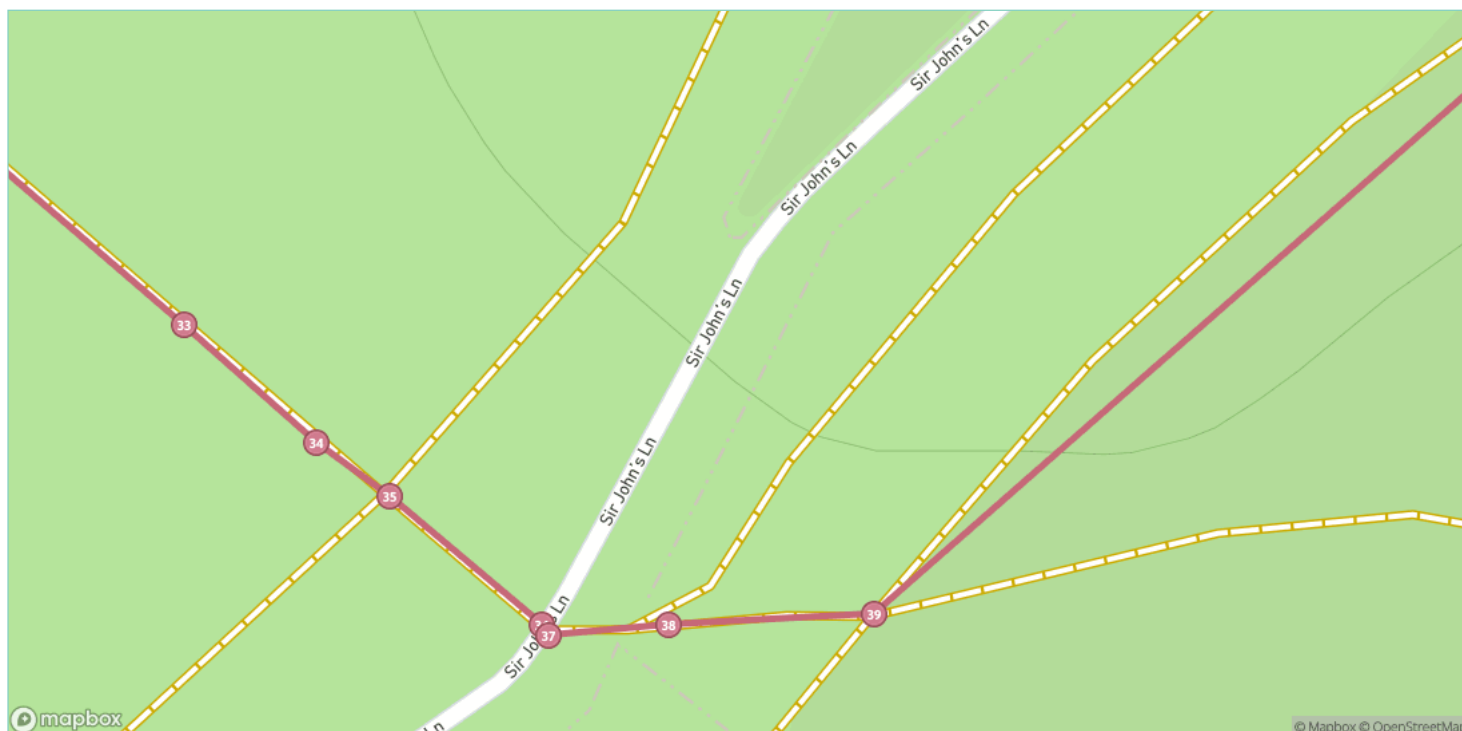
Step 28: Continue uphill past a large patch of grass.

Step 29: Turn left into Nevinson Place which doesn't have a pavement.

Step 30: Head up the steps at the end of the street onto Purdown.

Step 31: Head left through the trees.

Step 32: Then head right to cross the grass towards a line of trees and a square block which you may be able to make out through the trees.



Step 33: Look right for views to the city centre.

Step 34: Can you make out any of the landmarks in the distance?

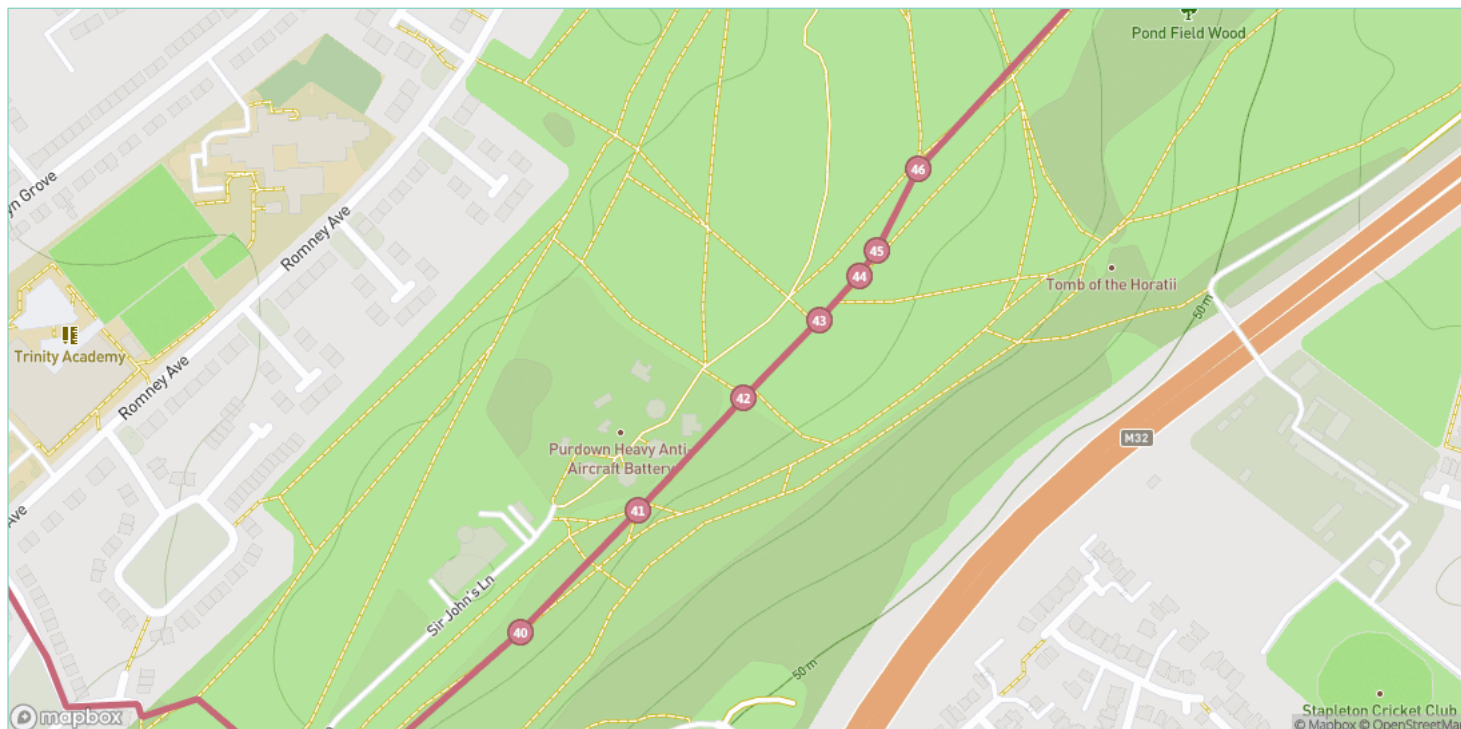
Step 35: Follow the path through the trees to a track.

Step 36: Emerge on Sir John's Lane and look right by the fence for more views!

Step 37: Bear slight left and go through the black gate. Dogs should be on leads now until the motorway due to cattle in the next green space.

Step 38: Cut across the grass diagonally to the left. The noise you can hear is the M32 which we'll pass under later.

Step 39: Then turn left on the grass path heading towards the Purdown BT Tower, now used to transmit radio and provide mobile phone coverage.



Step 40: There are wonderful views to the east and south east of the city.

Step 41: The path will take you past Purdown anti-aircraft battery, used to counter bombing raids during WWII. It is now a Scheduled Monument.

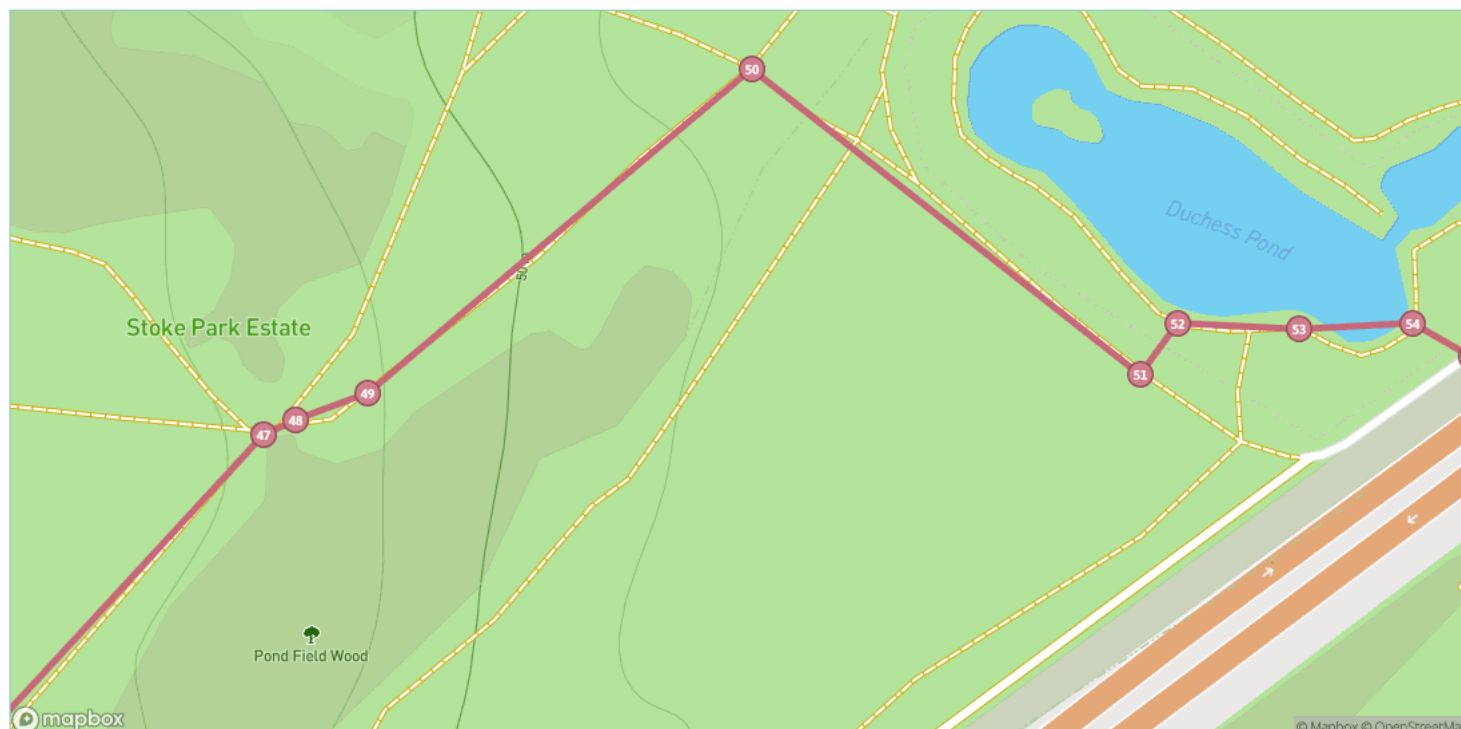
Step 42: Continue ahead to the right of an island of scrub.

Step 43: Walk past the bench or take a seat and enjoy the view.

Step 44: Just before the path bends slightly to the left, don't forget to look back for final city views.

Step 45: Follow the path diagonally left, now heading downhill towards the Stoke Park Estate.

Step 46: Continue downhill across a wider expanse of grass towards a wide black gate with a woodland on the right.



Step 47: Go through the gate into the Stoke Park Estate. This is a great place to stop and there is a bench on the left just after the gate.

Step 48: The yellow Dower House was built in 1563 as a private stately home. It was used as a hospital last century and is now apartments.

Step 49: Keep right and walk down the hill until you reach a gate on the right.

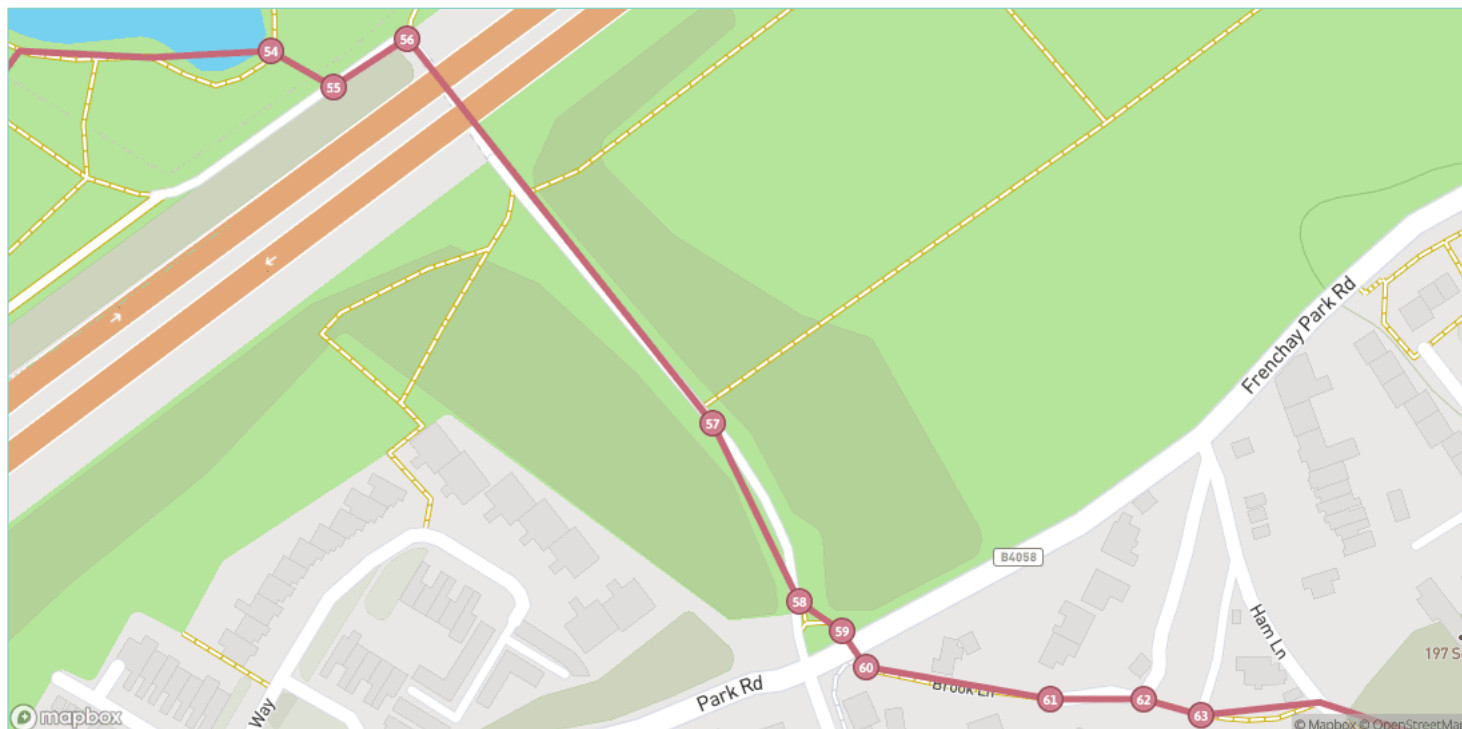
Step 50: Turn right and go through the gate, keeping to the left of the next field.

Step 51: Head left over a stile to access Duchess Pond.

Step 52: The pond is used for angling and supports breeding birds including the reed warbler. There is a bench here if you'd like a breather.

Step 53: Turn right along the pond.

Step 54: Turn right when you reach the steps and head down them and through a gate.



Step 55: Turn left onto a track towards the tunnel under the motorway.

Step 56: You've no doubt heard and seen the M32 since we reached Purdown. Now, head under it as we head onto the last half of Section 6.

Step 57: Follow the tarmac path to the road.

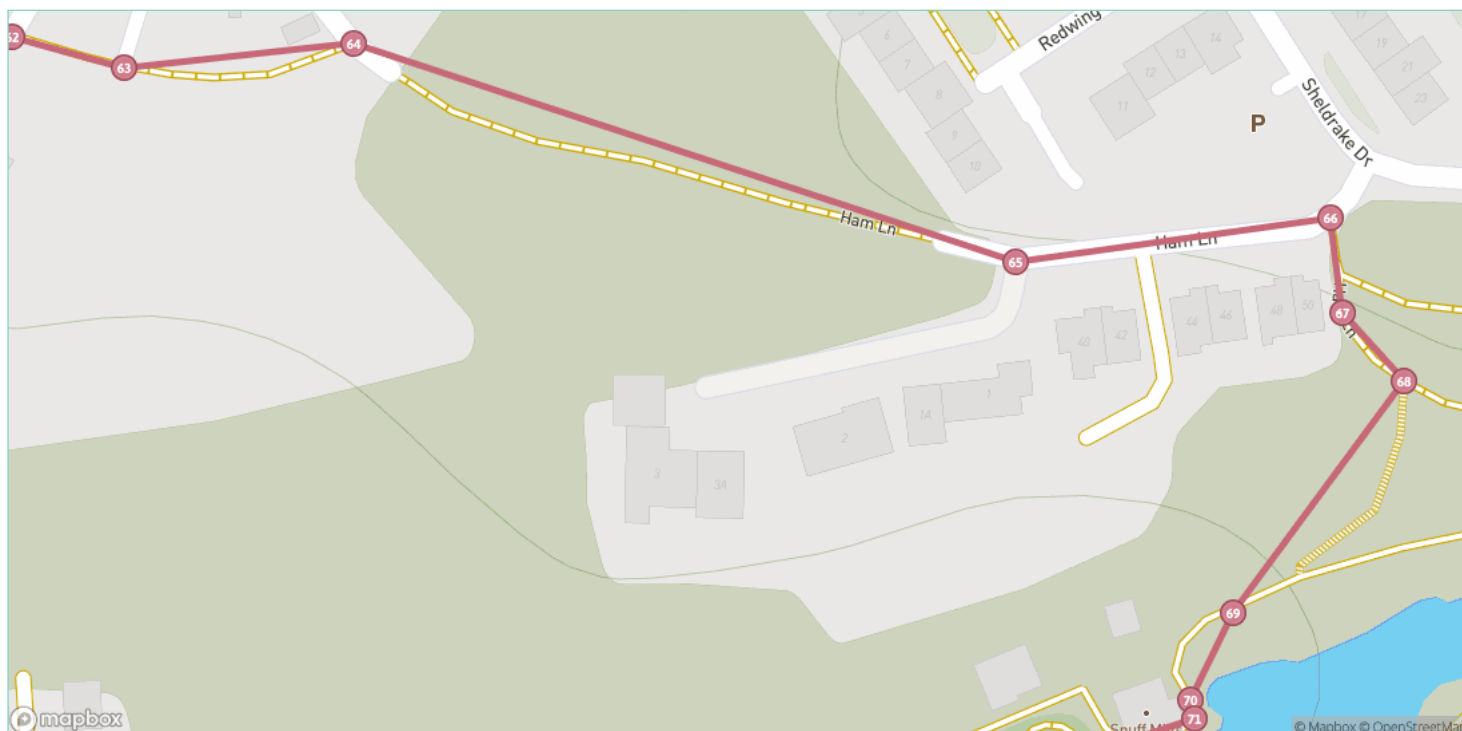
Step 58: Head round Duchess Gate, once an entrance to the grand Stoke Park Estate, and head left.

Step 59: Cross Frenchay Park Road at the zebra crossing and walk around the metal fence on the opposite side to access a path.

Step 60: Head up the path as the Bristol Ring takes a lovely trip down to the River Frome.

Step 61: Bear slight left on Brook Lane.

Step 62: Follow the tarmac path downhill between the gardens.



Step 63: Bear slight left to continue on a wide tarmac track with a wooden fence to the left.

Step 64: Turn right past the bollard on Ham Lane.

Step 65: Follow to the left on the other side of Ham Lane toward the road junction.

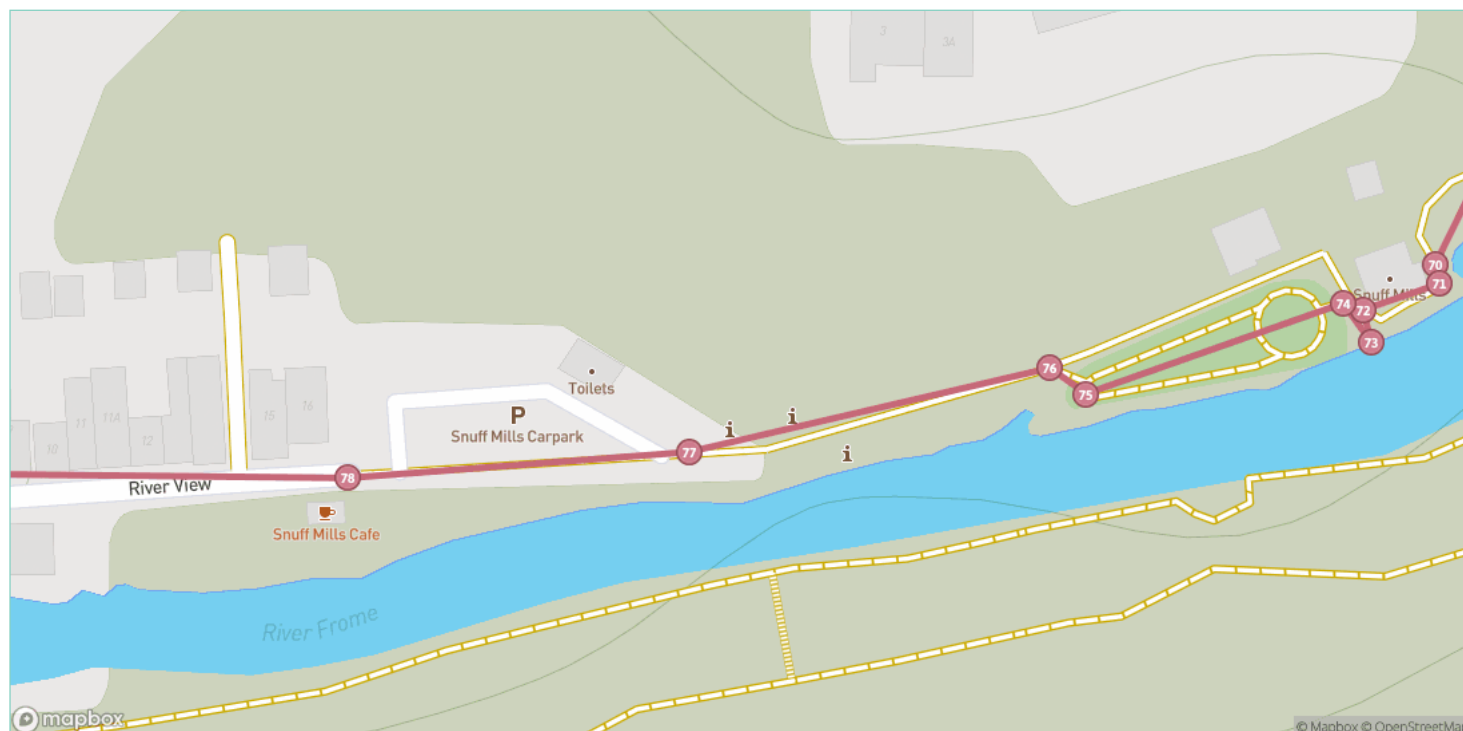
Step 66: Just before the junction, turn right onto the footpath and walk around the gate.

Step 67: Turn down the footpath behind the gate until you reach steps on your right.

Step 68: Go down the steep steps on this steep valley side towards the River Frome below. There is a handrail.

Step 69: Turn right along the river bank and follow the curve in the path.

Step 70: You'll emerge in Snuff Mills which was a hive of milling industry for hundreds of years, from milling flour to making agricultural tools.



Step 71: Take a moment to enjoy being riverside. Can you imagine the boiler behind you in full working condition powering a saw which cut stone?

Step 78: Continue straight on River View. You'll pass a cafe on the left if you're in need of refreshments.

Step 72: Head right along the river. There are plenty of interpretation boards to learn more about the area's rich industrial heritage.

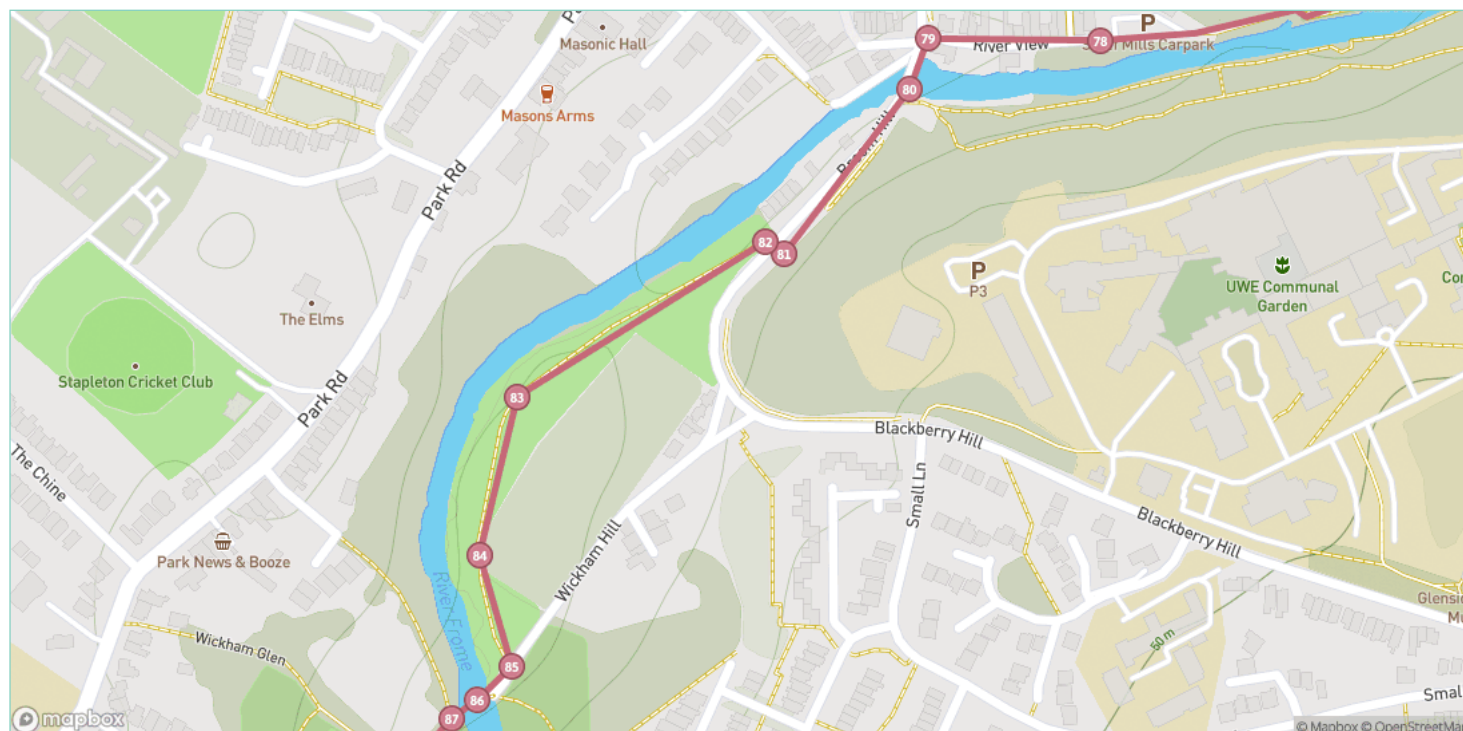
Step 73: There is an access point down to the river if you'd like to be closer to the water.

Step 74: Head through the beautiful gardens which are managed by local volunteers.

Step 75: Go up the steps. There is a bench here which makes for a delightful place to have a rest.

Step 76: When ready, turn left on the main path.

Step 77: Walk carefully through the carpark. There are public toilets on the right.



Step 79: Turn left on Broom Hill.

Step 80: Cross the river and head up the hill to the zebra crossing.

Step 81: Cross the road, pass the bollards and head onto the path ahead.

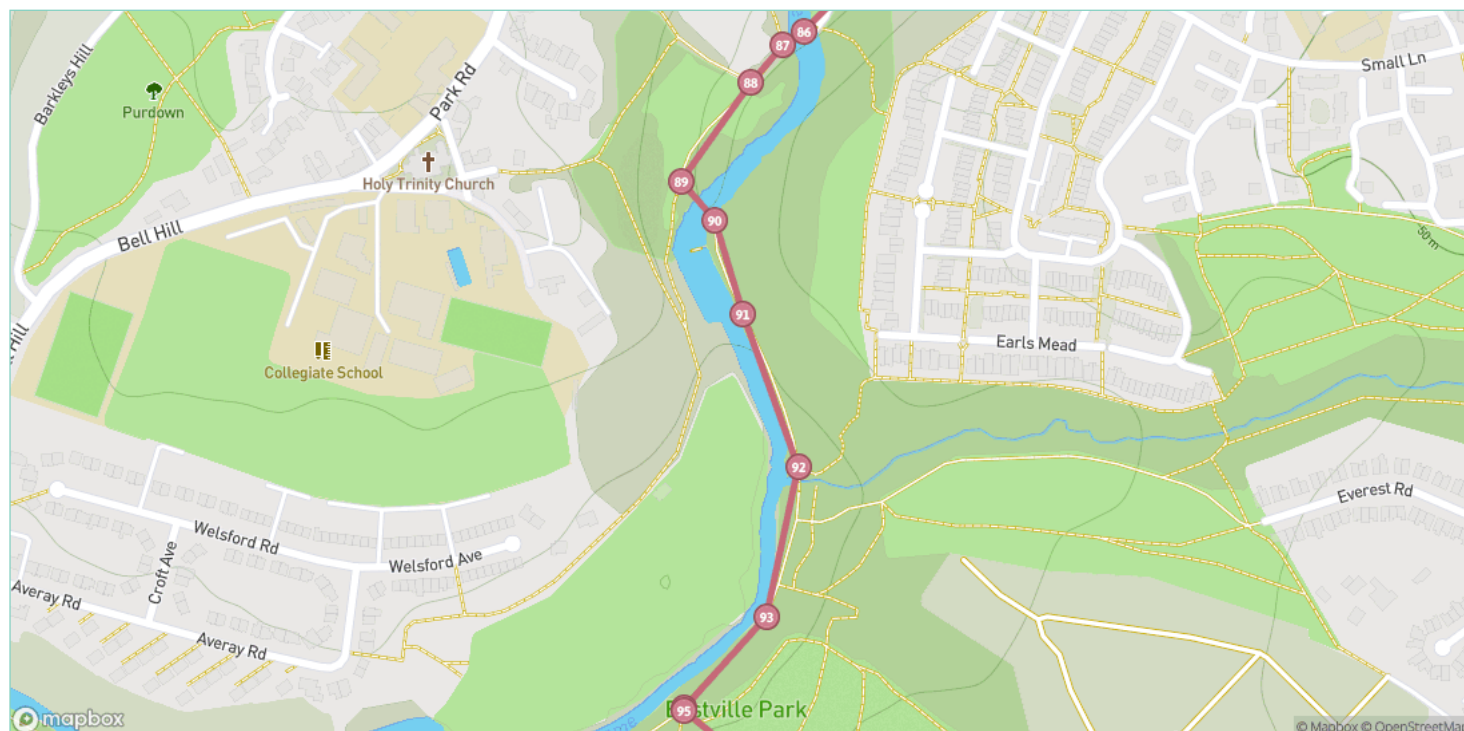
Step 82: This part of the Frome Valley Walkway leads to Eastville Park and it's another wonderfully tranquil place to get close to local nature.

Step 83: Follow the path round the bend.

Step 84: Continue to a gate.

Step 85: Turn right to cross the stone Wickham Bridge over the river.

Step 86: What can you spot in and over the river?



Step 87: Continue ahead on the opposite side.

Step 88: As the track bends right, continue straight to enter Eastville park.

Step 89: Continue until you reach a footbridge on the left and use it cross the Frome once again.

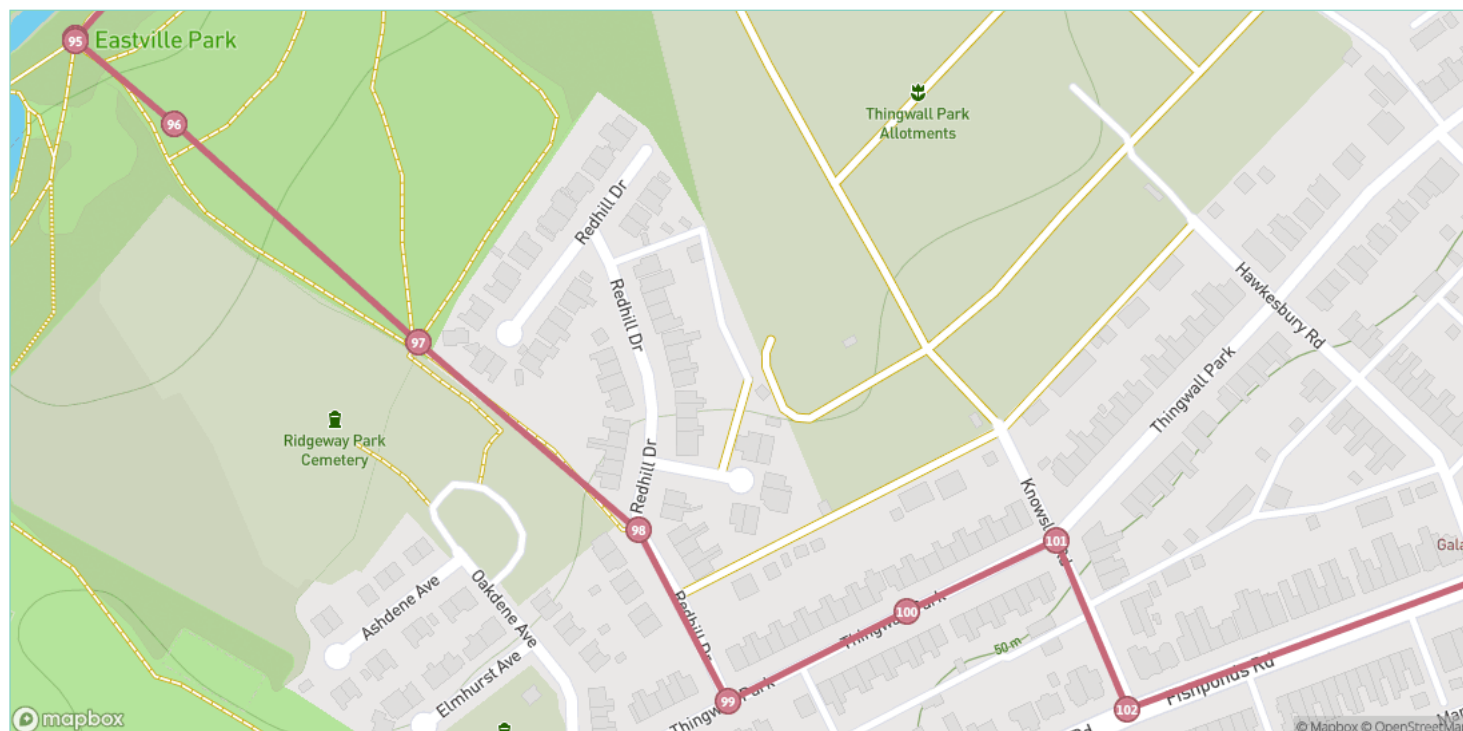
Step 90: Follow the path to the right on the opposite side, heading past the weir.

Step 91: There are benches along here if you'd like to enjoy the sights and sounds of the water.

Step 92: Cross over this bridge.

Step 93: Continue ahead until you see the lake.

Step 94: Ahead is the Eastville Park Lake if you'd like to take a detour to explore it.



Step 95: Otherwise turn left on the tarmac path heading uphill.

Step 96: There's a lovely avenue of trees to walk through on this path. How do they look on your walk?

Step 97: Continue ahead with housing on the left and a cemetery to the right.

Step 98: Emerge onto Redhill Drive and turn right, passing a mini community library.

Step 99: Turn left onto Thingwall Park road.

Step 100: It's a beautiful tree-lined street and relatively flat which is helpful after the uphill section.

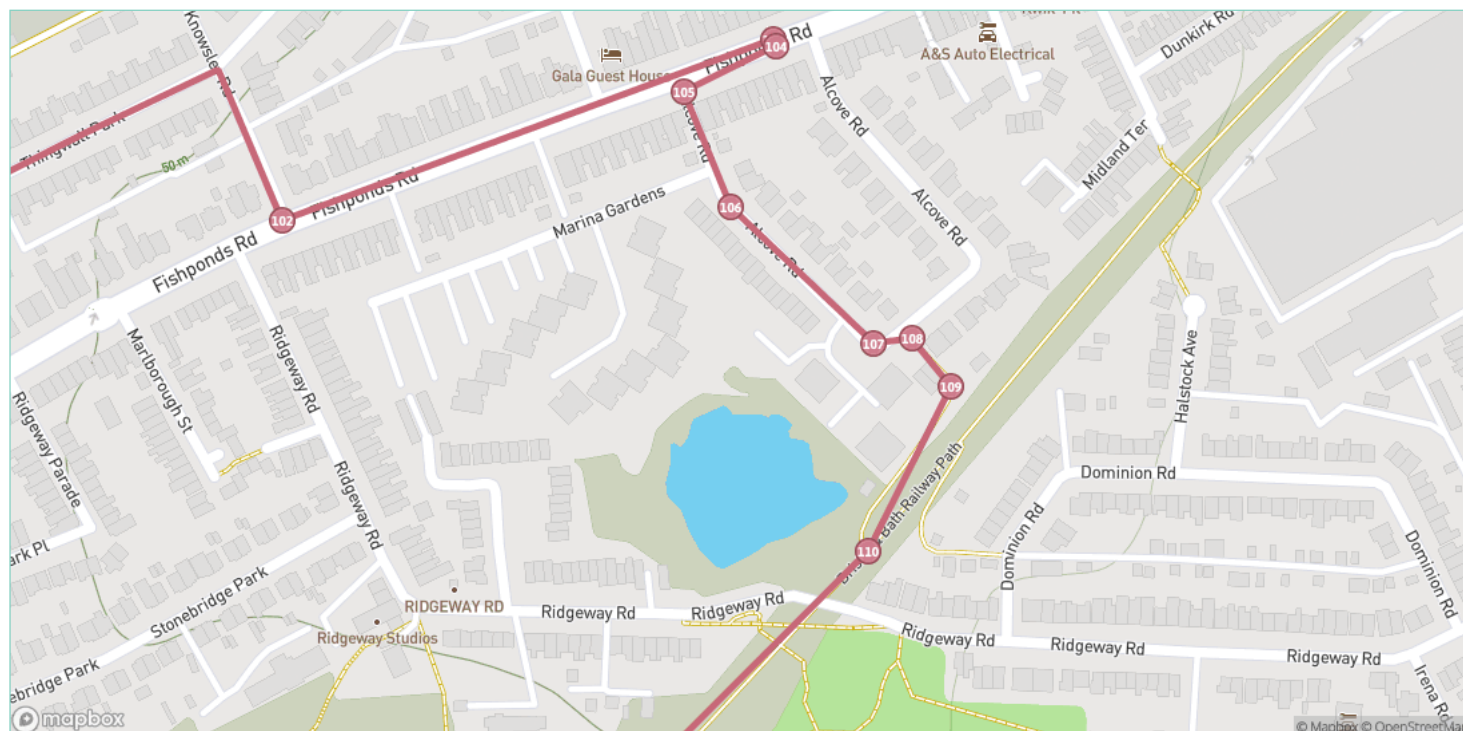
Step 101: Turn right on Knowsley Road to meet Fishponds Road. From there you can catch a bus back to the city or continue for refreshment options! 🖱️

Options from here

This route takes you back along the tranquil Bristol and Bath Railway Path to Bristol Temple Meads Station. There are food and drink options along the way.

Alternatively you can finish the route when you reach Fishponds Road. Head to the bus stop to catch a bus back to the city centre via several bus route options.

Step 102: If finishing here, use traffic island to cross and turn right on the opposite side to reach Huyton Rd bus stop. Otherwise turn left.



Step 103: Walk past Alcove Road bus stop and then cross Fishponds Road at the pedestrian crossing.

Step 104: Turn right on the opposite side.

Step 105: Turn left on Alcove Road.

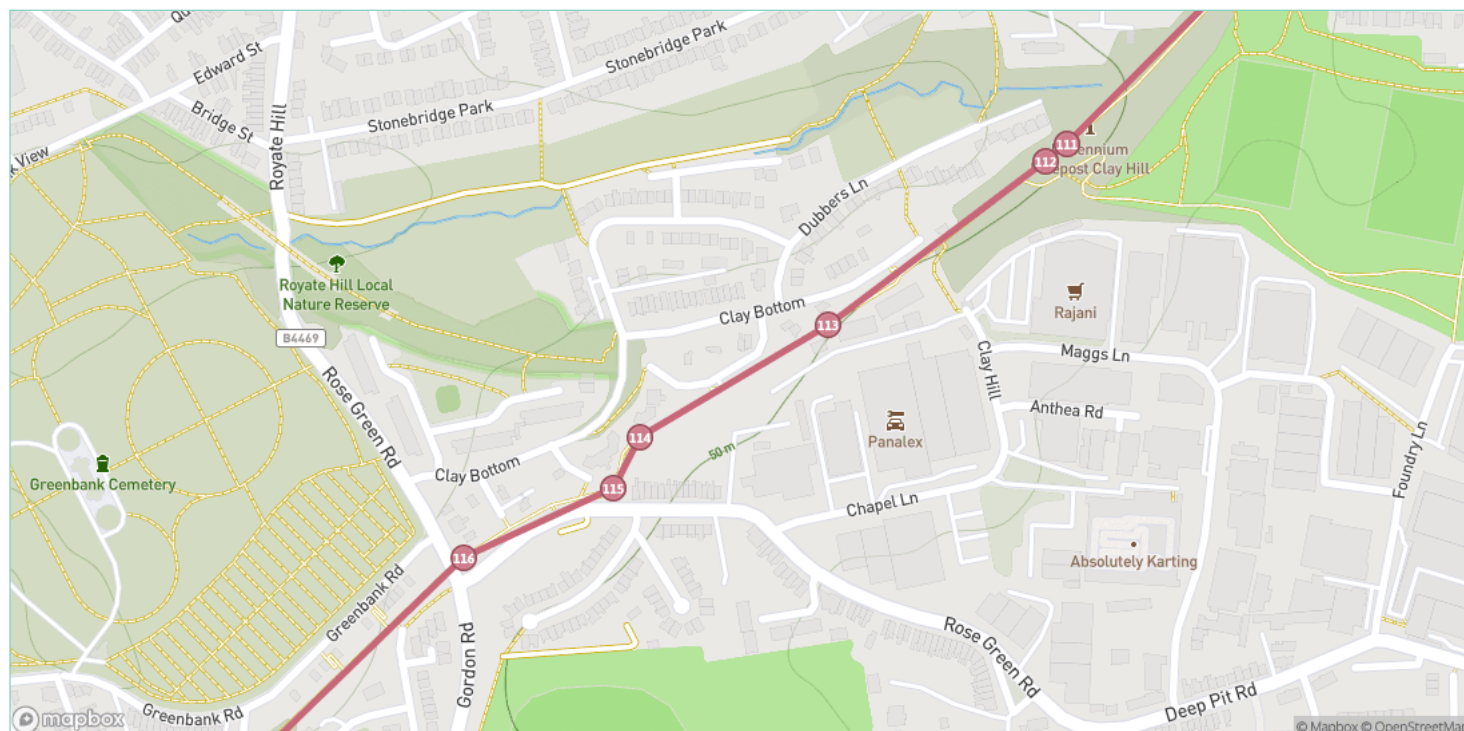
Step 106: Follow the road to the bend at the end.

Step 107: Cross over and enter the shared pedestrian and cycleway.

Step 108: This will take you back down to the Bristol and Bath Railway Path (BBRP).

Step 109: Follow the path to the right.

Step 110: And turn right back onto the BBRP.



Step 111: By a milepost, look right for views.

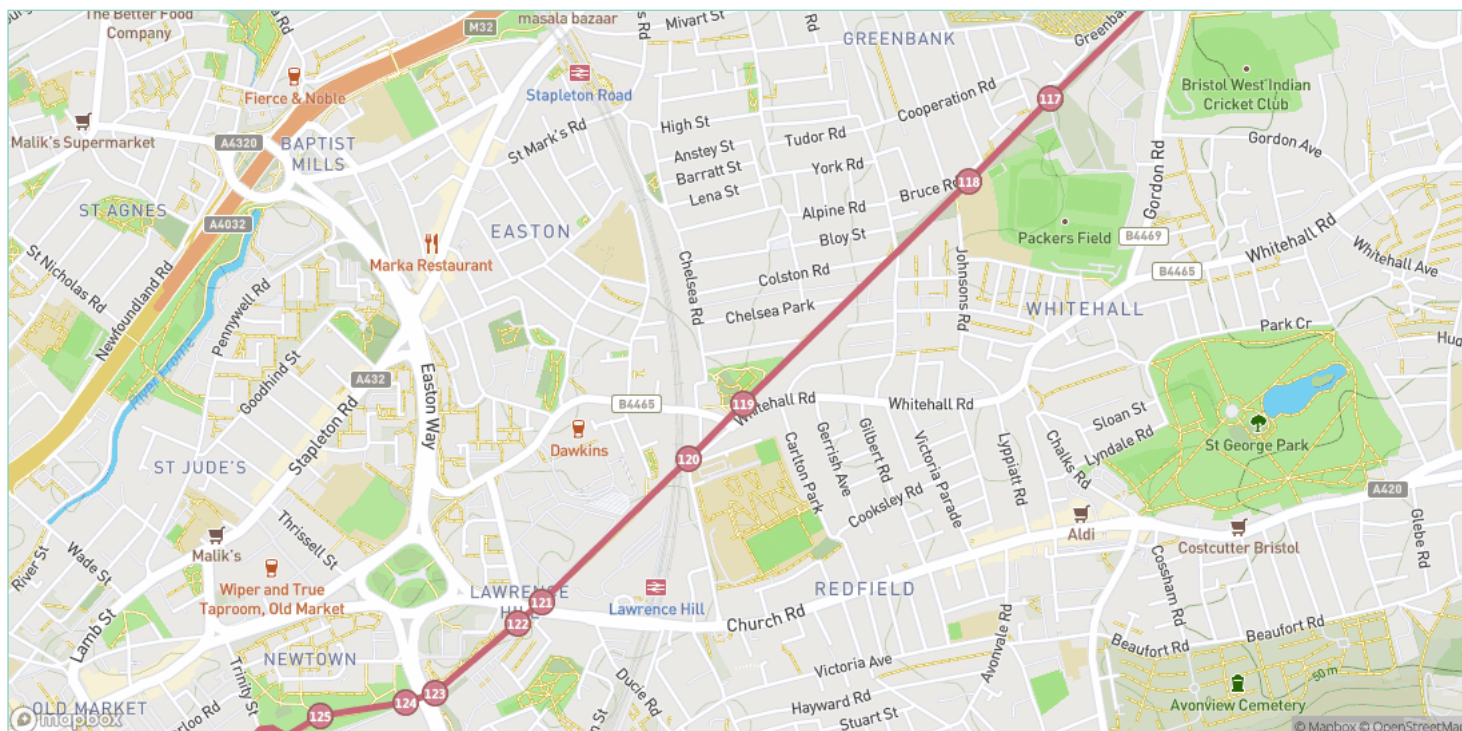
Step 112: The steps on the left, mark the end of Section 6 / start of Section 1. Head up if you're continuing on the ring. Otherwise, continue ahead.

Step 113: If you walked to Section 1 via the BBRP this should all be quite familiar to you! Pass the outdoor art gallery.

Step 114: Follow the path around the bend, keeping left to the pedestrian section.

Step 115: Pass the railway sleeper benches and the lovely woodland animals murals on the left.

Step 116: Head across the old railway bridge.



Step 117: And past a bench overlooking Packers Allotments.

Step 118: Give way at the junction. There is a South American cafe up to the right here if you need refreshments.

Step 119: Pass Owen Square Park and the Easton Community Centre. The latter has toilets and a Ethiopian cafe.

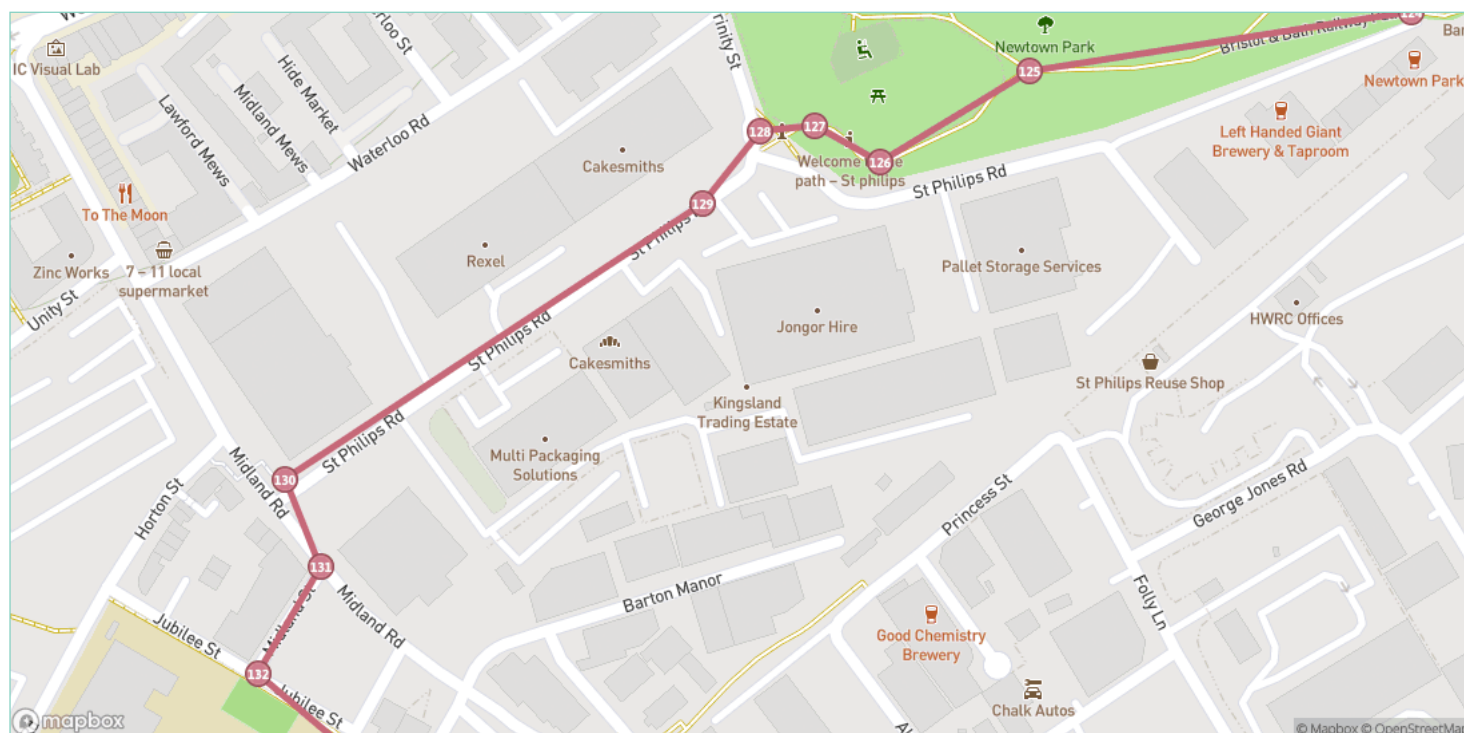
Step 120: Head over the railway bridge on either side and choose your favourite graffiti.

Step 121: Go through the tunnel.

Step 122: Keep left as the path narrows.

Step 123: Keep to the right through the next tunnel.

Step 124: You'll emerge in Newtown Park. Continue straight ahead.



Step 125: Head left at the park junction.

Step 132: Then left on Jubilee Street.

Step 126: Follow the path to the end of the park and the final green space before you reach the station.

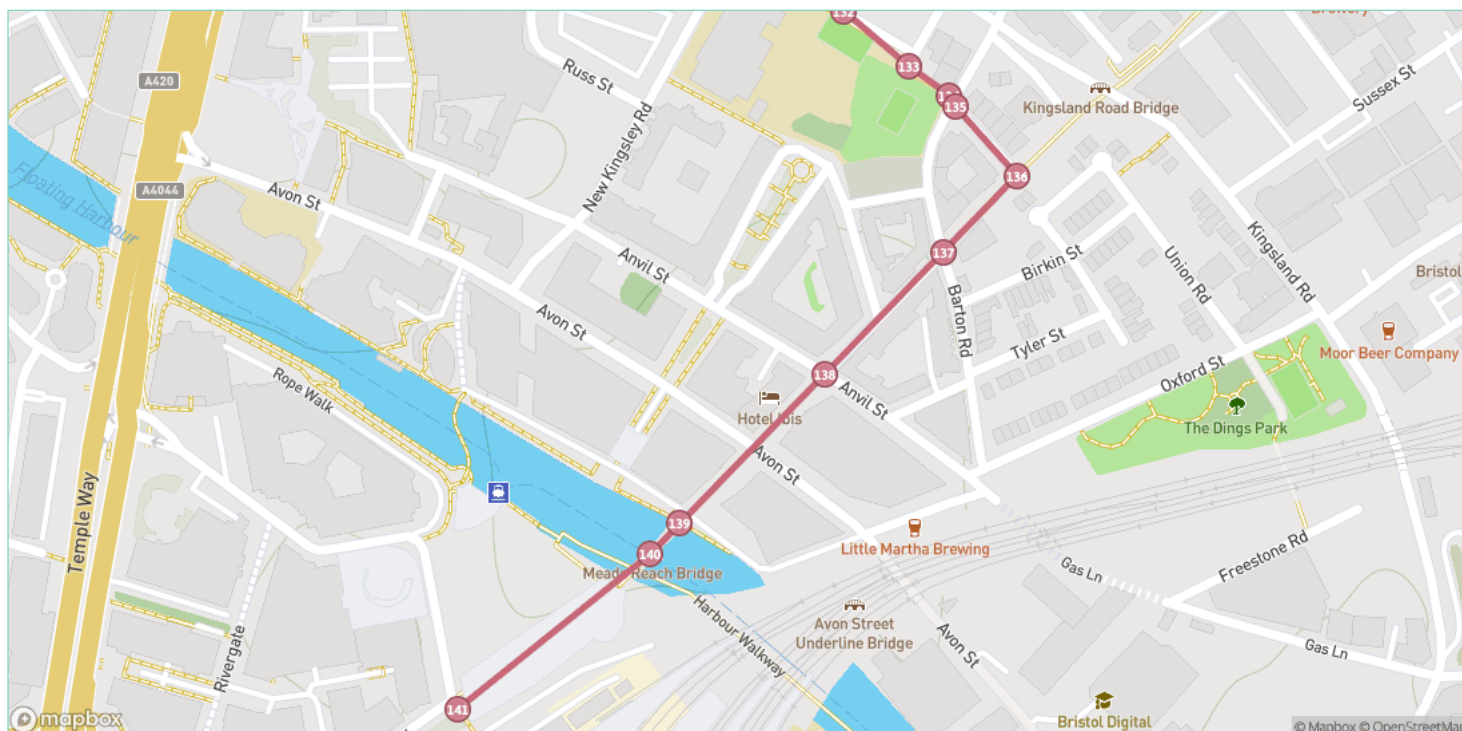
Step 127: Head through the ornate Twisted Arch by local model making company Cod Steaks.

Step 128: At the junction, cross Trinity Street at the traffic island and then head slight left onto St Philips Road..

Step 129: If you fancy grabbing some refreshments, Bakehouse is on the right serving drinks, cakes and toasties.

Step 130: At the end of the road, use the pedestrian crossing to cross Midland Road. Turn left on the opposite side.

Step 131: Turn right onto Midland Street.



Step 133: As the road bends, continue slight right on the path shared with cyclists.

Step 134: Cross Barton Road and walk ahead along Barton Vale.

Step 135: The Barley Mow pub is on the right if you fancy a celebratory refreshment.

Step 136: Turn right along the shared pedestrian and cycle path.

Step 137: Cross Barton Road. Stay ahead on Chimney Steps. In winter 25/26 there was lots of construction work along here and no distinct pavement.

Step 138: Cross two more roads passing through bollards and between tall office buildings and hotels.

Step 139: Use Meads Reach Bridge to cross the Floating Harbour. The bridge was opened in 2008 and won an award from RIBA.

Step 140: Look left for views across the Floating Harbour. From 1809, the tide has been prevented from going out, creating the harbour from the Avon.

Step 141: Turn left through the car park to reach Bristol Temple Meads station. A huge well done for completing section 6 of the Bristol Ring! 🎉