Hebburn to Heworth Metro Walk

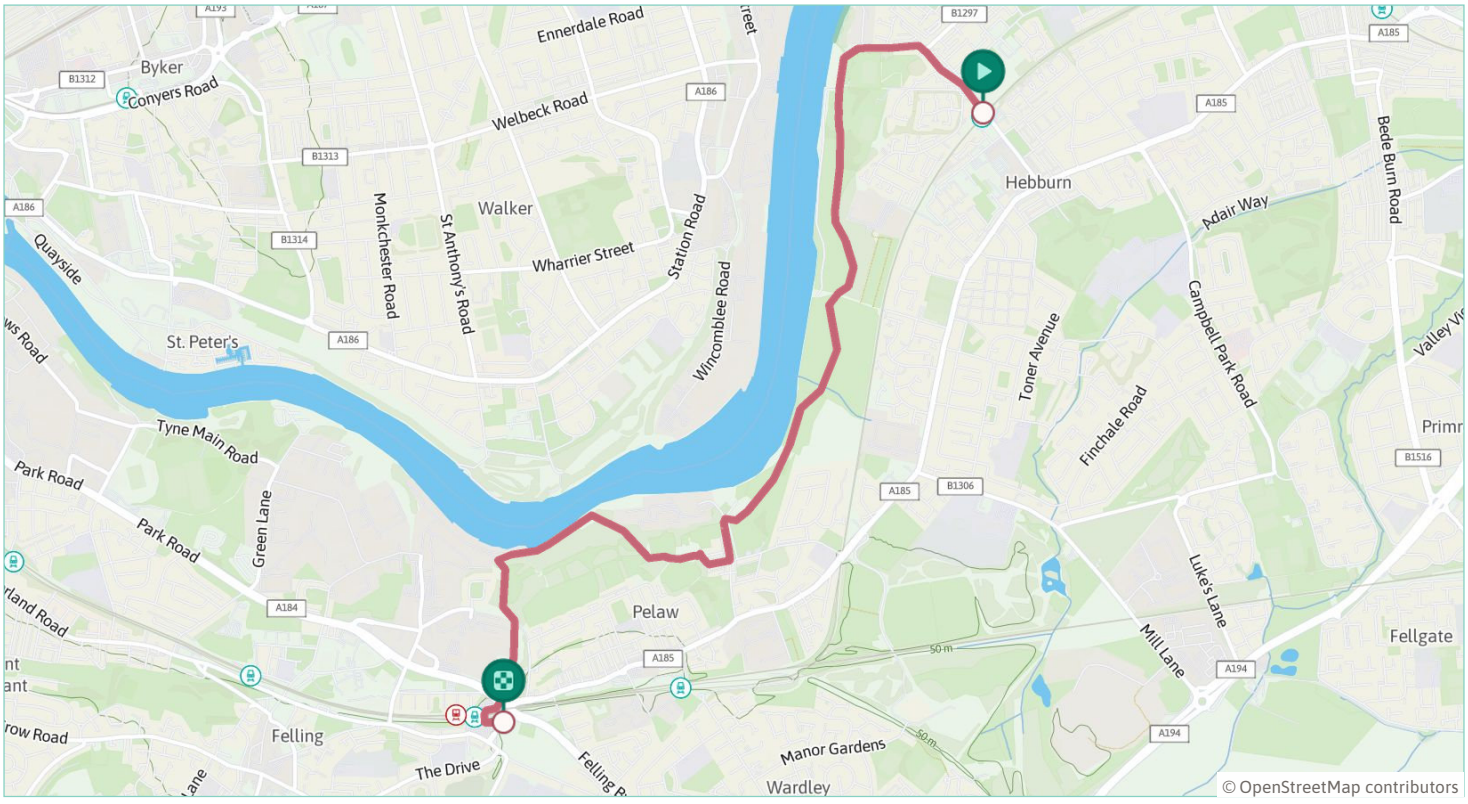
A walk from Hebburn to Heworth Station. A steep but step-free route with fantastic views, shipbuilding history and a community farm.

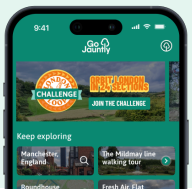
Distance 4.8 kilometres / 3 miles
Duration 1 hour and 10 minutes

Water feature · Great views · Public transport · Picnic spot · History · Dog friendly

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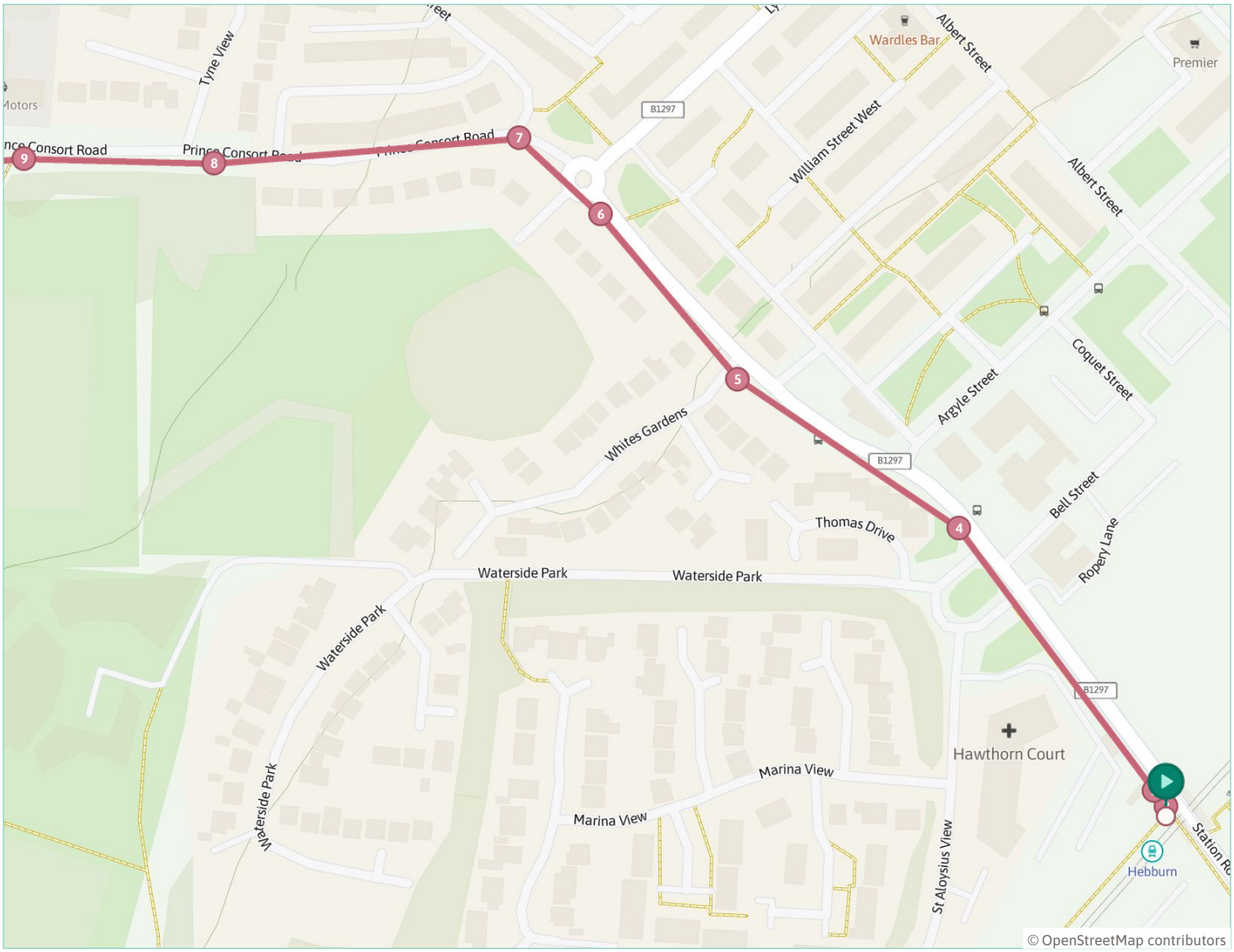


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Step 1: Start at the exit of Metro station Hebburn at top of the bridge on Station Road.

Step 2: This exit is for trains from Central Newcastle and trains to South Shields.

Step 3: Turn left and go down Station Road.

Step 4: Carry on along Station Road as it bends left.

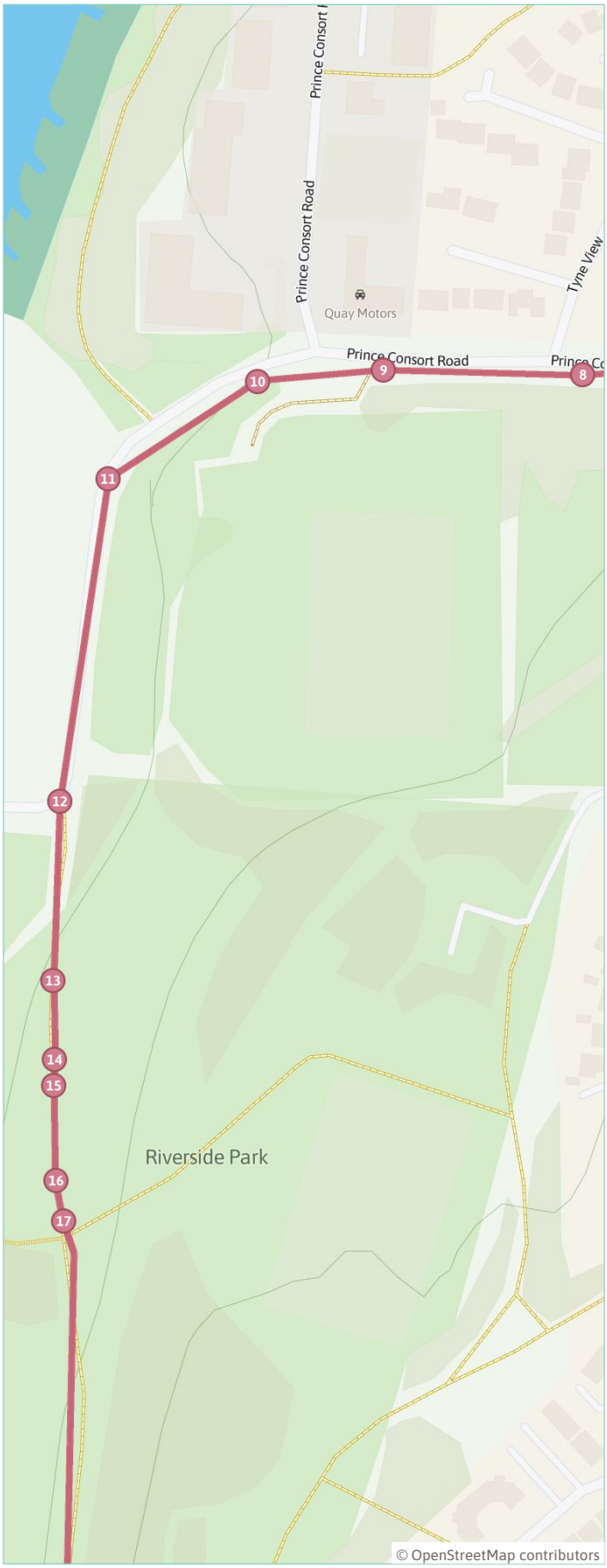
Step 5: Carefully cross these side roads.

Step 6: At the roundabout keep left.

Step 7: After crossing the roundabout, go along Prince Consort Road.

Step 8: Continue as it heads downhill.

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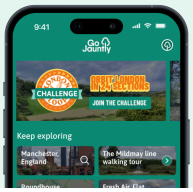


Step 9: Cross over the side road then follow the road as it bends around to the left.

Step 10: Head down towards the river, this is quite an industrial area.

Step 11: Even so, there's always pockets of nature to enjoy.

Step 12: Before the road bends to the right, take the path into the woods on the left.



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Step 13: As the path goes uphill, it opens up to Riverside Park. It's reclaimed industrial land used until the 1970s for shipbuilding & other works.

Step 14: Look for these waymarkers throughout the park. The challenge is to find a real-life version of what is illustrated on the post.

Step 15: These waymarkers were designed by Matthew Jarratt and Neil Canavan with local school children in 1996.

Step 16: Continue along the path, with the Tyne appearing on the right through the trees.

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Step 17: At the cross paths continue straight ahead.

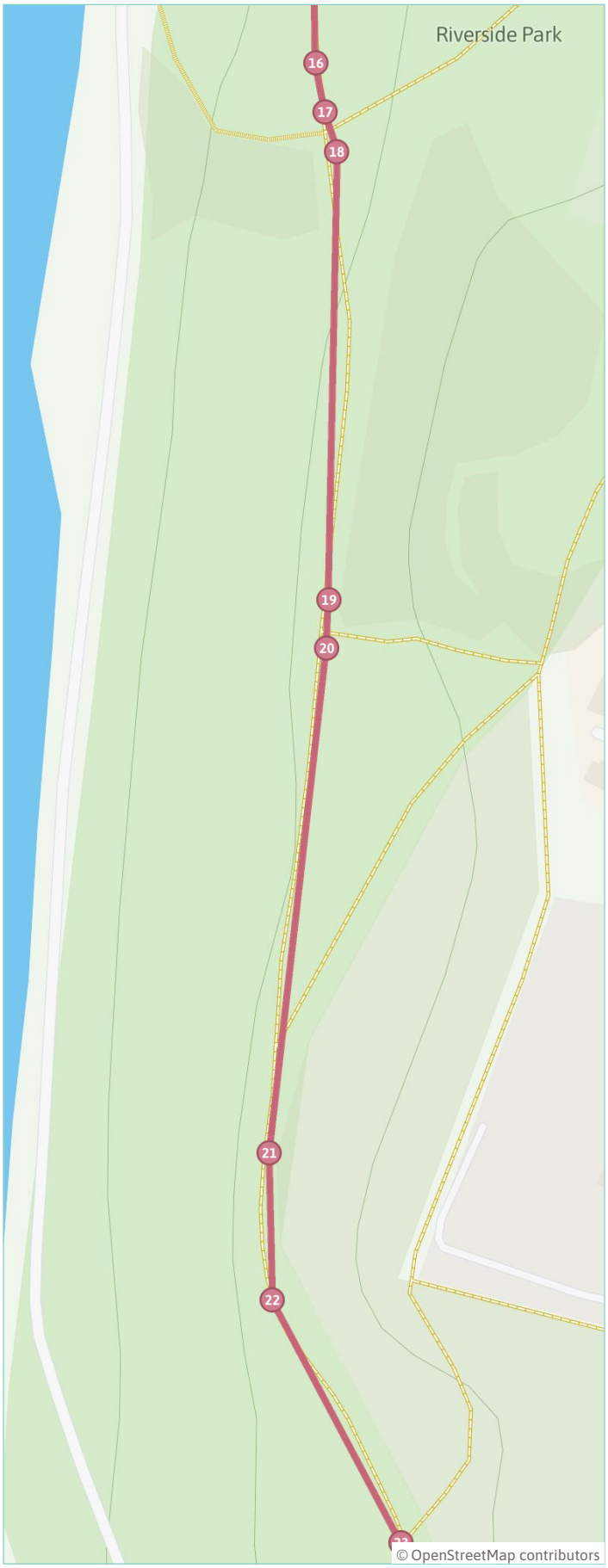
Step 18: Look for this black-painted steel viewpoint marker on the left, made by the same artists as the waymarkers.

Step 19: Continue to climb uphill, with lots of benches to sit and rest and enjoy the views over the Tyne.

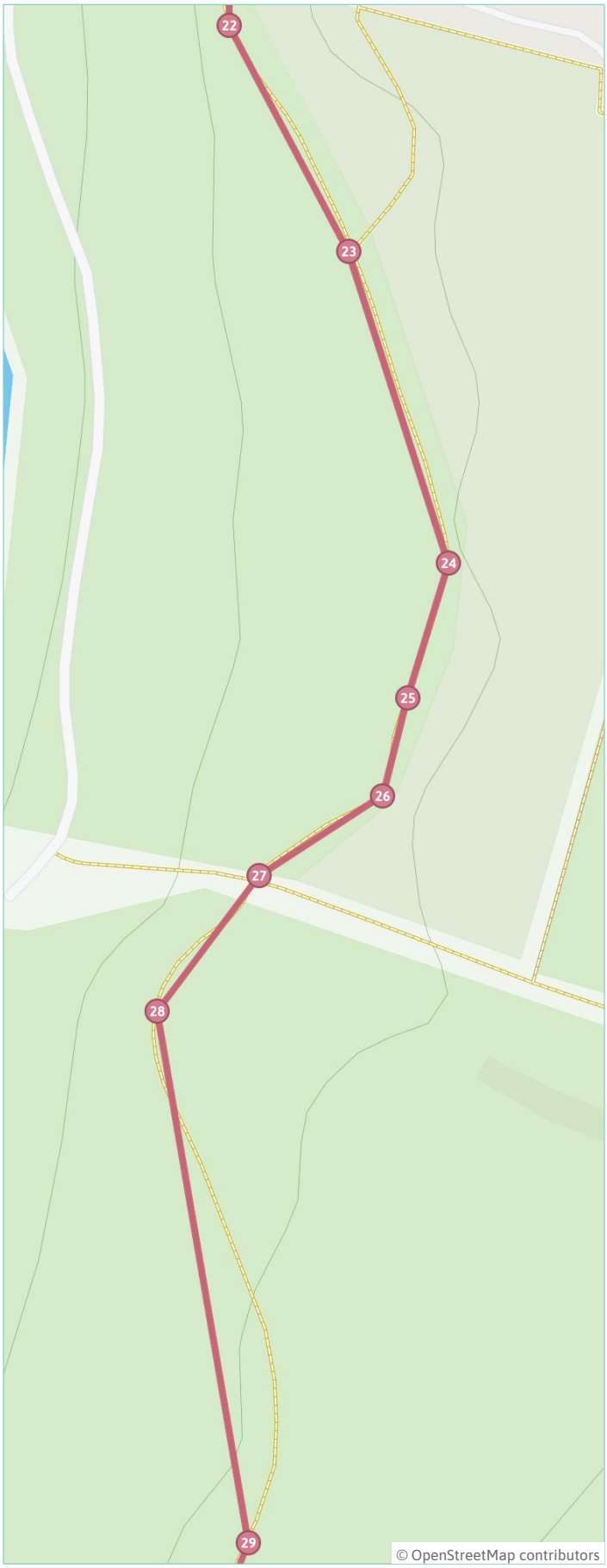
Step 20: Hopefully, there's a boat sailing along the Tyne on the right?

Step 21: The views act as a reminder of the long-standing industrial landscape that this area of the Tyne has long been home to.

Step 22: Please note that this is a shared use cycle and pedestrian path.



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Step 23: Riverside Park is full of wildlife, so this shouldn't be difficult. Can you recognise what type of bird this is?

Step 24: Continue along the top path.

Step 25: Look for the Butterfly Bank on the right, a man-made structure created to provide habitat for a wide range of butterflies.

Step 26: Continue as the path starts to go downhill.

Step 27: At this cross paths, continue straight ahead.

Step 28: Carry on as it bends to the left.

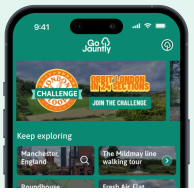
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Step 29: Head uphill with fields on the left.

Step 30: At this fork ahead, take the right-hand path.

Step 31: The path opens up to amazing views. Remains of the historic shipyards are visible, including those of Skinner-Wood Co on the left.

Step 32: Continue down the path with the fence on the right.



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Step 33: Head into this wooded area.

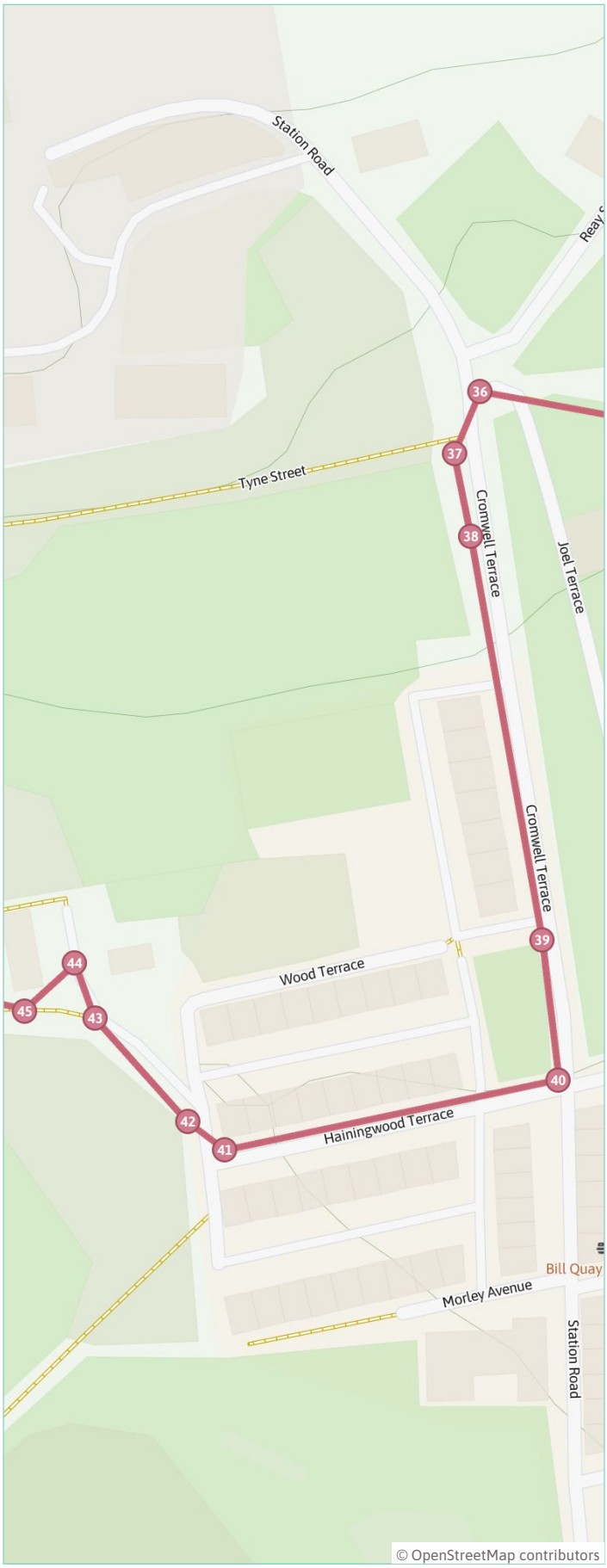
Step 34: The path then opens up and bends up to the left.

Step 35: Soon it opens up to a wide clearing on both sides. Head towards the end of the path in front.

Step 36: As the path ends, turn left and cross over the road.



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Step 37: Continue down the pavement on the right-hand side of the road.

Step 38: Head up the hill, passing The Cricketers Arms pub on the left. Time for a refreshment?

Step 39: Walk uphill, passing Bill Quay Community Well Bee-ing Garden on the right. Take a look before you continue.

Step 40: At the top, turn right and walk along Hainingwood Terrace.

Step 41: At the end of the terrace, carefully cross the road, turn right and go along the path.

Step 42: The path goes through a gate and into Bill Quay Farm. The farm is free to enter and open 7 days a week, 10 am - 4 pm.

Step 43: Enter the farm, turn right and go beyond the car park to say hello to some...

Step 44: Alpacas! You also get to enjoy the view over the Tyne. Head back through the car park and walk through the farm.

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Step 45: You'll find pigs on the left too! Animal feed can be purchased, just be careful of your fingers.

Step 46: The farm also has toilets, a cafe with an ice cream kiosk, snacks, and hot & cold drinks.

Step 47: Continue through the farm, along the main path.

Step 48: Beyond the farm buildings, there are goats on the right! Here's one playing on the slide!

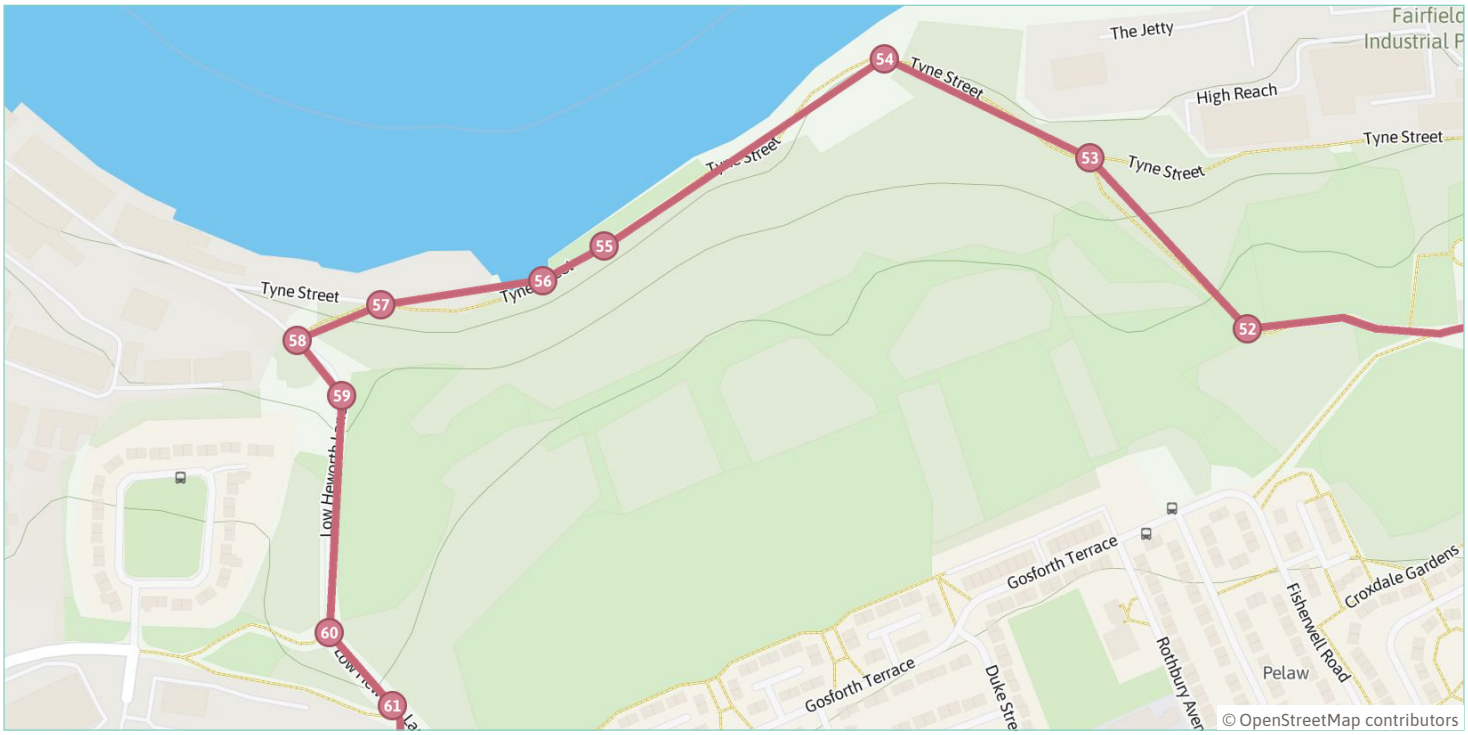
Step 49: At the fork in the path, keep to the right.

Step 50: Keep going down the path, with a field with horses on your right as you leave the farm.

Step 51: Head downhill as the path bends right.

Step 52: Up ahead, the path drops very steeply, so be careful.

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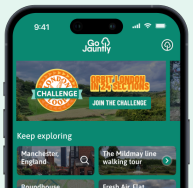


Step 53: At the bottom of the path, turn left.

Step 54: The path opens up as it reaches the side of the Tyne on the right. With views of a paint factory further ahead.

Step 55: Continue along the path, passing through these bollards.

Step 56: You'll get a great view of the Tyne looking towards the start of Newcastle's Quayside on the other side of the river.



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Step 57: Keep to the left and go through the bollards up the hill.

Step 58: The path ends at the top of the hill. Turn left and walk along the road. Please be careful along here as this road is shared with vehicles.

Step 59: Continue up the road as it heads uphill.

Step 60: Keep going as it bends around to the left.

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Step 61: There is a lack of a drop kerb here, so look for this small drop in the kerb where the pavement connects to the grass on the right.

Step 62: Once on the pavement, take the path on the right by the fence.

Step 63: This straight path opens up with the Metro car park up ahead. We've nearly reached the end of the walk.

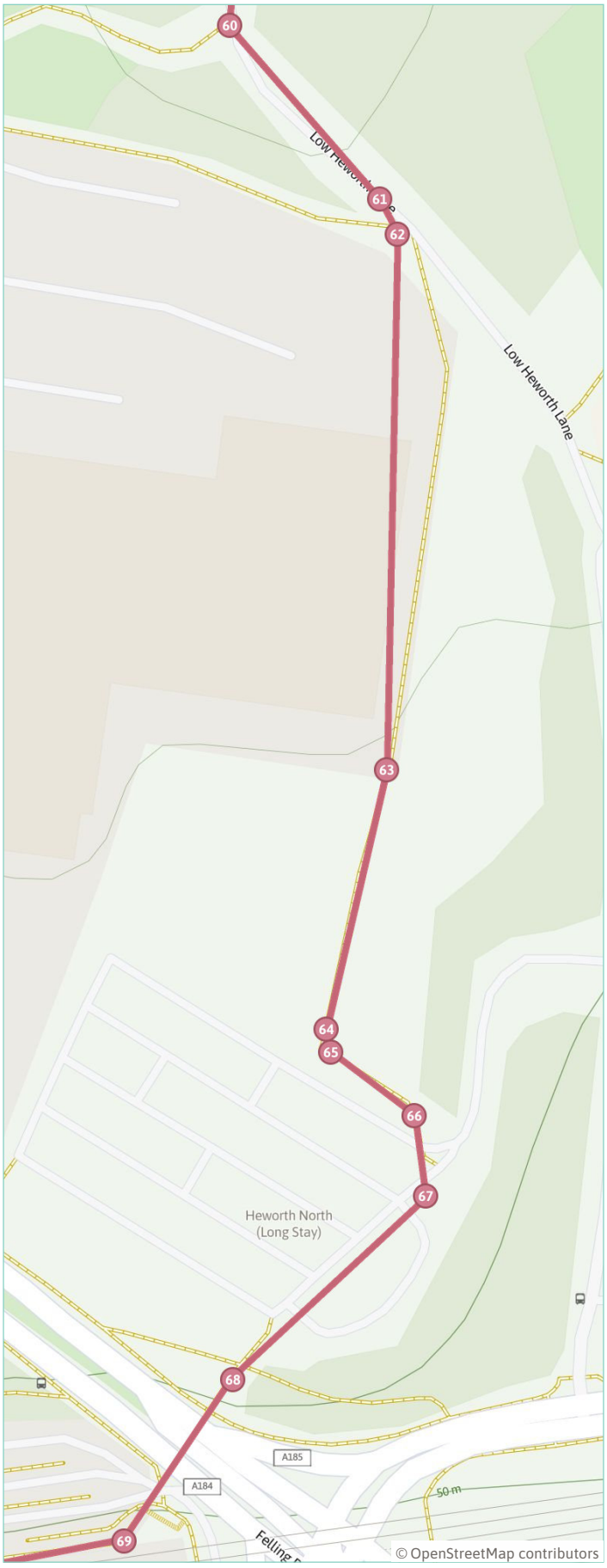
Step 64: Go through this narrow exit.

Step 65: Then turn left and walk along the path at the side of the car park.

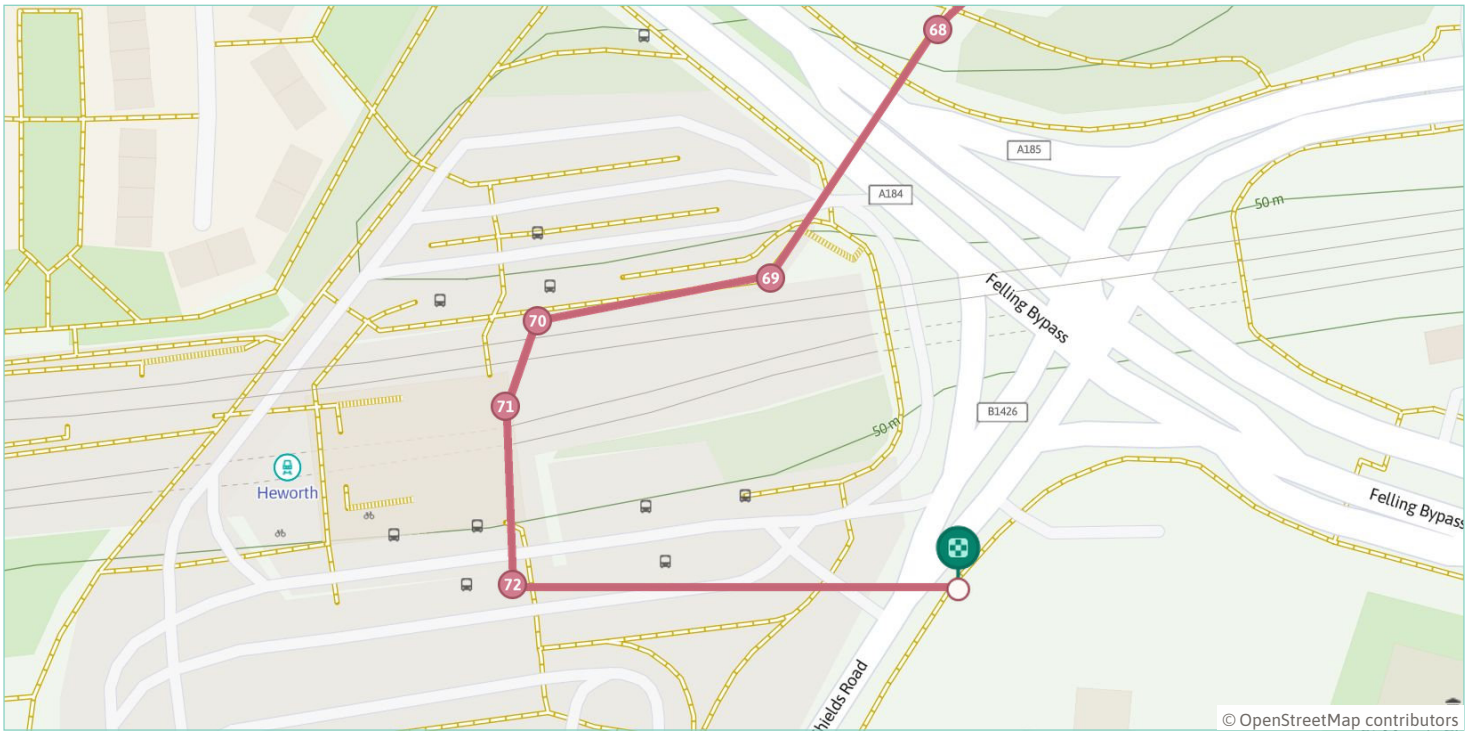
Step 66: At the end of this short path, turn right and carefully cross the road by the entrance to the car park.

Step 67: Once you've crossed, turn right and head along the designated pedestrian path through the car park.

Step 68: Then go through the tunnel under Felling Bypass.

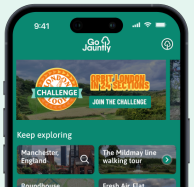


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Step 69: Once through the tunnel, turn right and walk up the shared use path.

Step 70: At the top of the path on the left is Heworth Metro Station where this walks ends!



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Step 71: Enter the station to get the Metro back to Hebburn on the South Shields line, or trains into the centre of Newcastle and Sunderland.

Step 72: Outside the station is the bus station, with connections to most of the wider Gateshead area. Check the information boards at the station for more info.

Step 73: Hot tip - opposite the station is St Mary Church Heworth, which has some historical interest. Check it out! We hope you enjoyed today's walk

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