



Thames Path South Bank Section 1d

Walk from Putney to Battersea along the National Trail, taking in green spaces, the river's industry and iconic bridges along the way.

Distance 6 kilometers / 3.7 miles

Duration 2 hours



Wildlife



Water feature



Great views



Refreshments



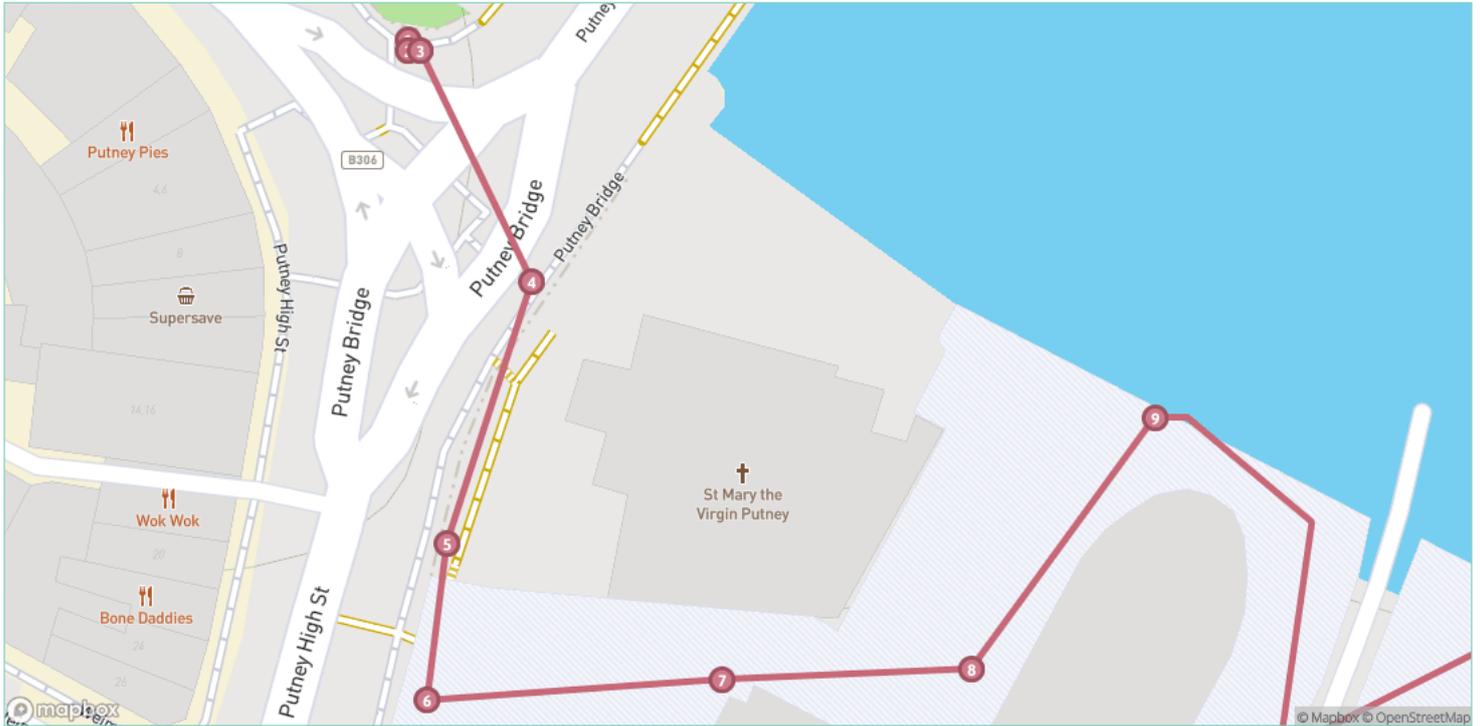
Public transport



History



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Step 1: Welcome to the Thames Path! This walk follows the south bank of the iconic Thames National Trail from Putney Bridge to Albert Bridge.

Step 2: Putney Railway station is just a few minutes walk away along Putney High Street. The bus stops of Putney Pier and St Mary's Church/Putney Pier are served by buses towards Barnes, Roehampton, Wandsworth, Wimbledon and Fulham.

Step 3: At the crossing, cross Putney High Street where it meets Putney Bridge and head to St Mary's Church on the opposite side.

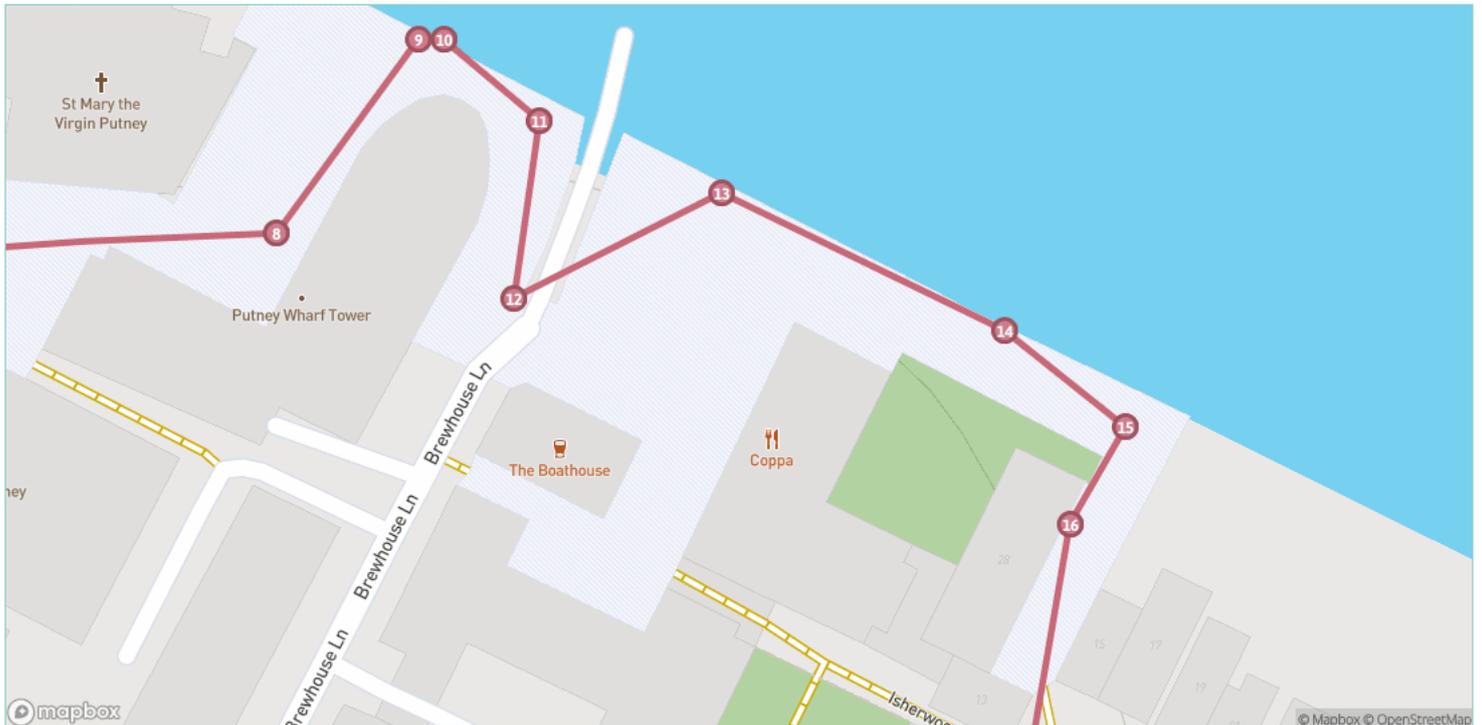
Step 4: St Mary's with its blue and gold clock is one of two medieval parish churches built beside Putney Bridge. All Saints is on the North Bank.

Step 5: Turn right as you face the church to briefly walk away from the river on Putney High Street.

Step 6: Turn left to follow the footpath behind the church.

Step 7: Walk towards the large block of apartments ahead of you.

Step 8: Turn left just before the apartments to walk towards the Thames.



Step 9: At the riverside you can enjoy lovely views back to the Grade II listed Putney Bridge, one of the oldest in London.

Step 10: Turn right to walk with the river on your left towards Fulham Railway Bridge.

Step 11: Head inland when you reach the sculpture to walk around the boat slipway.

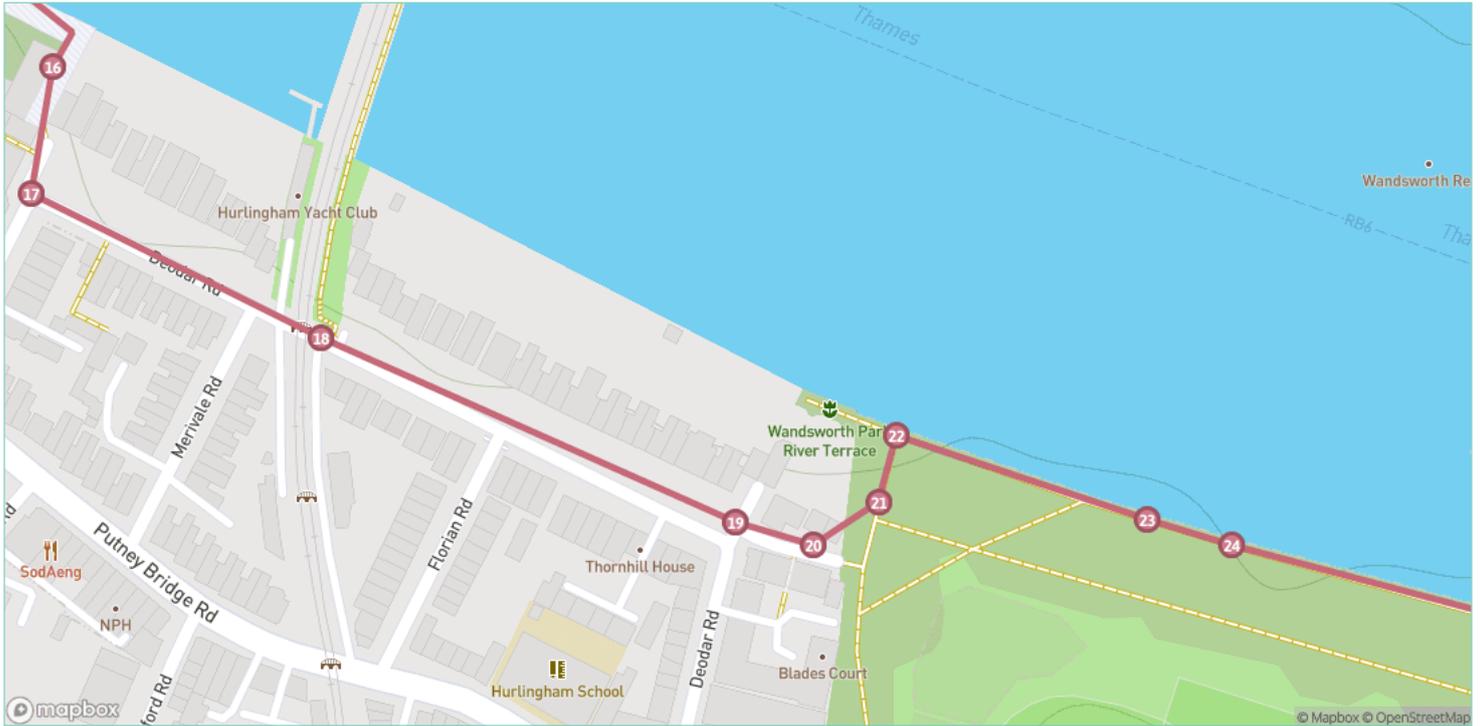
Step 12: At The Boathouse pub turn back towards the river.

Step 13: Walk riverside in front of the apartments.

Step 14: You'll have a clear view here of the river and Fulham Railway Bridge ahead.

Step 15: Follow the path to the right as it head inland. Notice the Motherfigure sculpture on your right.

Step 16: Head past the mews houses.



Step 17: Turn left into Deodar Road.

Step 18: Continue under the the railway bridge. There is a footbridge here to Putney Bridge Tube station.

Step 19: Head through the archway immediately ahead into Blade Mews.

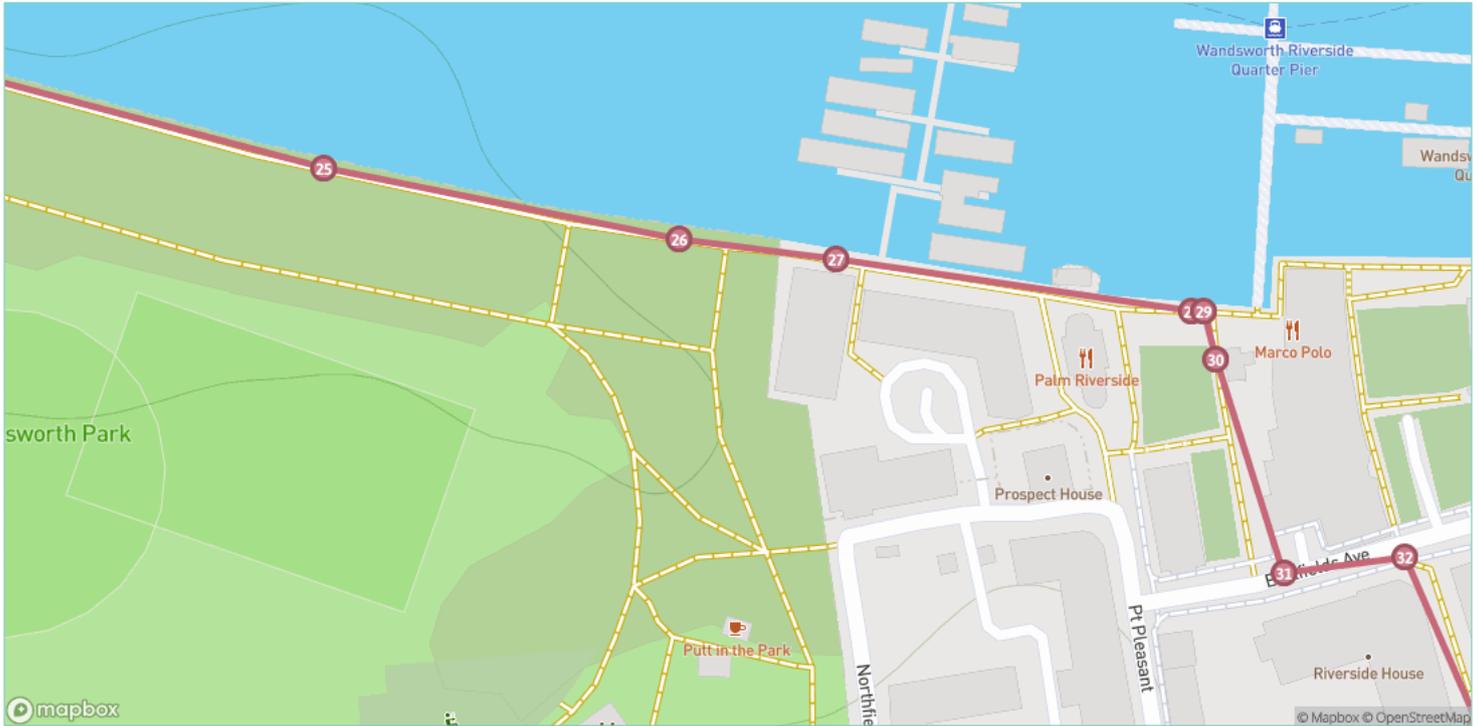
Step 20: Head through the second archway with Wandsworth Park ahead of you.

Step 21: Once you're in the park, head left towards the Thames. There are toilets, a cafe and a play park on the far other side of the park.

Step 22: Once riverside, you can look to your left to once again see the railway bridge and Putney Bridge. Turn right.

Step 23: The path here is wide and tarmac. You should be walking with the river on your left again as you stroll under the tall plane trees.

Step 24: When the tide is out you can see long stretches of the river's deposits along this stretch.



Step 25: Continue straight towards the edge of the park. What nature sights, smells and sounds do you notice as you walk along?

Step 26: You're now heading towards the moored boats of Wandsworth Riverside Quarter. Did you spot the sculpture as you were leaving the park?

Step 27: Walk past the pier on your left.

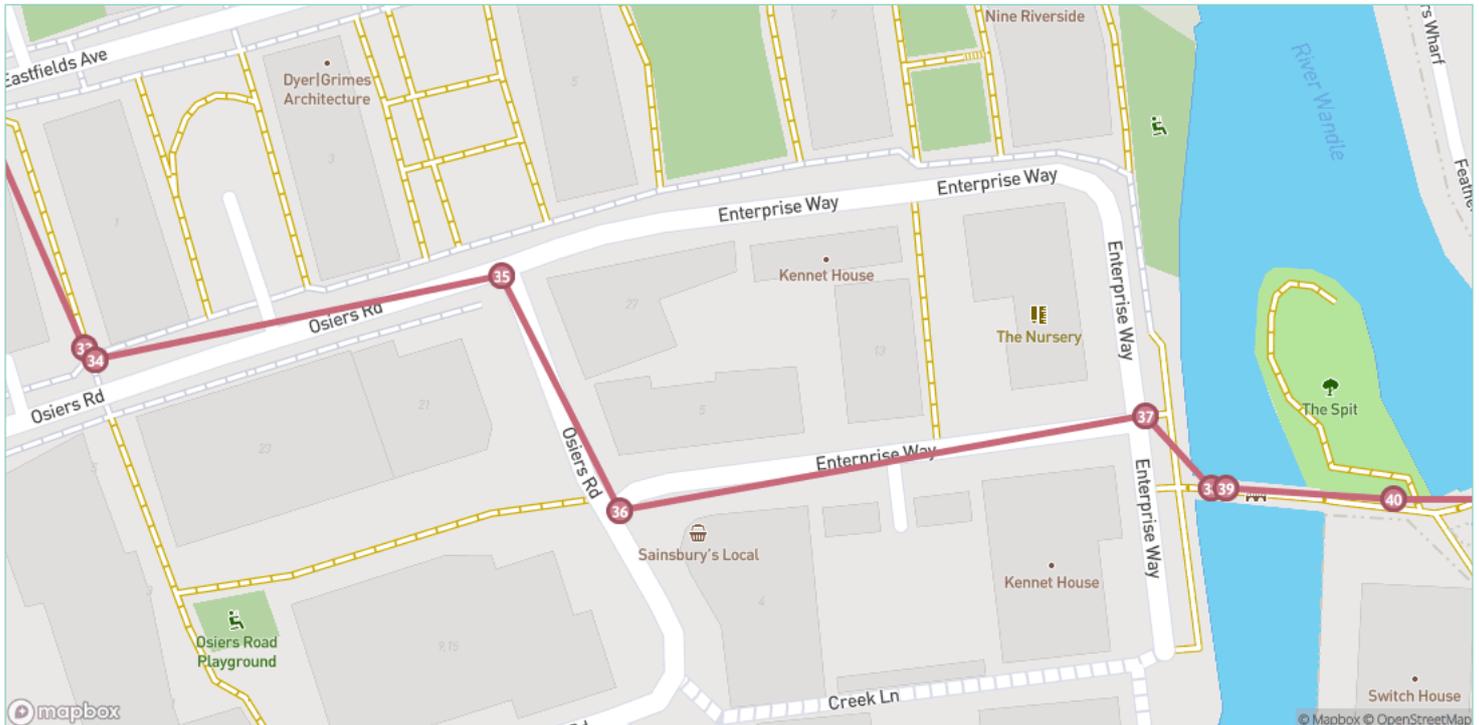
Step 28: Look out for the Thames Path signpost after the riverside restaurant before the apartment block.

Step 29: A sculpture of two people embracing means you're on the right path.

Step 30: Turn right to walk through the new housing estate.

Step 31: Turn left at the end of the path into Eastfields Avenue.

Step 32: A few short steps later, take the first right between the apartments and offices. Three trees mark the middle of the path.



Step 33: Look out for the acorn National Trail symbol.

Step 34: Turn left onto Osiers Road.

Step 35: Turn right to continue to follow Osiers Road.

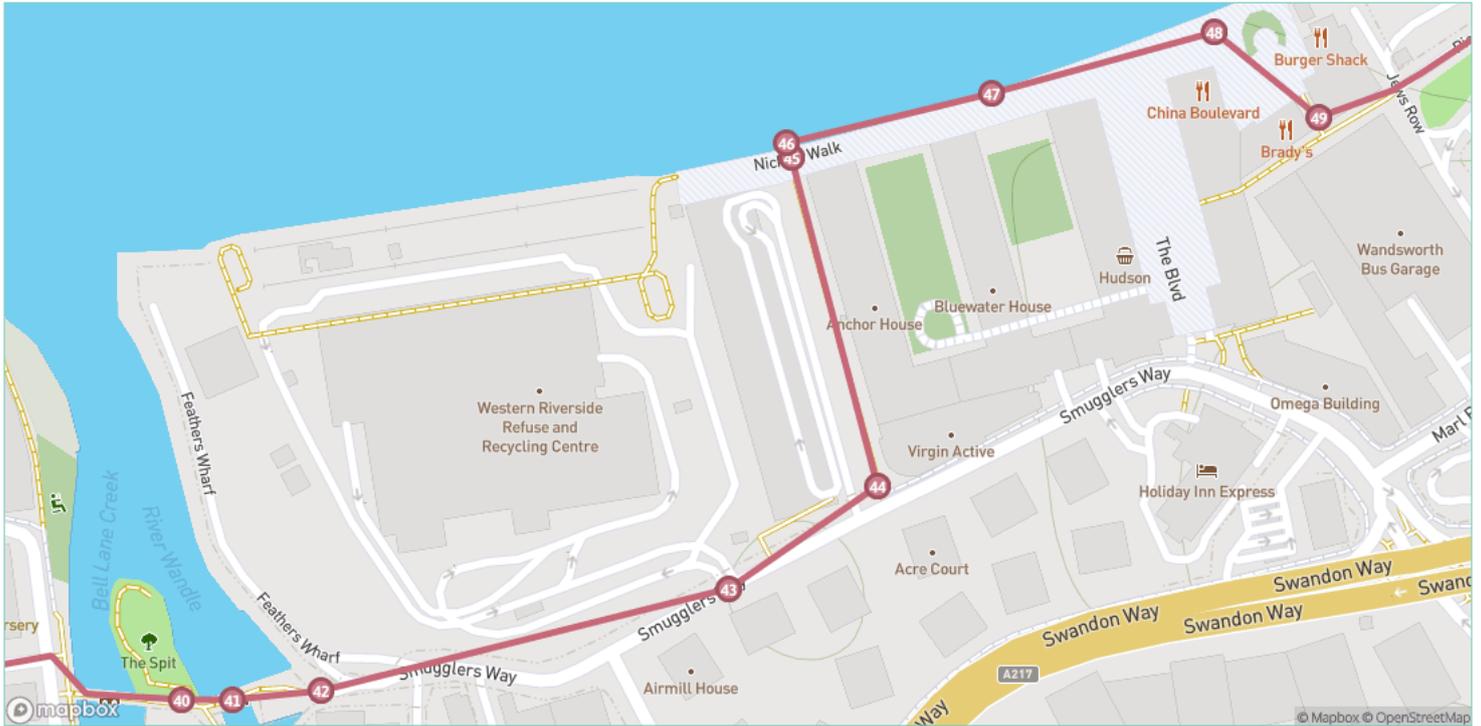
Step 36: Turn left soon after into Enterprise Way. The Sainsbury's on the corner opposite shows the way.

Step 37: At the end of the road you'll meet Bell Lane Creek and the mouth of the River Wandle. Turn right towards the footbridge.

Step 38: Then turn left to walk over the bridge.

Step 39: Looking south will give you a view of the muddy river bed of Bell Lane Creek.

Step 40: To your left here is a little green space called The Spit. Continue straight to cross over the Wandle.



Step 41: Stop to look left and see the Wandle as it meets the Thames.

Step 42: Head straight on into this industrial zone on Smugglers Way.

Step 43: Walk past the refuse and recycling centre on your left.

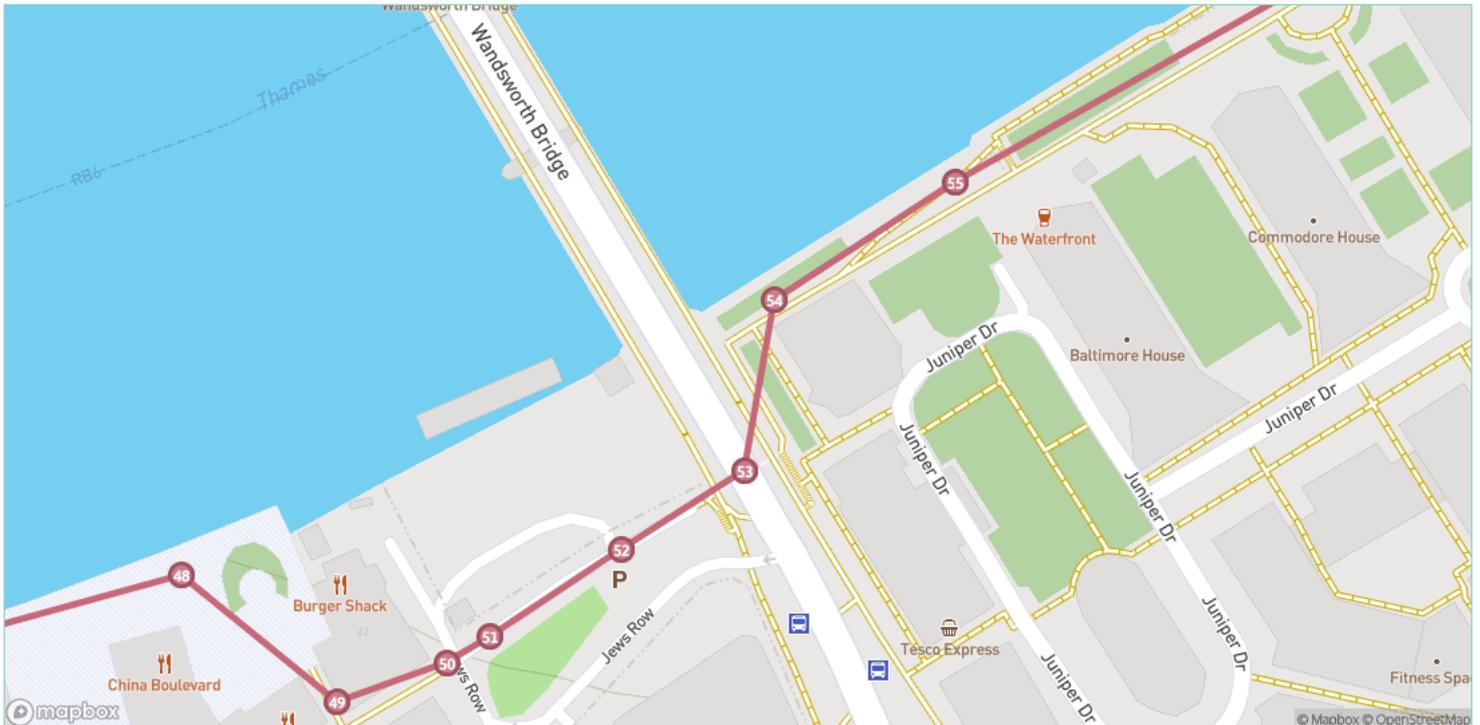
Step 44: Turn left into Waterside Path towards the river once again.

Step 45: Pause at the riverside to look for herons and other waders.

Step 46: If you look left, you might see the huge barges being loaded.

Step 47: Turn right to continue walking with the river on your left towards Wandsworth Bridge.

Step 48: Turn right to the walk inland, past the water fountain.



Step 49: Head through the small walkway next to The Ship pub and turn left when you meet Jews Row path to head to the front of the pub.

Step 50: At the front of the pub, cross Jews Row, heading towards the bridge.

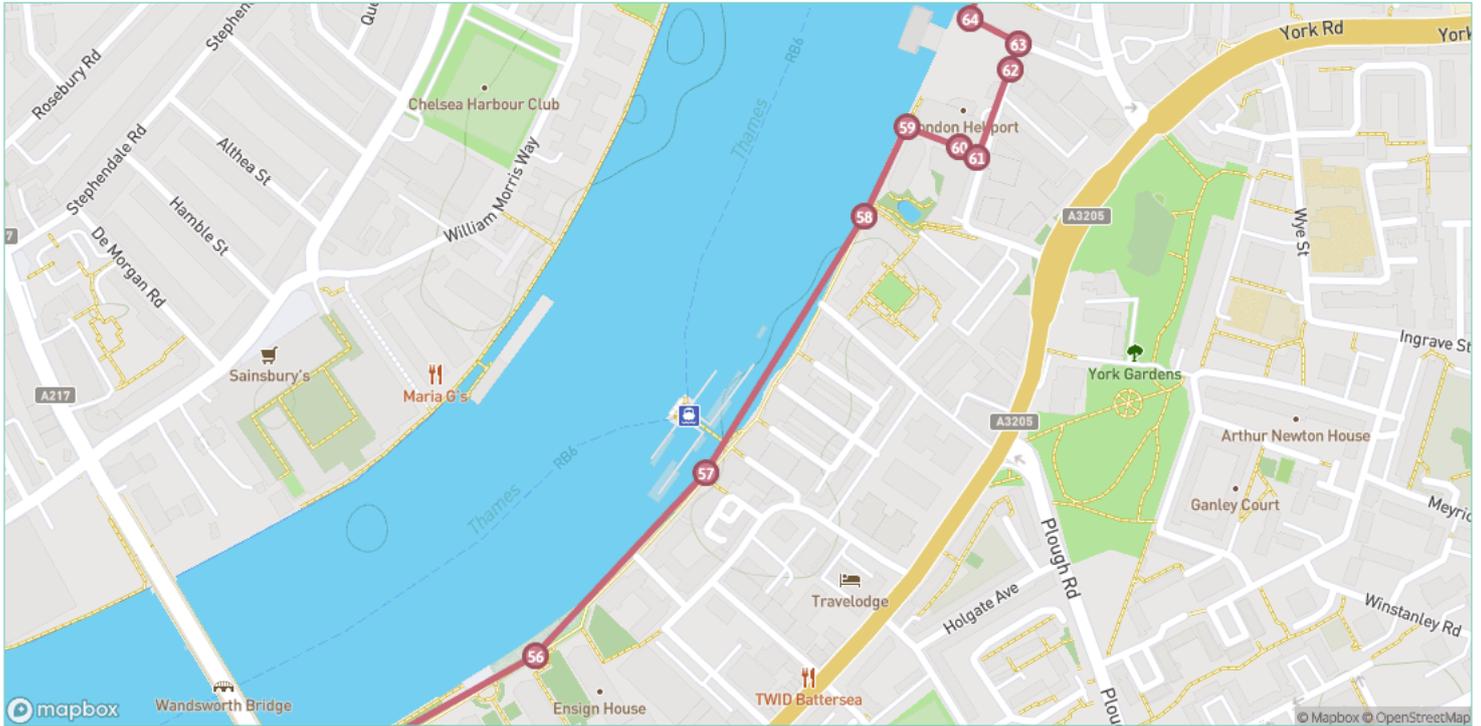
Step 51: Head into Pier Terrace past the concrete mixers.

Step 52: Ahead you'll see apartment blocks and the entrance to the tunnel underneath Wandsworth Bridge.

Step 53: Walk through the tunnel and follow the path to the left as you emerge on the other side.

Step 54: Head right when you reach the river as you walk towards Battersea Railway bridge.

Step 55: This stretch walks past lots of new housing developments with manicured planting.



Step 56: Continue on this pedestrian stretch noticing the nature beyond the railings and down to the Thames's tidal beaches.

Step 57: Head past the boats of Plantation Wharf Pier.

Step 58: Continue for a short while, passing Bridges Wharf Gardens on your right.

Step 59: Coming up to London's heliport, follow the path signage inland by turning right.

Step 60: Walk between the new developments towards the road ahead.

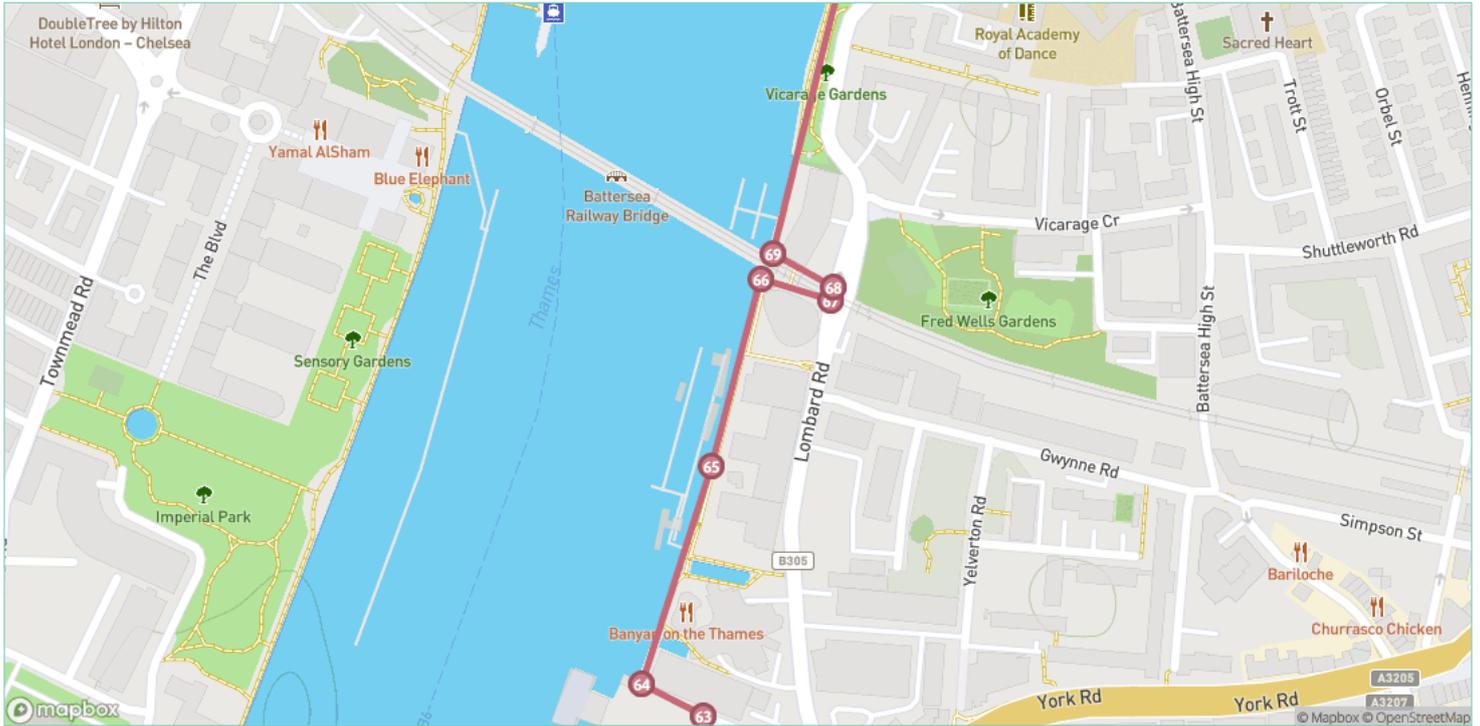
Step 61: Turn left into Bridges Court by the heliport entrance.

Step 62: Continue straight towards the curved tower block.

Step 63: Turn left as the road bends to the right down the walkway, heading back toward the river.

Did you know?

London's only commercial heliport has its own fire and rescue service. The heliport is a very small site and makes use of a jetty over the Thames for take off and landing.



Step 64: Follow the path round to the right and cross the little bridge.

Step 65: Continue riverside towards the curved triangular tower block of Lombard Wharf next to the railway bridge.

Step 66: Turn right to walk parallel to the railway arches. Turn left to walk under the bridge if you can.

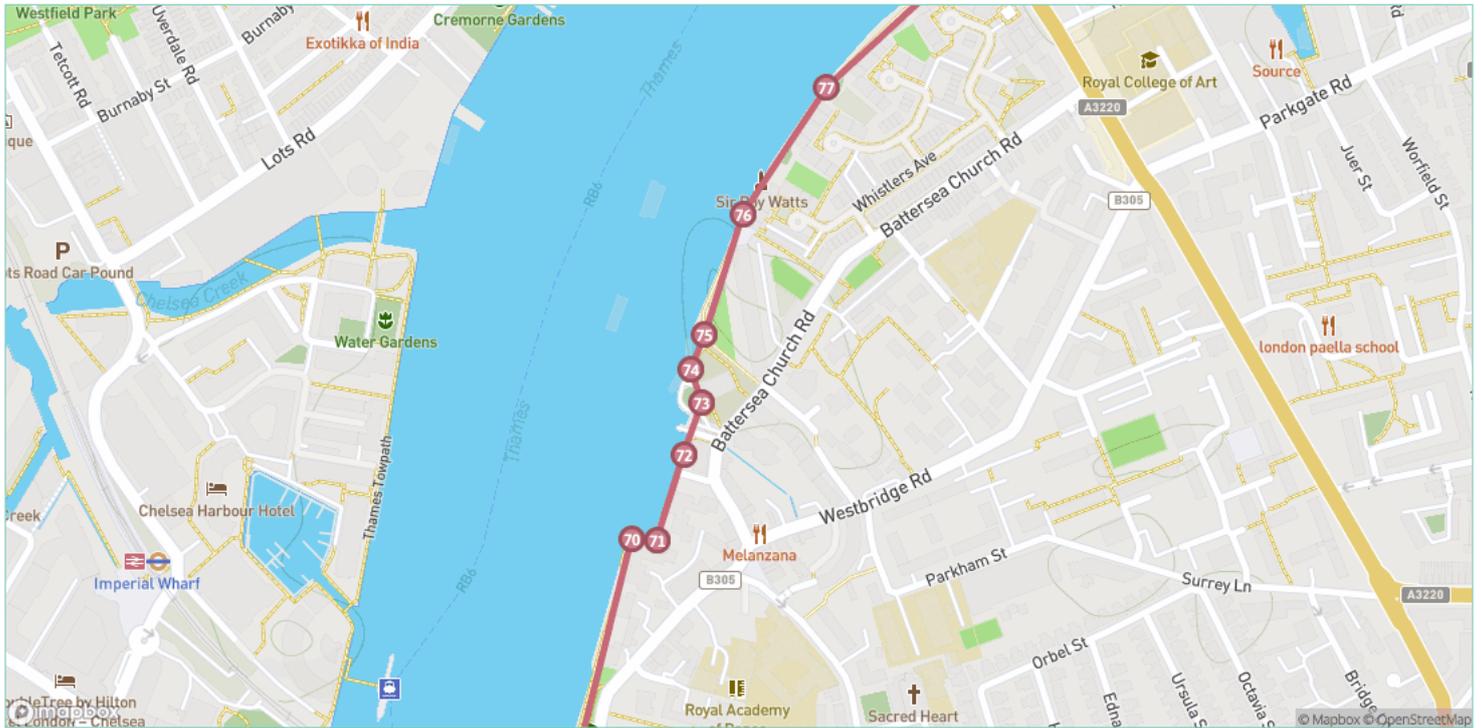
Step 67: Or continue a few steps further to Lombard Road and turn left.

Step 68: Then head left again straight after the bridge to get back riverside.

Step 69: Turn right once you reach the Thames again to continue. The chimneys you can see belong to Lots Road Power Station.

Did you know?

Lots Road Power Station was a coal and later oil-fired power station that supplied electricity to the London Underground system until 2002. It is also sometimes known as the Chelsea Monster and is currently being redeveloped into housing and commercial spaces.



Step 70: St Mary's Church will come into view as you reach the beach. Follow the path slightly inland to walk around the beach.

Step 71: Turn left to continue walking riverside around the beach toward the church.

Step 72: At the slipway, head inland to the right to continue on the path.

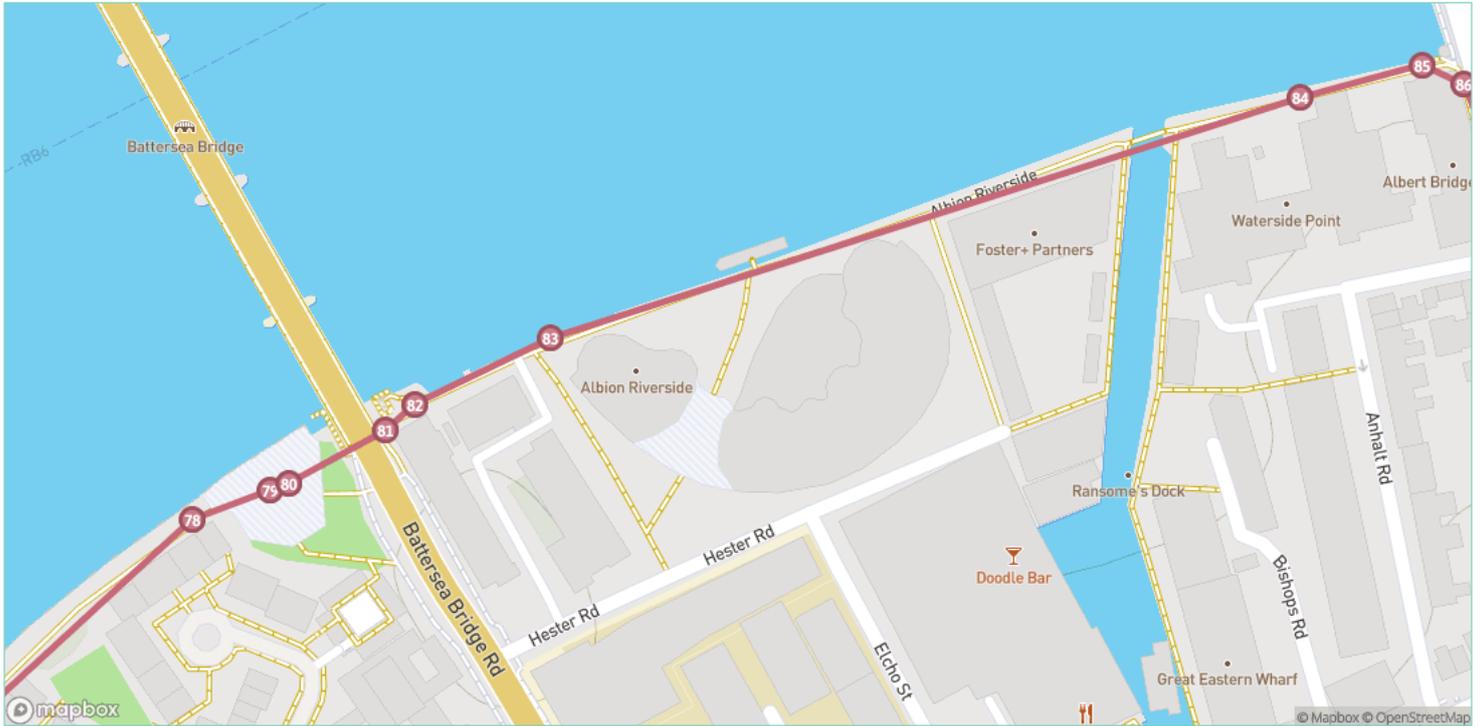
Step 73: On the other side of the slipway you'll find yourself in front of the grand parish church of St Mary's, completed in 1777.

Step 74: Pass the front of the church and then head right to follow the path.

Step 75: Bear left shortly after to continue walking riverside in front of the green and apartment blocks.

Step 76: Across the river here you can see Lots Road Pumping Station on the north bank.

Step 77: Walk towards Battersea Bridge ahead.



Step 78: Battersea Bridge was opened in 1890, designed by Joseph Bazalgette who was responsible for much of the Thames's Victorian developments.

Step 79: Walk past the In Town sculpture by John Ravera.

Step 80: Follow the steps or the ramp up to Battersea Bridge Road and cross to the other side with care.

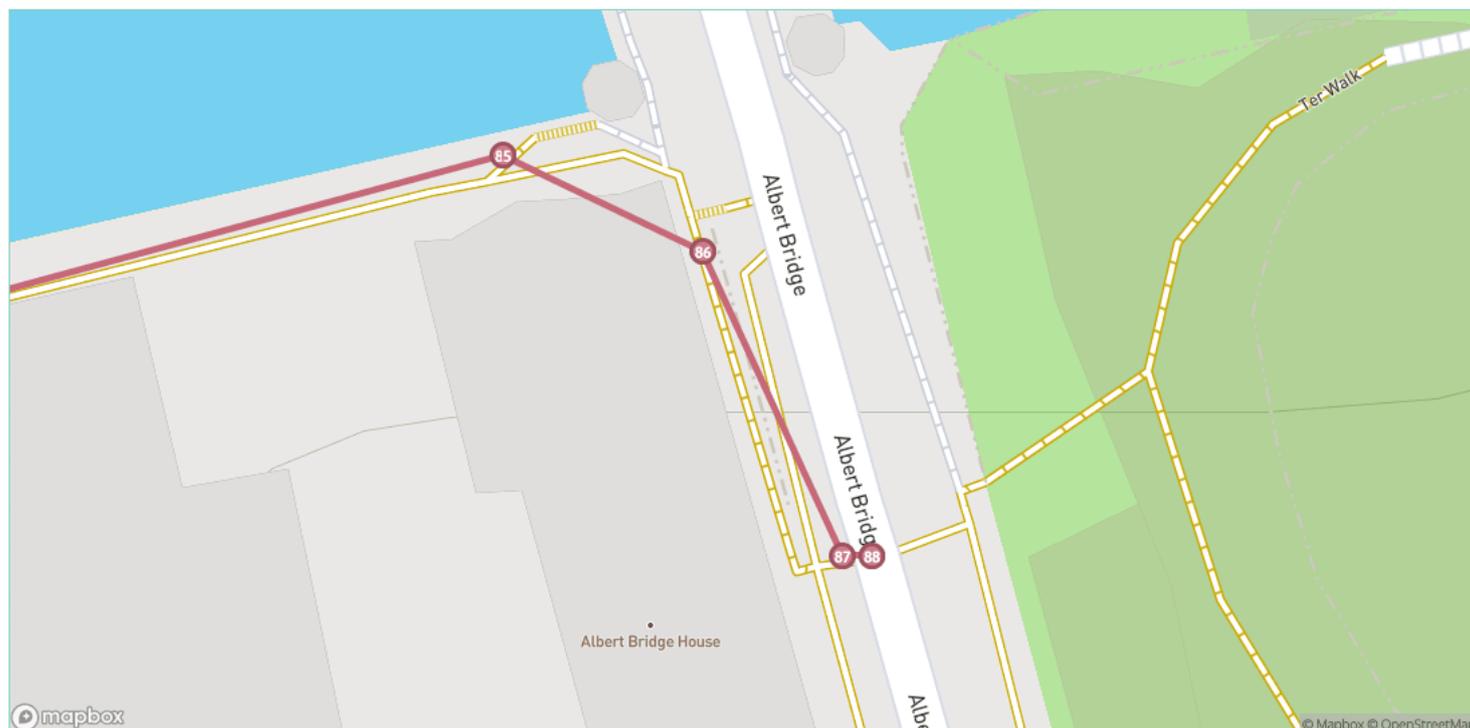
Step 81: Head down the ramp or stairs on the eastern side of the bridge.

Step 82: Continue walking towards the ornate Albert Bridge ahead.

Step 83: Painted in delicate pastels, it was opened in 1873.

Step 84: Continue past the glass waterfront offices and apartments and over the bridge of Ransome's Dock.

Step 85: Take some time to admire the beautiful structure and its colour palette.



Step 86: Then turn right to head up the ramp to Albert Bridge Road.

Step 87: A sign here instructs troops from Chelsea Barracks to break step when crossing.

Step 88: You've now completed Section 1d of the Thames Path! How about moving on to section 2 towards Tower Bridge?
