



Alnwick Infirmary Nature Break Walk

A lovely circular walk through Alnwick. It's perfect for a lunchtime stroll or a little walk. Enjoy hidden gardens & quiet streets.

Distance 3.9 kilometers / 2.4 miles

Duration 55 minutes



Wildlife



Public loos



Refreshments



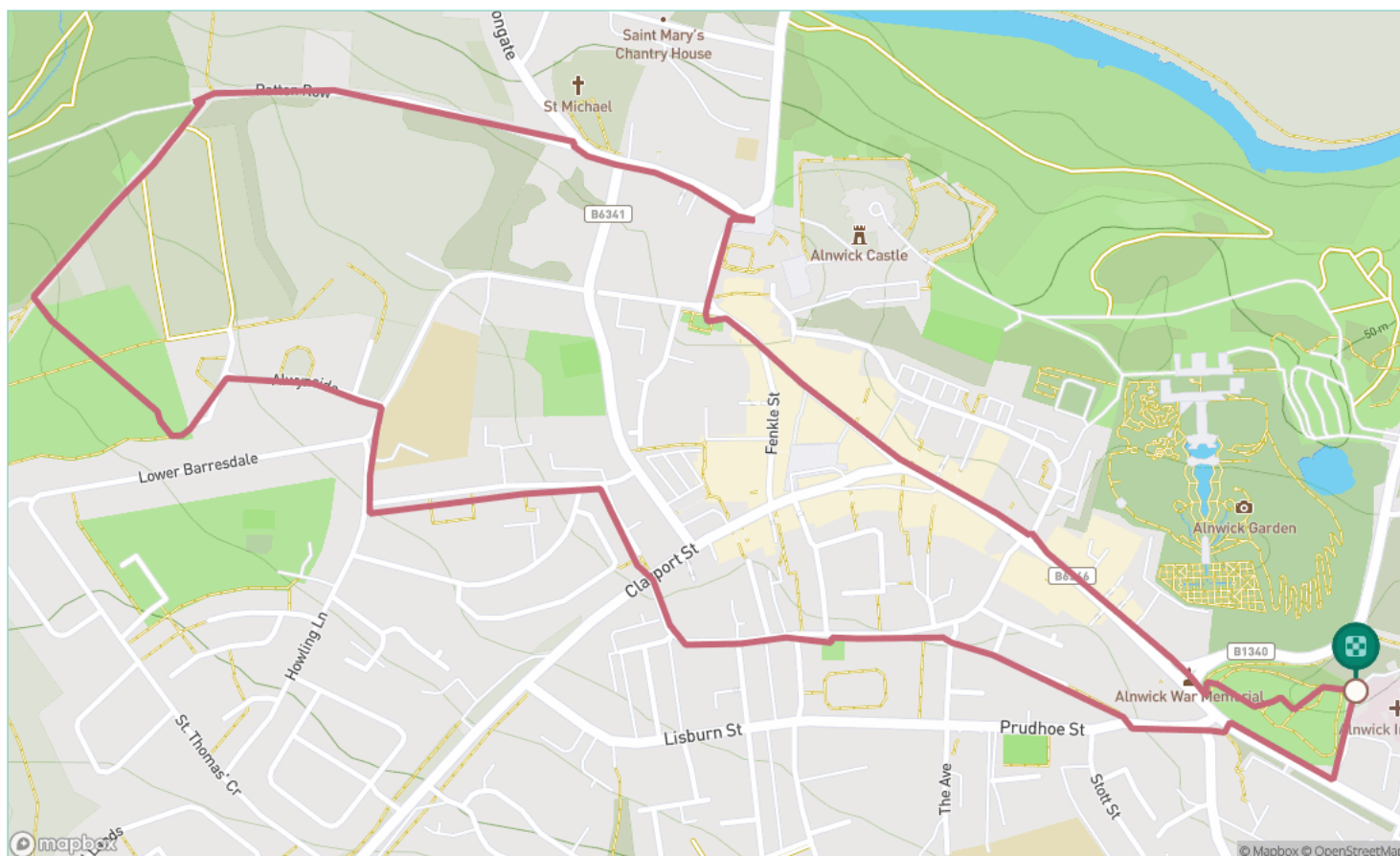
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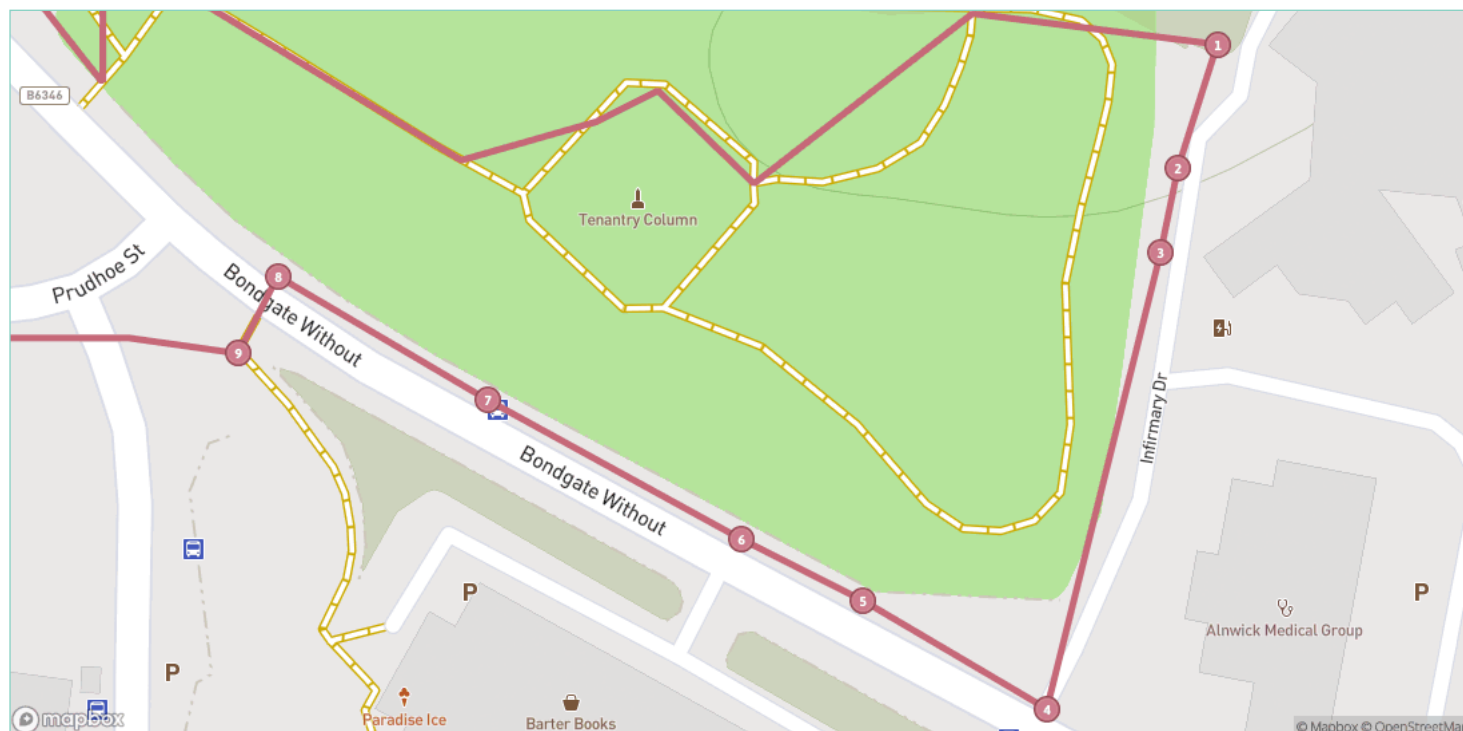


Dog friendly



Child friendly





Step 1: This walk starts outside the main entrance to Alnwick Infirmary (South Road, NE66 2NS). Nearest bus stop is on Bondgate Without road.

Step 8: A little further down, carefully cross the road at this central island on the left.

Step 2: Facing the entrance, turn right and head down the hill.

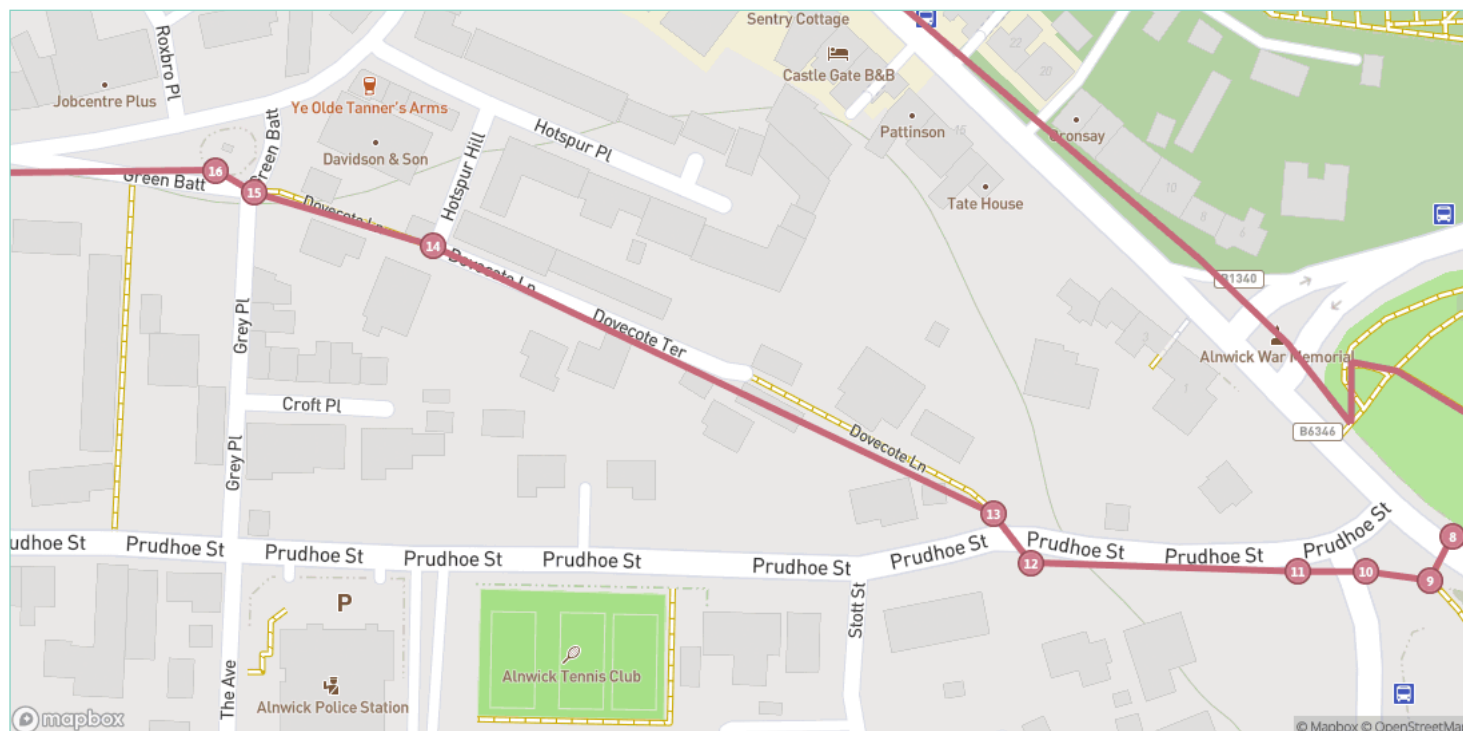
Step 3: The Tenantry Column is on the right.

Step 4: At the bottom of the hill, turn right.

Step 5: The famous Barter Books is on the other side of the road. This building used to be Alnwick Train Station.

Step 6: Designed by North Eastern Railway chief architect William Bell, it was built in 1887. The line closed in 1968, and is now one of Britain's largest secondhand book shops.

Step 7: Continue right down Bondgate Without.



Step 9: Once across, the main entrance to the book shop is on the left. Barter Books includes a cafe and model train that goes around the shop.

Step 16: Look out for The Pinfold. A small informal garden on the right, which has been an garden since Alnwick in Bloom in 2018.

Step 10: To the right of the bookshop entrance, cross over Wagonway Road.

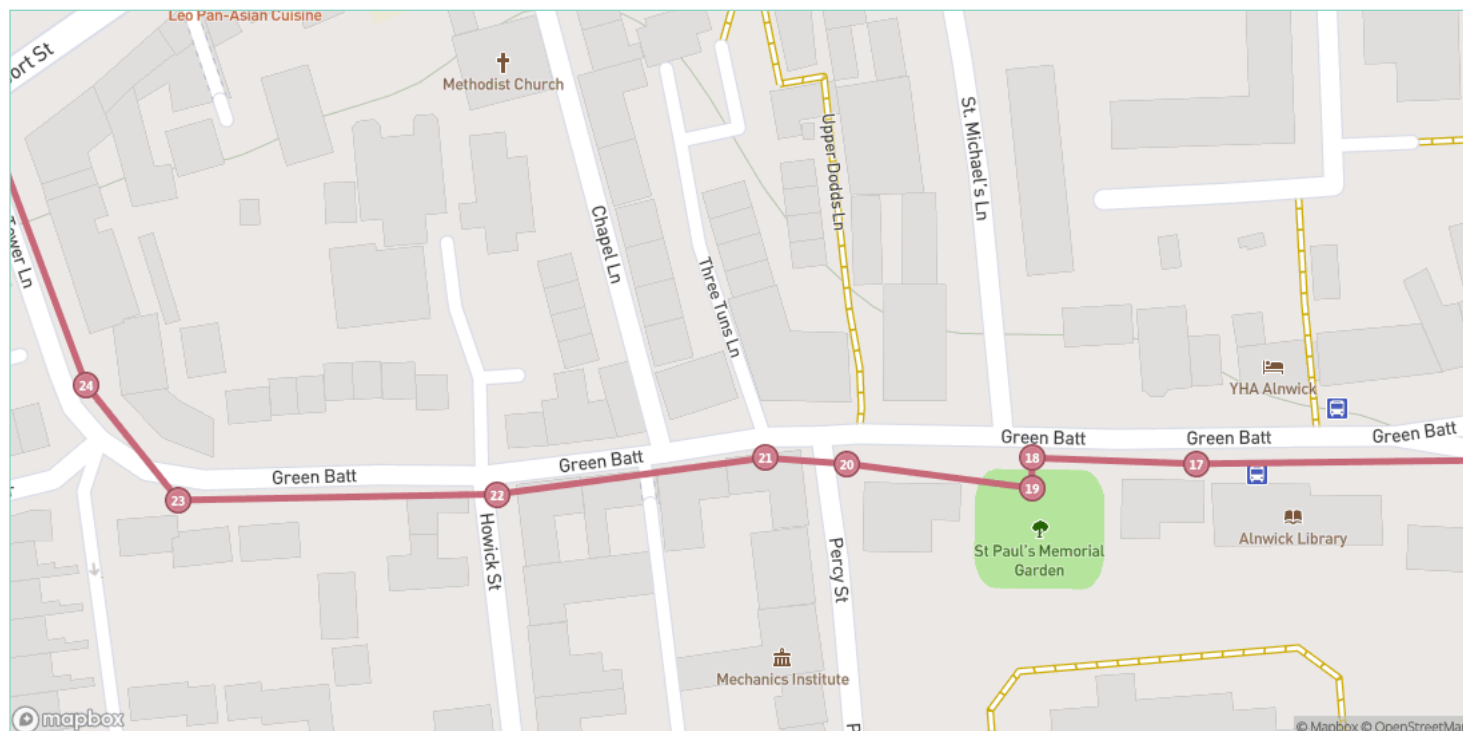
Step 11: Continue up Prudhoe Street.

Step 12: Further up the hill, carefully cross the road on the right.

Step 13: Then walk along Dovecote Lane on the left.

Step 14: Continue along the lane, with residential houses either side.

Step 15: At the end of the lane, turn left to walk along Green Batt



Step 17: Continue along the left of Green Batt.

Step 18: Look left for the small entrance with steps.

Step 19: Welcome to St Paul's Memorial Garden, a small green haven, with benches and views over to St Paul's. A great spot to sit and rest.

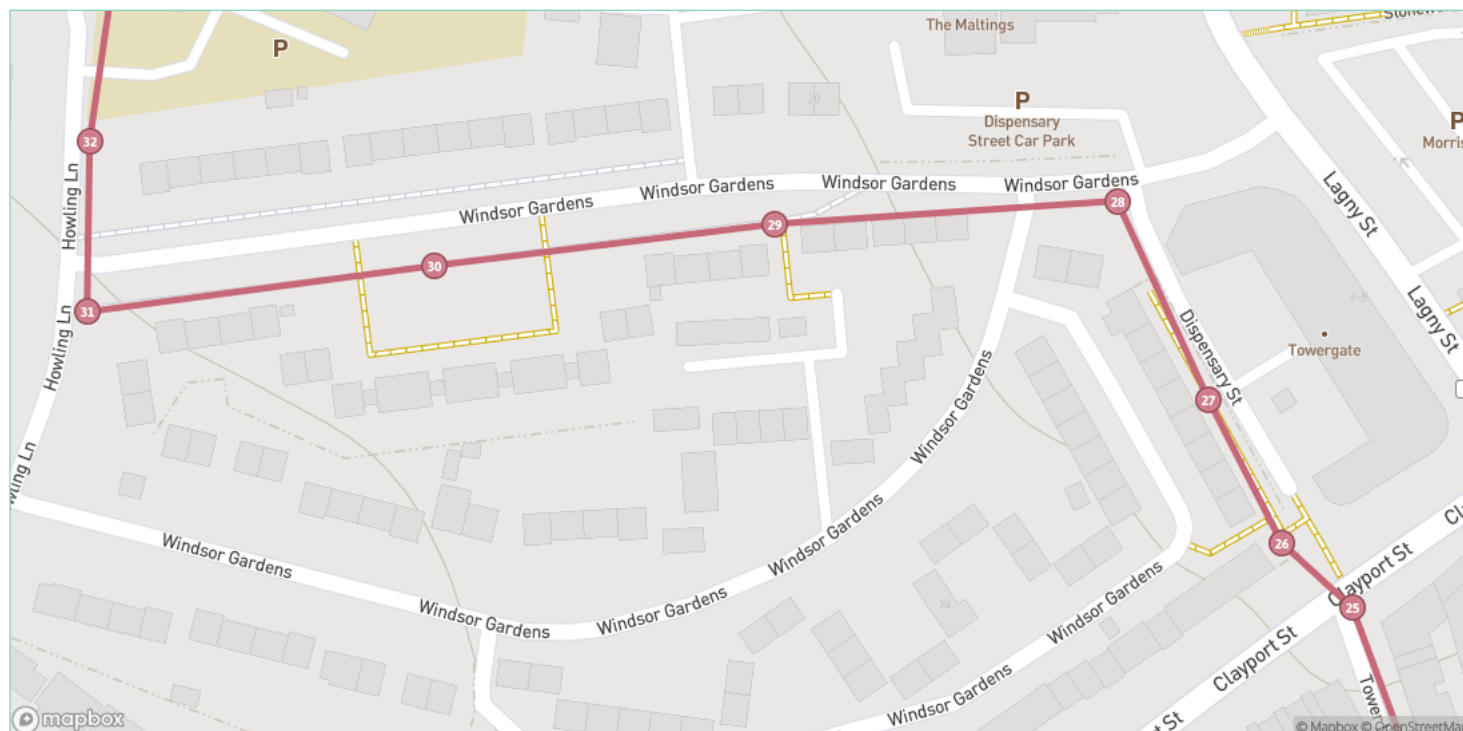
Step 20: When you're ready, continue left along Green Batt.

Step 21: Walk past Corner House, notice this great sign on the right.

Step 22: Keep going along Green Batt. The footway is very narrow here.

Step 23: Carefully cross the road to the right hand side.

Step 24: Continue around the bend.



Step 25: At the end of the road, carefully cross Clayport Street.

Step 32: Continue along Howling Lane.

Step 26: Go directly ahead, up this wide paved area with steps to the right and onto Dispensary Street.

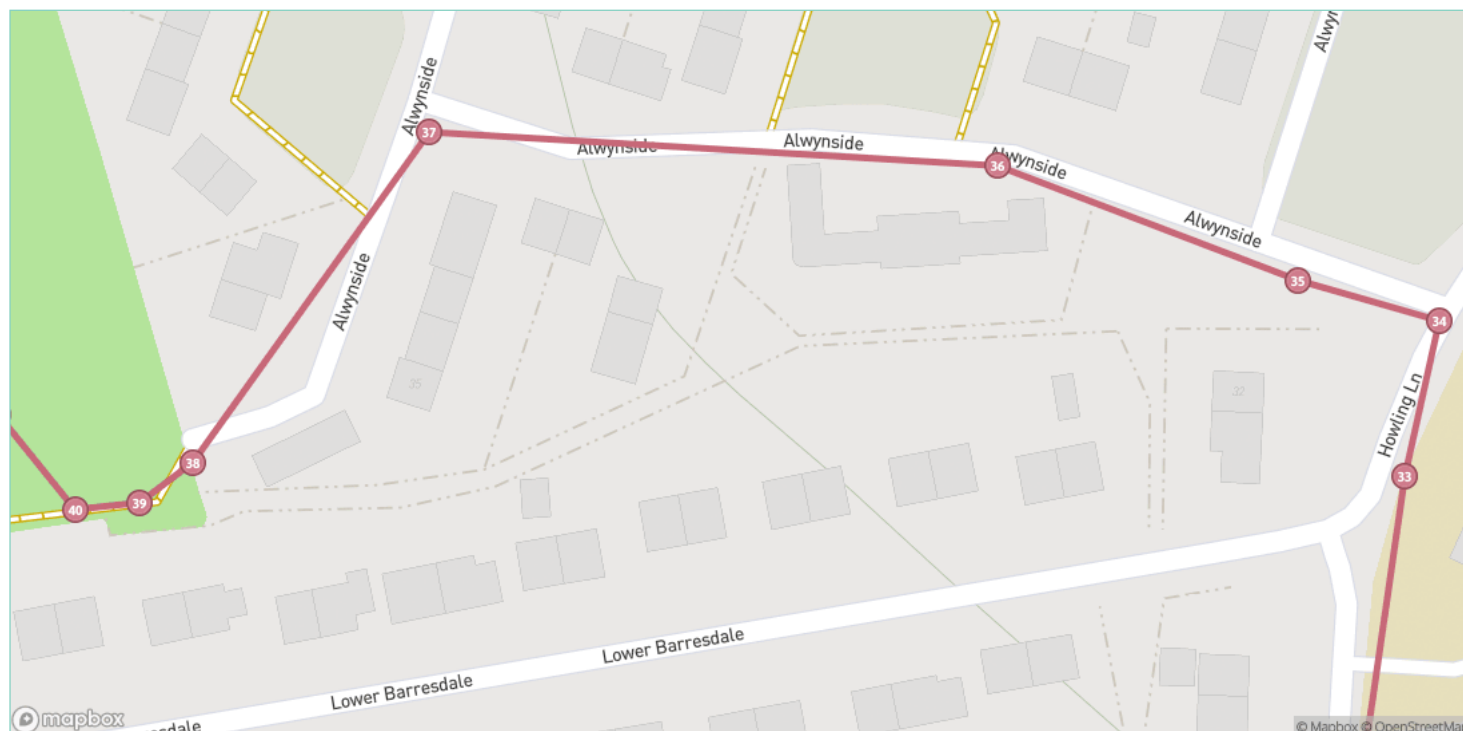
Step 27: Look left for this Foundation Stone, which is from the first Fire Station built here in 1810.

Step 28: At the bottom of Dispensary Street, turn left and walk along Windsor Gardens, carefully cross this side road on the left.

Step 29: Keep left as the path heads away from the road and up towards these large trees.

Step 30: Continue along the path, with the green area on the left and this stunning tree up ahead.

Step 31: At the end of Windsor Gardens, cross over the road on the right.



Step 33: As it bends around to the right, carefully cross the road to the left hand side.

Step 34: A little further ahead, turn left onto Alwynside.

Step 35: In spring you might notice this lovely small blossoming tree on the left.

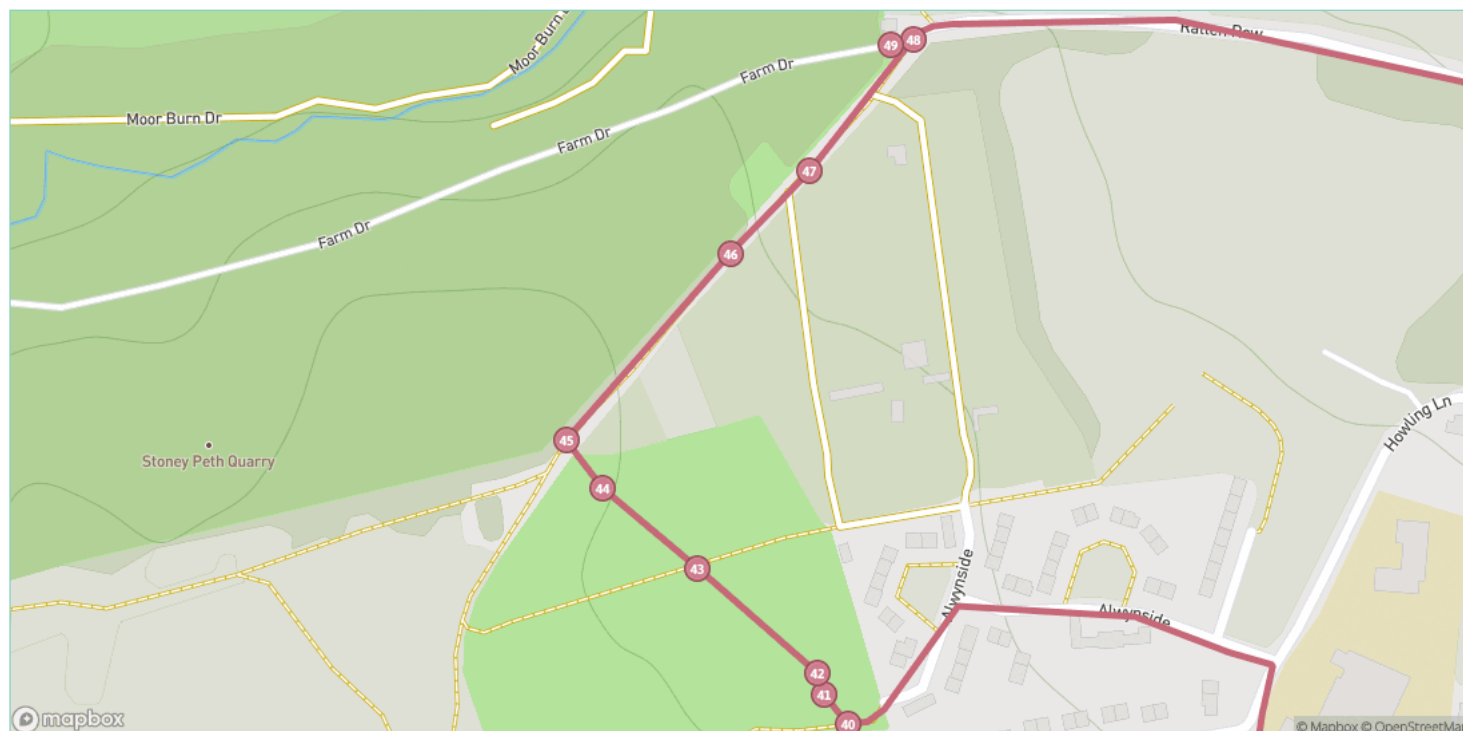
Step 36: Continue along Alwynside.

Step 37: At the top of Alwynside, turn left. Continue along the road as it bends around to the right.

Step 38: At the end of the road, look left for a small gap in the trees.

Step 39: Go along the path, through the trees and up the small hill on the right.

Step 40: The path opens up onto this large green space, popular with local dog walkers.



Step 41: There are many paths to choose from. Take the one that cuts diagonally through the centre.

Step 42: You'll pass newly-planted tree saplings on the right.

Step 43: The path turns into a grass field. Continue ahead.

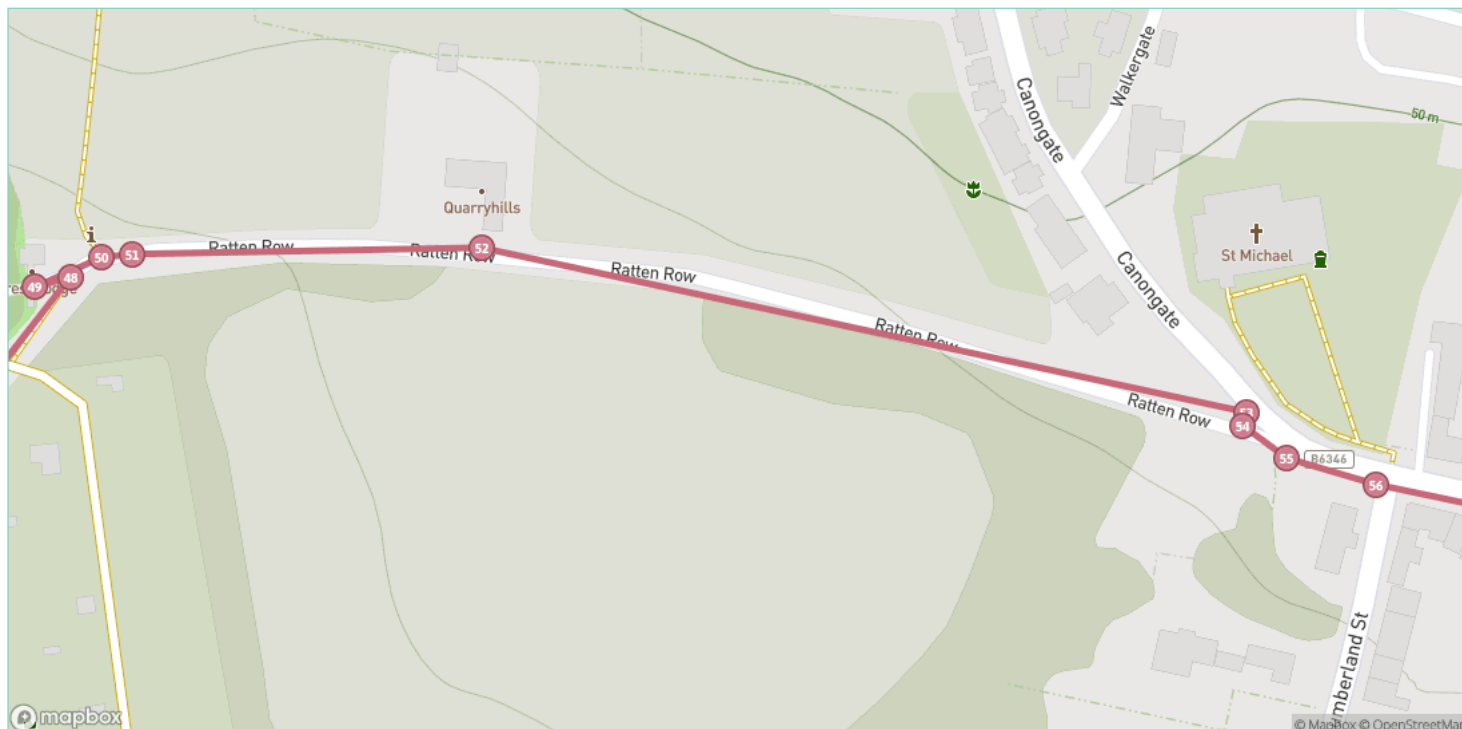
Step 44: Look for a cut through the trees towards this tall wall and get ready to turn right.

Step 45: Turn right at the wall and head down the track.

Step 46: There are allotments on the right, listen out for a cockerel and the homing pigeons flying over head. 🐔

Step 47: Continue down the track. Beyond the walls on the left is Hulne Park.

Step 48: At the bottom, the entrance to Hulne Park is on the left. The only remaining park that once surrounded Alnwick Castle.



Step 49: Hulne Park is open daily and accessed by foot only with no dogs allowed. It has three different loops of the park, from 4 miles to 6.2 miles.

Step 50: In front of the gates is a Public Footpath that takes you down to Canongate and River Aln.

Step 51: When you're ready, turn right and head along Ratten Row.

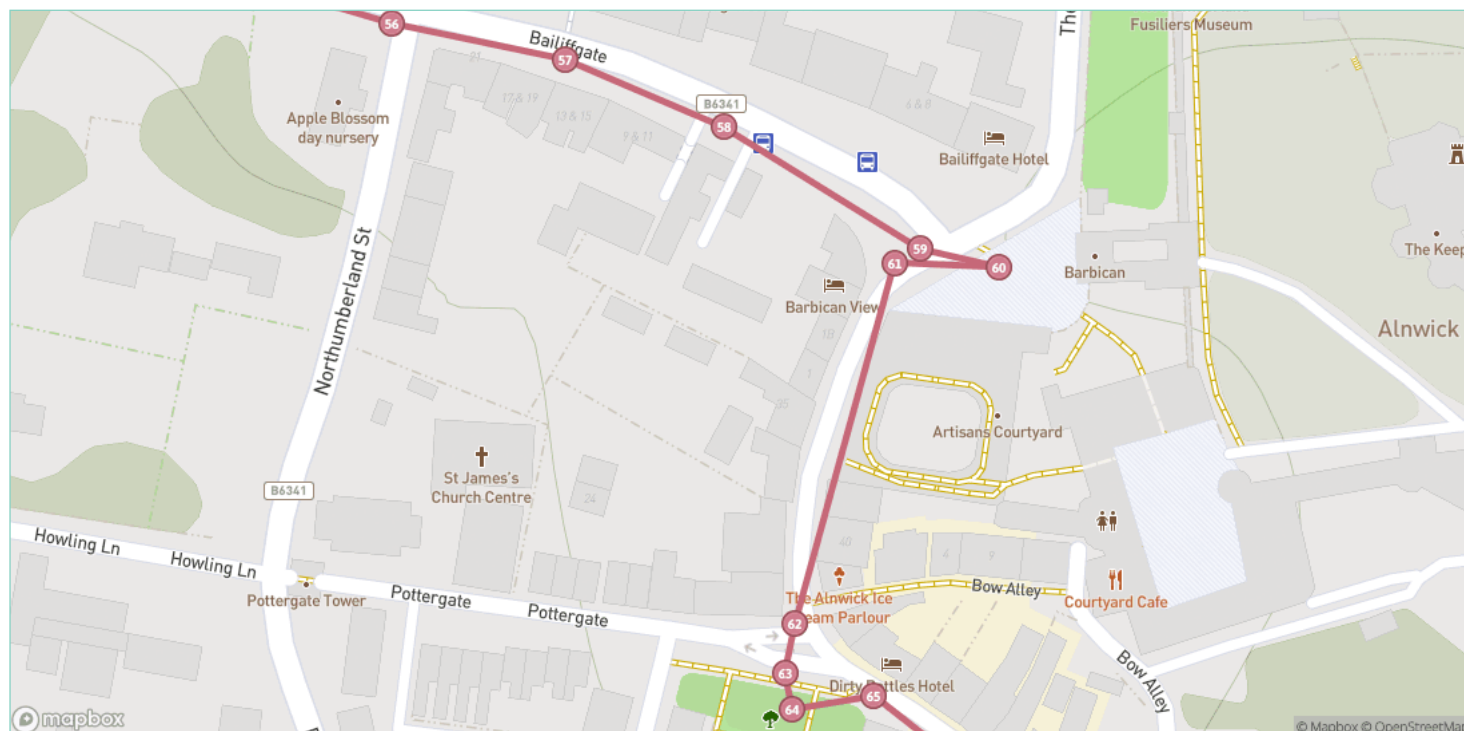
Step 52: Continue on the left hand side of Ratten Row.

Step 53: At the end of the road, St Michael's church is on the left.

Step 54: Carefully cross over Ratten Row on the right.

Step 55: Once over the road, continue on the left hand side of the main road, Canongate.

Step 56: Carefully cross over Northumberland Street.



Step 57: Walk along the beautiful tree-lined Bailiffgate.

Step 58: Look left for Bailiffgate Museum.

Step 59: At the end of the road is the entrance to Alnwick Castle.

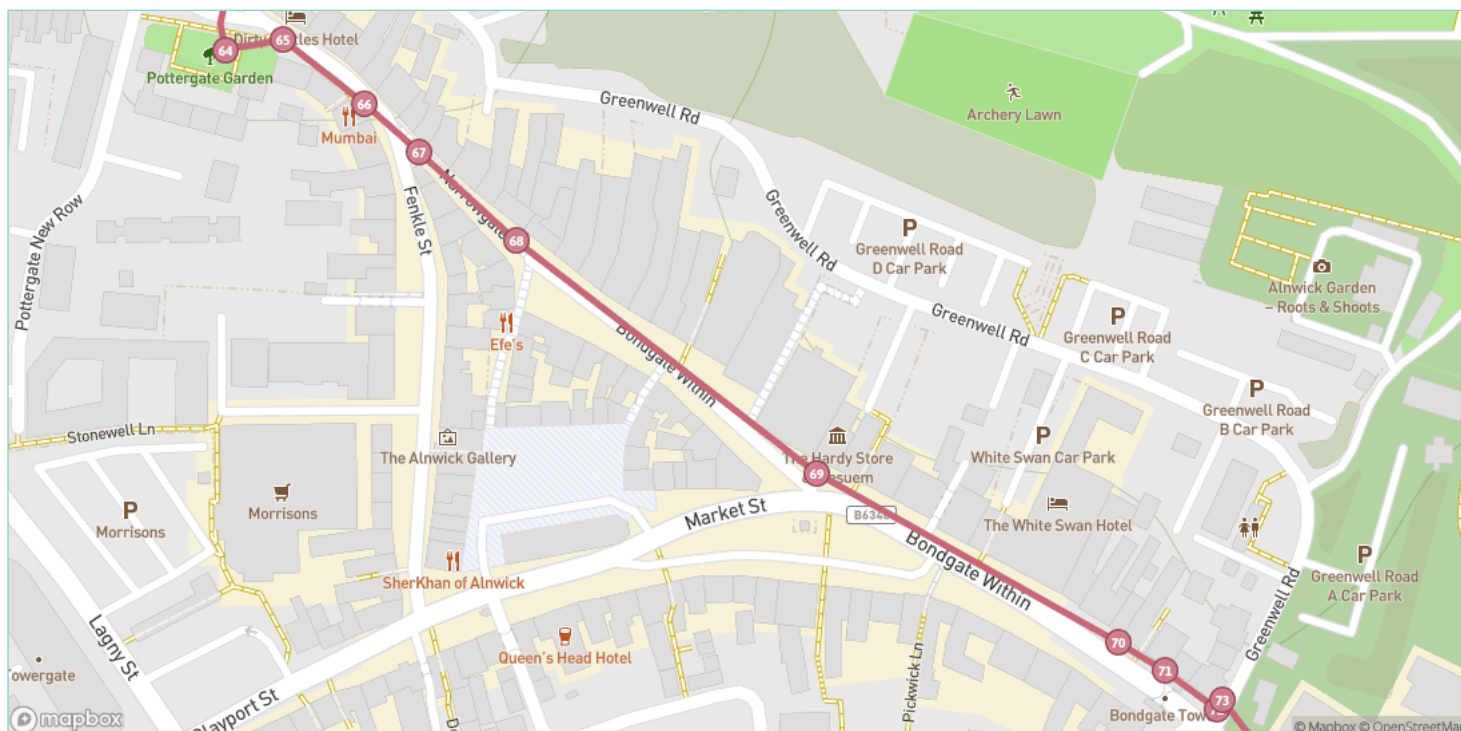
Step 60: Alnwick Castle is the home to the current Duke of Northumberland, Ralph Percy. It's a paid for attraction and is open daily 10am - 5pm.

Step 61: Turn right and walk down Narrowgate.

Step 62: At the bottom of Narrowgate, cross over, passing Pottergate Pant. Built in 1875 replacing a previous pant from 1790.

Step 63: Pottergate Garden (created in 1949) is on the opposite side. It's a popular spot for locals and visitors to sit and enjoy the surroundings.

Step 64: Look left for the Harry Hotspur statue. It is dedicated to Alnwick's famous Shakespearean knight.



Step 65: Continue along Narrowgate on the left hand side.

Step 72: Cross the side road with The Playhouse directly ahead.

Step 66: As the path bends around the to right, carefully cross over to the left hand side.

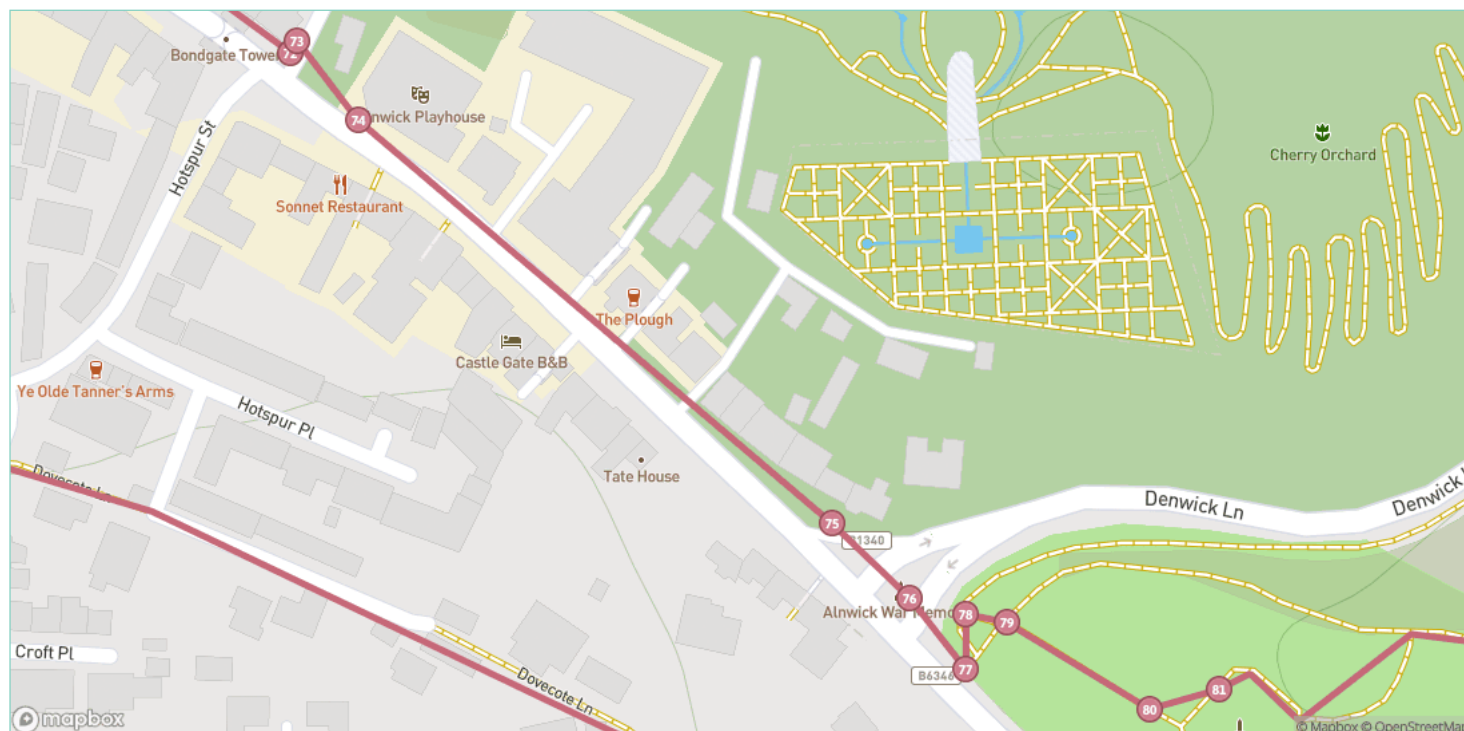
Step 67: Continue along the pedestrianised Narrowbank.

Step 68: Take a seat or pass by these benches, continue along Bondgate Within on the left hand side.

Step 69: You'll pass Robertson's Pant on the right. Gifted to Alnwick by Adam Robertson, a local alderman in 1891.

Step 70: Head towards Bondgate Tower also known as the Hotspur Tower or the Hotspur Gateway in reference to Harry Hotspur.

Step 71: Go through the Towers archway on the left.



Step 73: To the left, before The Playhouse is the road down to Alnwick Gardens. There's public toilets down on the left.

Step 74: Cross the road to continue along Bondgate Without, passing The Playhouse on the left.

Step 75: At the end of Bondgate Without, carefully cross over the road. Walk past this War Memorial.

Step 76: Now cross over Denwick Lane.

Step 77: A little further up the main road, turn left and go into the park.

Step 78: This area was known as The Column Field. A place over the centuries where people would come to meet, from tradesmen to nobility.

Step 79: Head up the central path, uphill towards the column.

Step 80: Erected by tenants after the Napoleonic Wars, grateful that the 2nd Duke of Northumberland had reduced their rents during recession.



Step 81: Once at the top of the hill, follow the path around to the left of the column.

Step 82: Continue around the column.

Step 83: Then go onto the path on the other side, downhill.

Step 84: At the bottom of the hill, turn right, head towards the exit.

Step 85: Well done! You've completed the loop back to the Infirmary. We hope you enjoyed this walk. You can discover your next walk in the app!
