



# The Kidlington Bear Cub Trail

Follow the pink animal footprints on the ground, and signposts along the way, to walk this short, step-free circular Bear Cub trail.

**Distance** 1.7 kilometers / 1.1 miles

**Duration** 30 minutes



Wildlife



Water feature



Public transport



Parking



Dog friendly



Child friendly



Disclaimer: Directions are provided as guidance only. Weather, construction, closures or other factors may affect routes. Please take care when crossing roads and avoid private land. Always follow local signage and use common sense.

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**Step 1:** This walk was created in partnership with Cherwell District Council. Enjoy over 30 walks across North Oxfordshire and experience the sights and sounds of nature as you go.

**Step 2:** A great way to get children involved in finding their way as well as connecting with nature in green spaces along the route.

**Step 3:** This is one of five family friendly accessible walking trails based on zoo animals exploring Kidlington and Gosford.

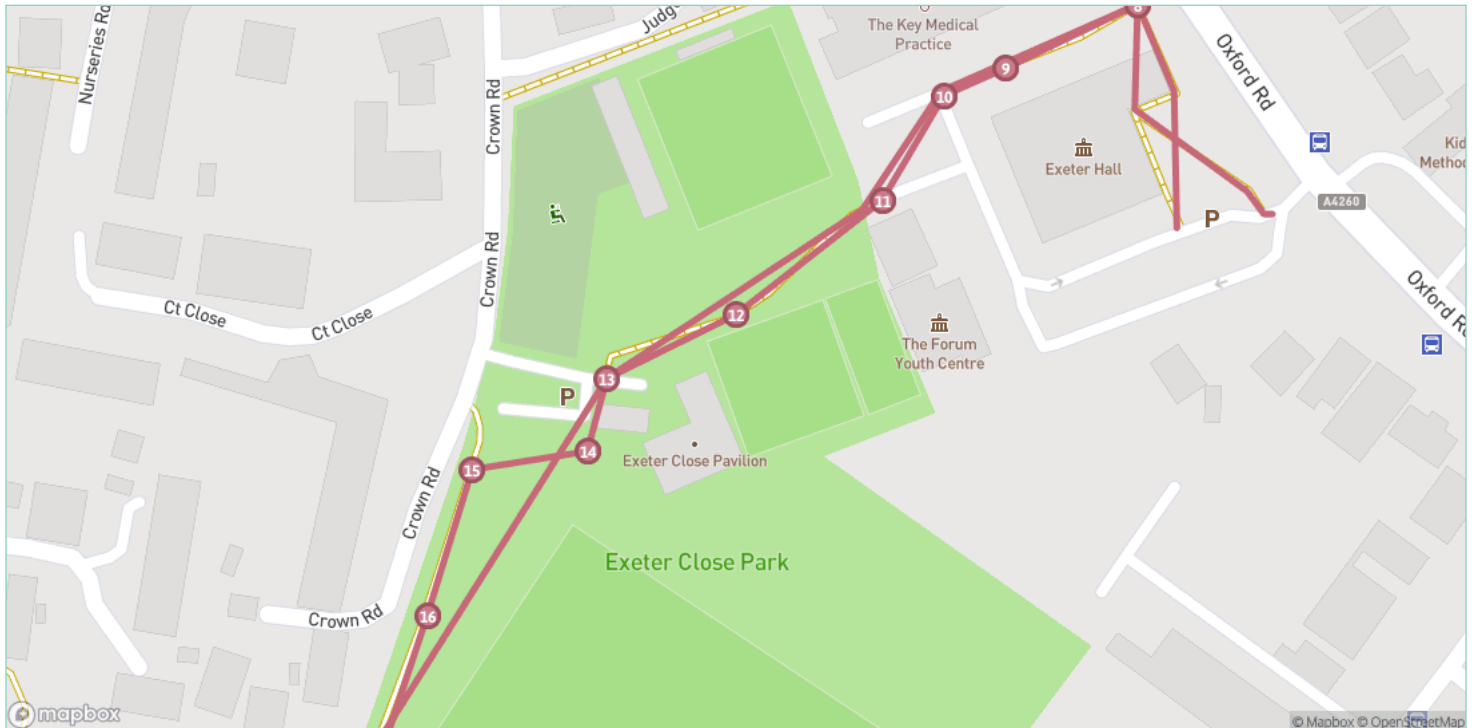
**Step 4:** See if you can find the three adventurous wolves!

**Step 5:** This walk begins at Exeter Hall near the village centre (OX5 1AB). Buses stop near here and parking is available

**Step 6:** Although we've started and ended this walk at Exeter Hall, you can pick the route up from any point!

**Step 7:** Walk from the car park towards Exeter Hall and follow the path around it signed to the Health Centre.

**Step 8:** Turn left at the junction with Exeter Close. Notice the attractive entrance to the Close on your right.



**Step 9:** Pass two large trees and a bench.

**Step 10:** Pass through a set of bicycle-shaped barriers. Turn left and then right to walk around the car park.

**Step 11:** Head towards and pass through another set bicycle-shaped barriers.

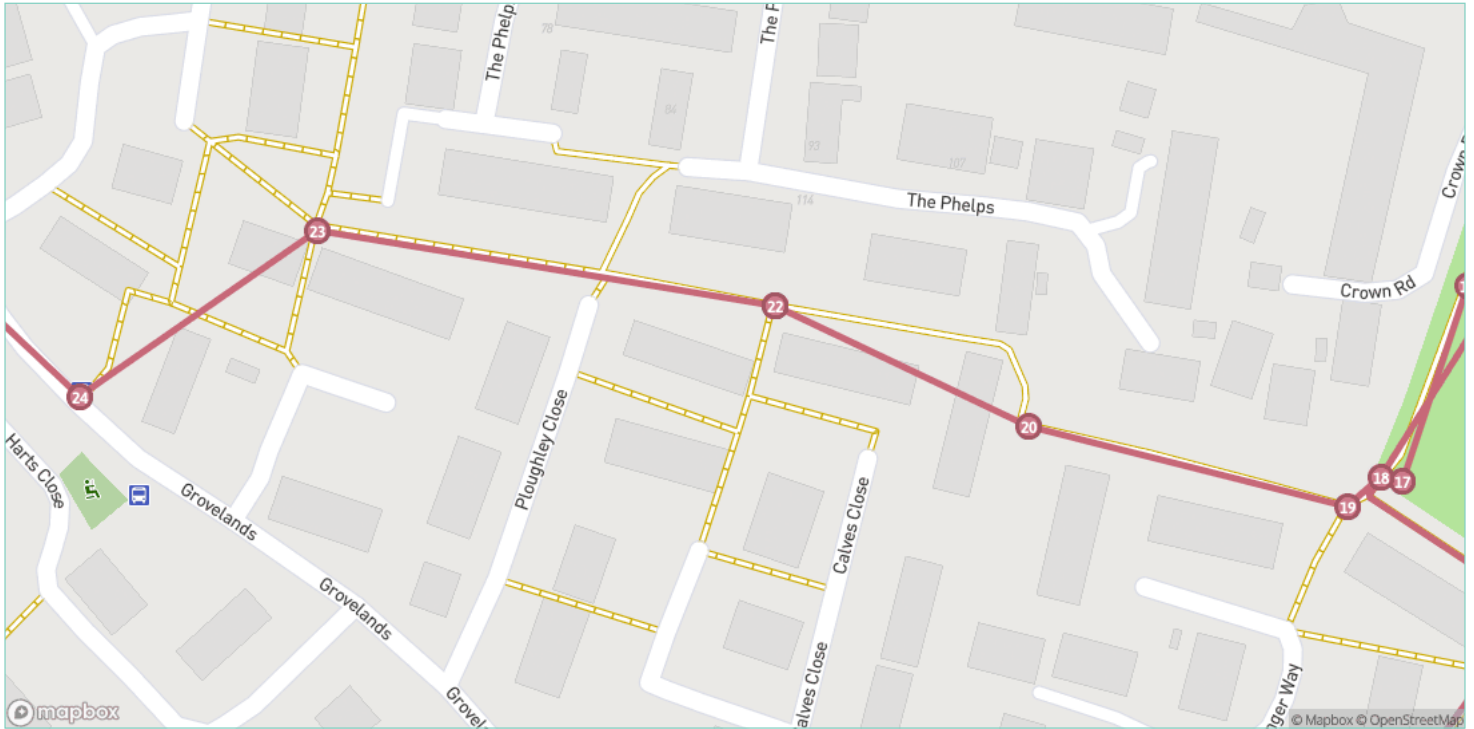
**Step 12:** You're now in Exeter Close Park. There is a small zip-wire on the right. Follow the gravel path passing benches as you go.

**Step 13:** On reaching a third set of bicycle-shaped barriers, follow the pink footprints and head across a parking area towards the green space.

**Step 14:** Exeter Close Park is a great green space to bring a dog, a picnic and some friends.

**Step 15:** On the far left there is a free outdoor gym that you may wish to use now or another time.

**Step 16:** Use the path to the right of Exeter Close Park.



**Step 17:** Walk past the concrete bollards and then turn right, following the pink paw prints as you go.

**Step 18:** The Big Bear and Bear Cub trails follow the same route to start.

**Step 19:** Follow the alleyway to the right and then what do you see!

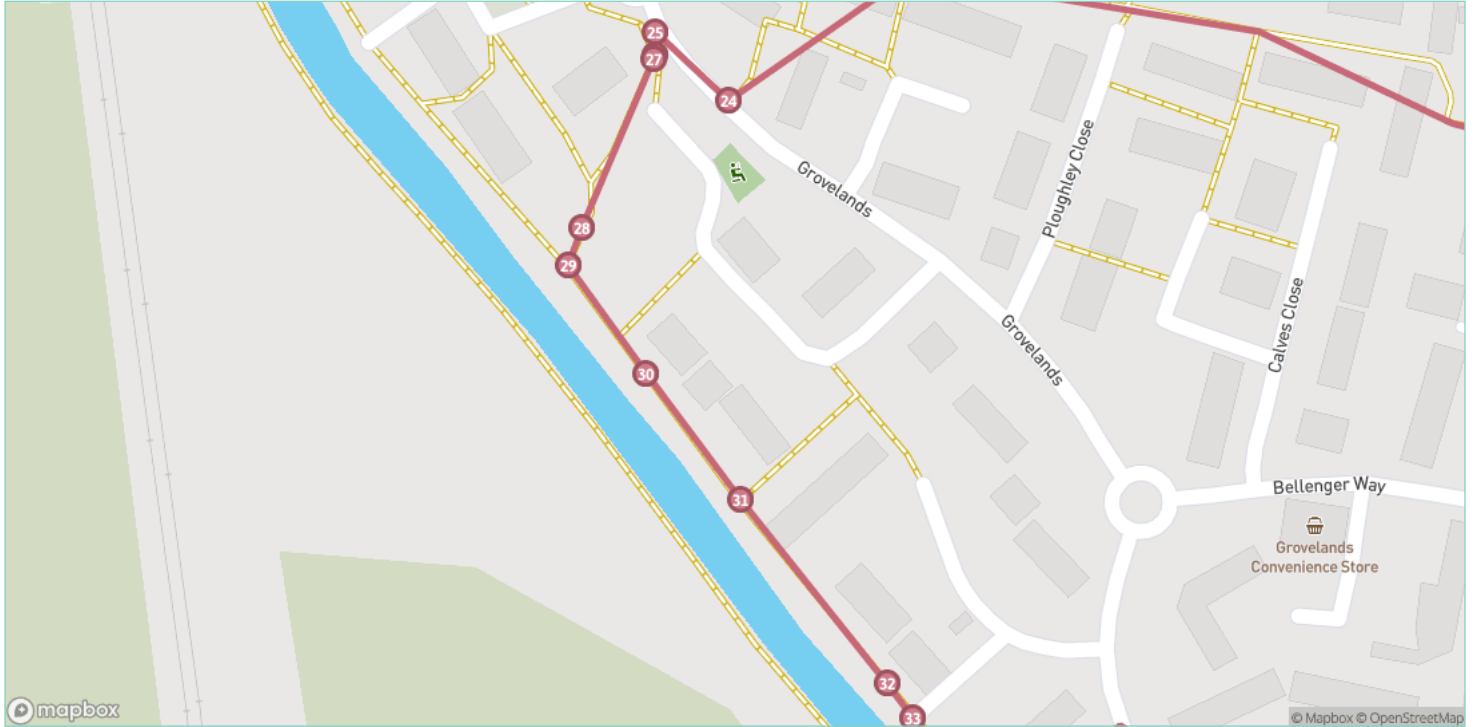
**Step 20:** There are fun painted games along the pavement here. Why not try a game of hopscotch or hoop jumping before you continue?

**Step 21:** The path then splits in multiple directions.

**Step 22:** Carry straight on to follow the Bear Cub trail. (Turn right for the longer Big Bear trail - another route in-app).

**Step 23:** Follow the stats as they turn left and right and left again.

**Step 24:** When you reach Grovelands, turn right.



**Step 25:** Just before the roundabout, cross Grovelands, following the pink paw prints and turn left.

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**Step 26:** Very soon, turn right along an alleyway.

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**Step 27:** This is where you join the Big Bear trail again.

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**Step 28:** Follow the alleyway passing two large weeping willow trees on your right.

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**Step 29:** Keep going until you reach the Oxford Canal. What do you see as you turn left?

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**Step 30:** Continue walking alongside the water for a short while.

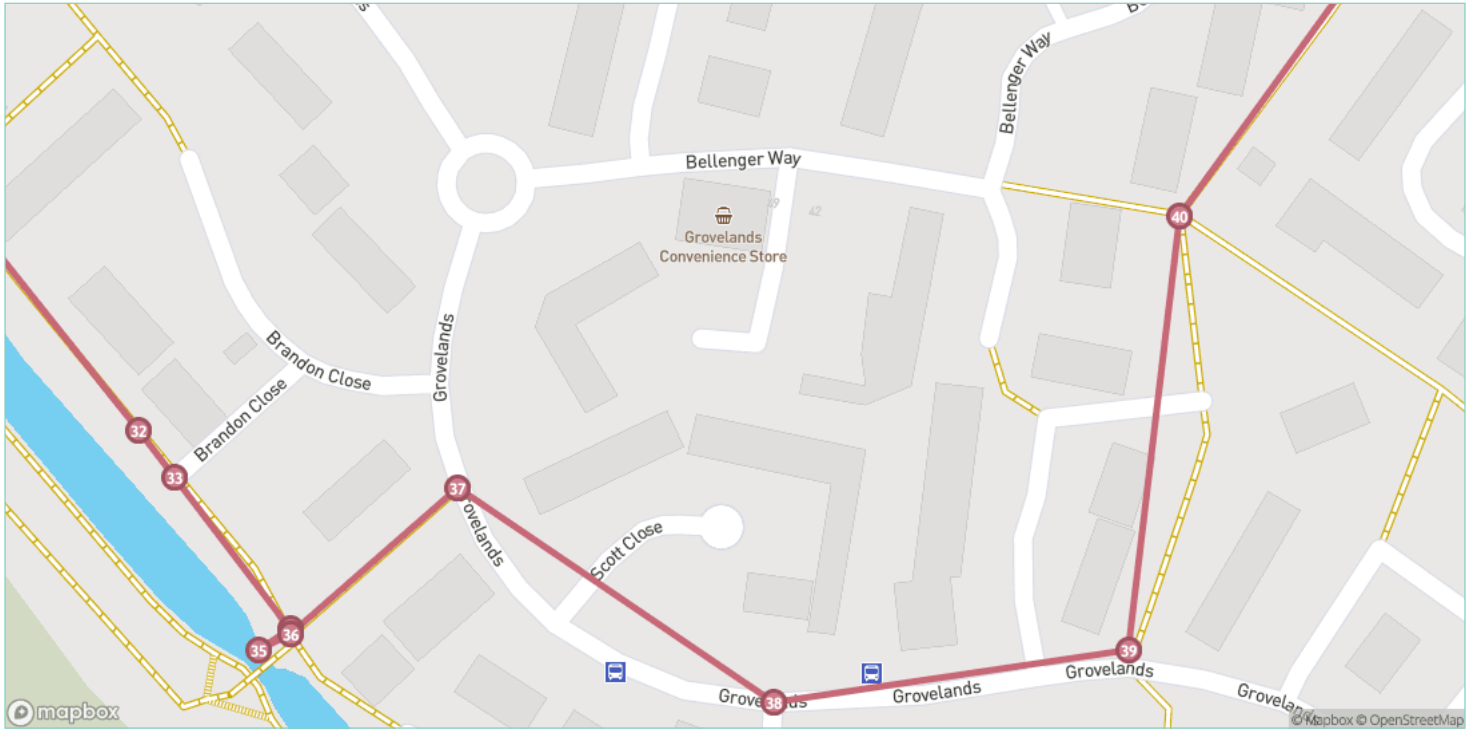
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**Step 31:** Ignore the path to your left and continue ahead.

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**Step 32:** Enjoy the pavement activities as you go or why not sit for a while?

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**Step 33:** Pass this area on your left as you jump from 1 to 10!

**Step 34:** Before you take the next left, turn right up the slope to the bridge.

**Step 35:** Take a few moments to enjoy the views of the canal.

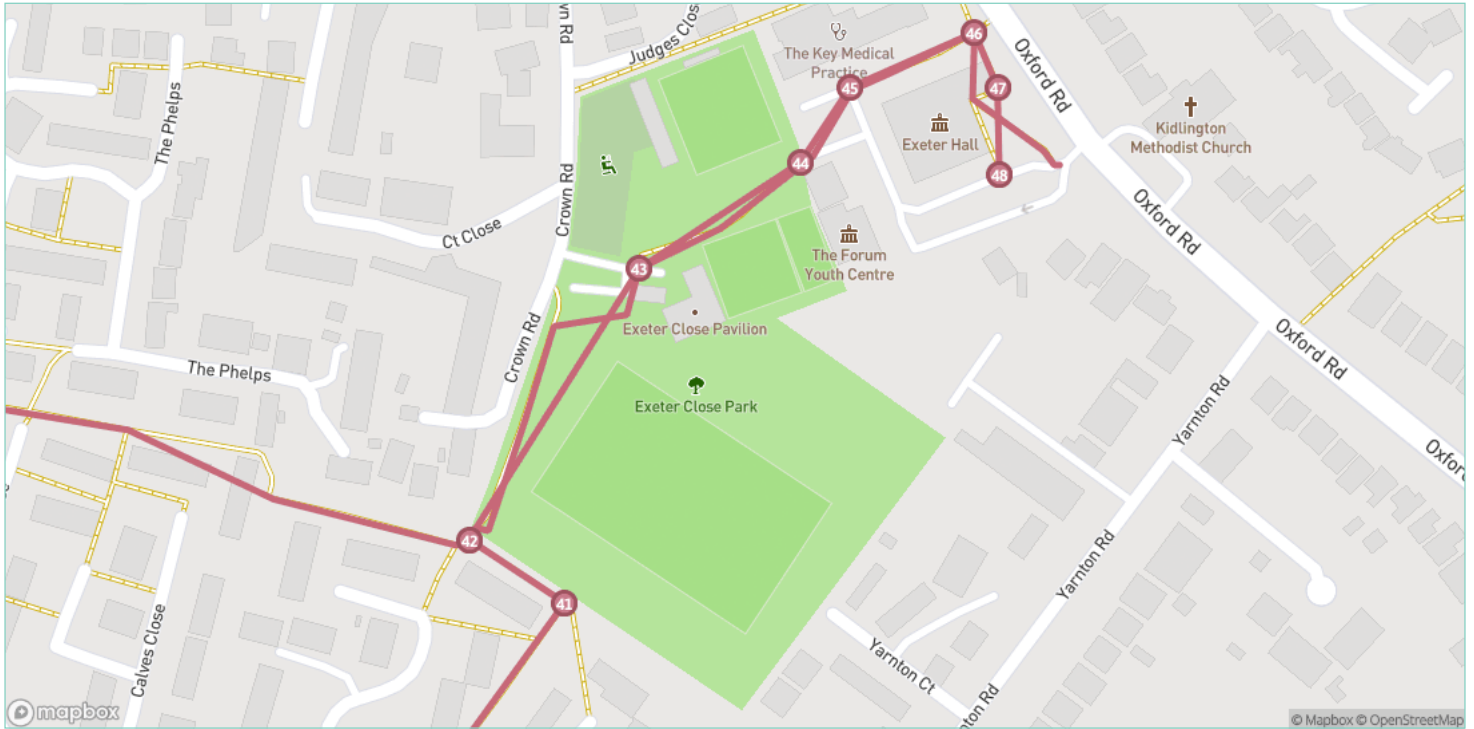
**Step 36:** Come down from the bridge the way you came and go straight on. What can you see? You've found all three!

**Step 37:** Continue along the alleyway and once you reach Grovelands, turn right.

**Step 38:** Cross Osbourne Close and then cross Grovelands with care where the road narrows.

**Step 39:** Continue straight along the alleyway, following the pink paw prints.

**Step 40:** At the junction of paths, go straight on following pink and orange footprints as we join up with the end of the Lion trail.



**Step 41:** You've now reached Exeter Close Park ahead. Follow the markings round to the left...

**Step 42:** ... and round to the right to join the path alongside the park.

**Step 43:** Head across the car park and then through the metal barriers shaped like bicycles. Why not spend some more time in the park before you go?

**Step 44:** Pass through more bicycle barriers and walk through the car park, taking care.

**Step 45:** Pass through a third set of bicycle barriers.

**Step 46:** Turn right before the next set of bicycle barriers.

**Step 47:** Walk along the side of Exeter Hall.

**Step 48:** You've now reached the end of the walk. Why not try another Kidlington Zoo trail, also available in app?