Thames Path North Bank Section 1c

Take on Segment 1c on the North Bank of the Thames from Kew to Hammersmith. Enjoy tree-lined sections, old pubs & beautiful architecture.

Distance 8.9 kilometres / 5.5 miles
Duration 3 hours

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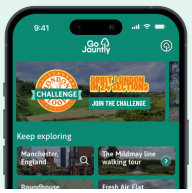

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Step 1: Welcome to the Thames Path! This walk follows the North Bank of the iconic National Trail, from Kew Bridge to The Crabtree, Fulham.

Step 2: This section starts on the North Bank, on the western side of the bridge (with the river in front of you, the bridge will be left as shown).

Step 3: If you're starting here rather than continuing from Section 1b, Kew Bridge Station is a few minutes walk away, also north of the Thames. There are numerous buses that stop at Kew Bridge bus stop also.

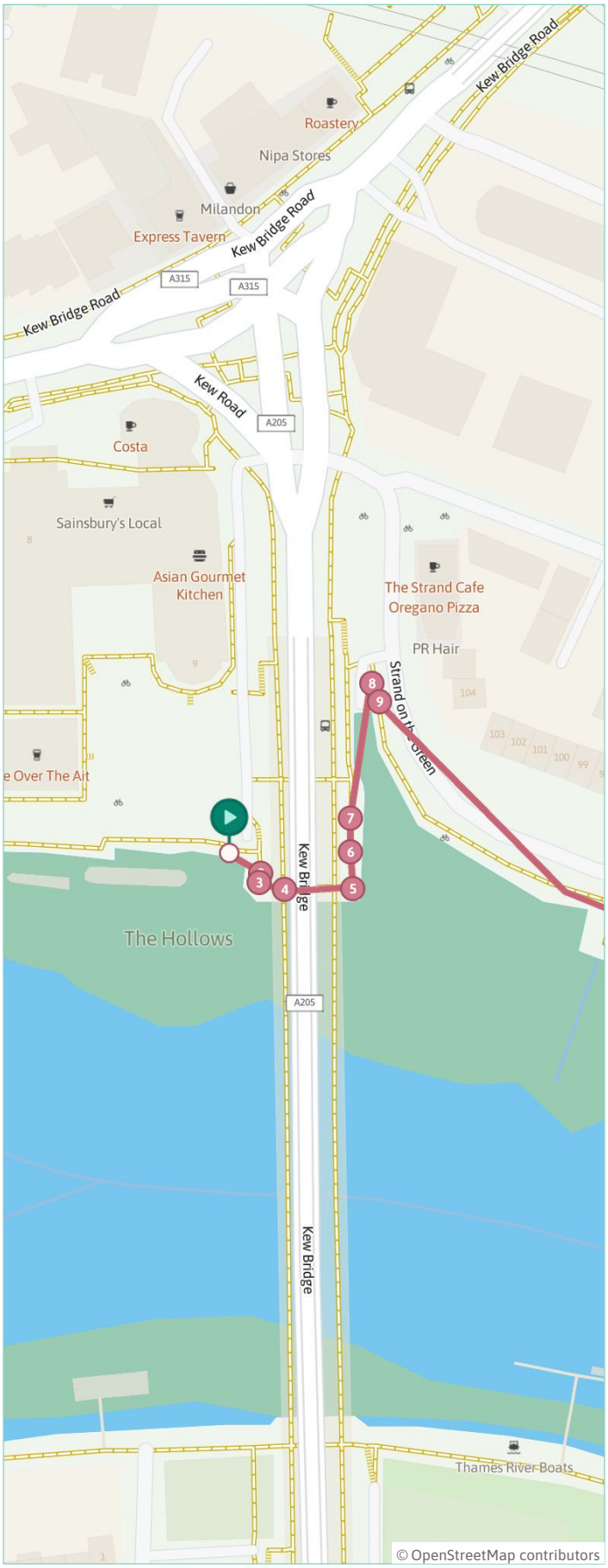
Step 4: Turn left to head up a few steps and then walk under the bridge.

Step 5: Emerge into the other side for sweeping views of the Thames. What wildfowl can you see?

Step 6: The present granite bridge has been standing since 1903 and is still looking beaut.

Step 7: Follow the path away from the river briefly, hugging the bridge.

Step 8: And then take a little u-turn to follow the footpath around back down to the Thames. The path is flat and paved here.



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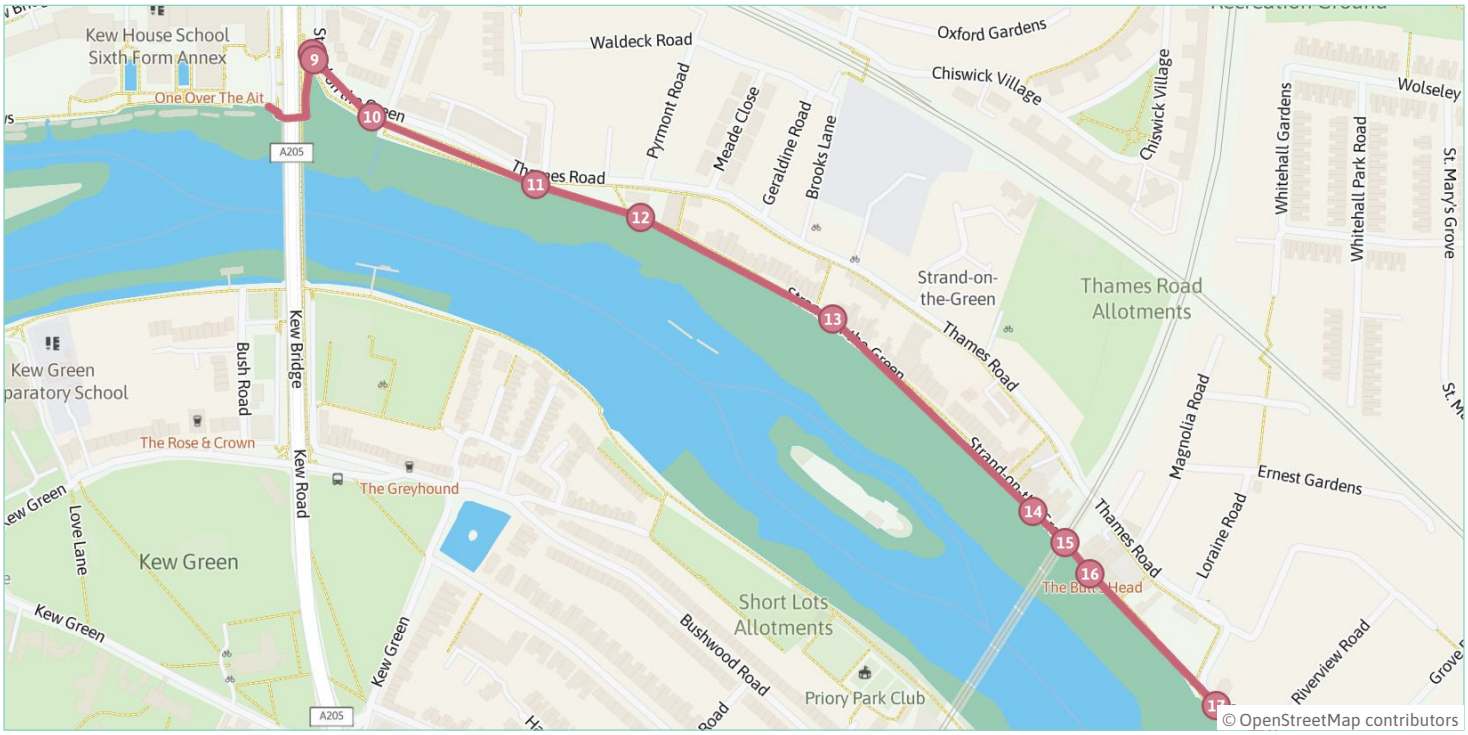


Step 9: There's an interpretation board here with points of interest if you'd like to take a look.

Step 10: You're now walking along a popular weekend walking path called Strand-on-the-Green.

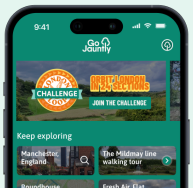
Step 11: The path is dotted with old pubs such as The Steam Packet.

Step 12: It's a beautiful walk! The path can flood at high tide so take the parallel Thames Road, just inland if this is the case on your visit.

Step 13: This stretch is lined with charming cottages and grander Georgian houses. What a place to live! There are plenty of benches here too.

Step 14: Once you're past the little Oliver's Island you'll meet the railway bridge.

Step 15: Head under.



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Step 16: The Bulls Head will greet you on the other side.

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Step 17: A few steps later, follow the path as it bends to the left to join Grove Park Road.

Step 18: Stay on the right hand side pavement and then turn right into Harrington Road.

Step 19: Continue, heading past many a grand house.

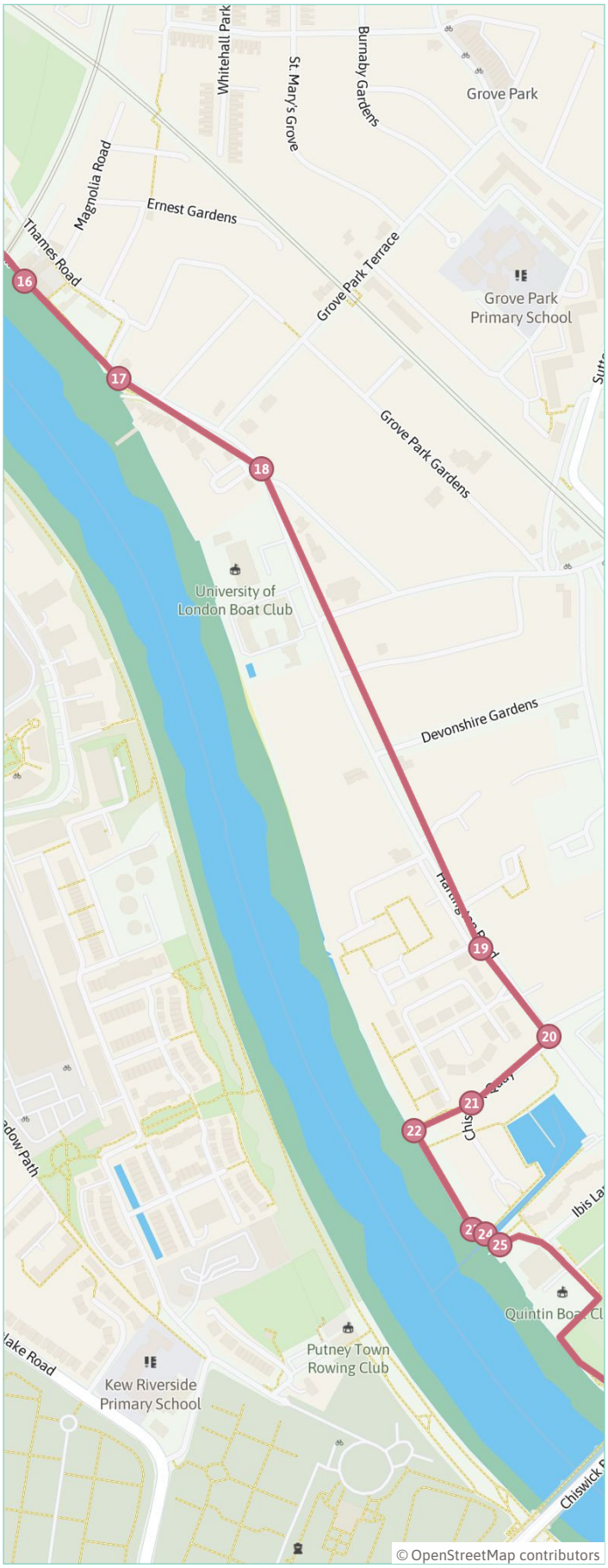
Step 20: Look out for the footpath sign and turn right into Chiswick Quay.

Step 21: Just before the road bends to the left, follow the passage between the houses and the wall on your right to reach the riverside promenade.

Step 22: Walk for a brief bit along the river.

Step 23: Head up the stairs to the crossing over the dock gates.

Step 24: Cross over the dock gates with care when safe to do so.



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Step 25: Follow the path left.

Step 26: And then head right here through the gap in the hedge.

Step 27: Cross Ibis Lane to continue straight towards the boat club.

Step 28: Follow the path on the left. It should be open between 8-9:30 daily. If not, you can head back to Harrington Road & rejoin after the A316.

Step 29: Continue on the path as it winds through the sports pitches.

Step 30: You'll soon be back near the river with views of Chiswick Bridge.

Step 31: The path is gravel here and narrower between the hedge and trees.

Step 32: The path leads you to the bridge, take the tunnel in front to go under.

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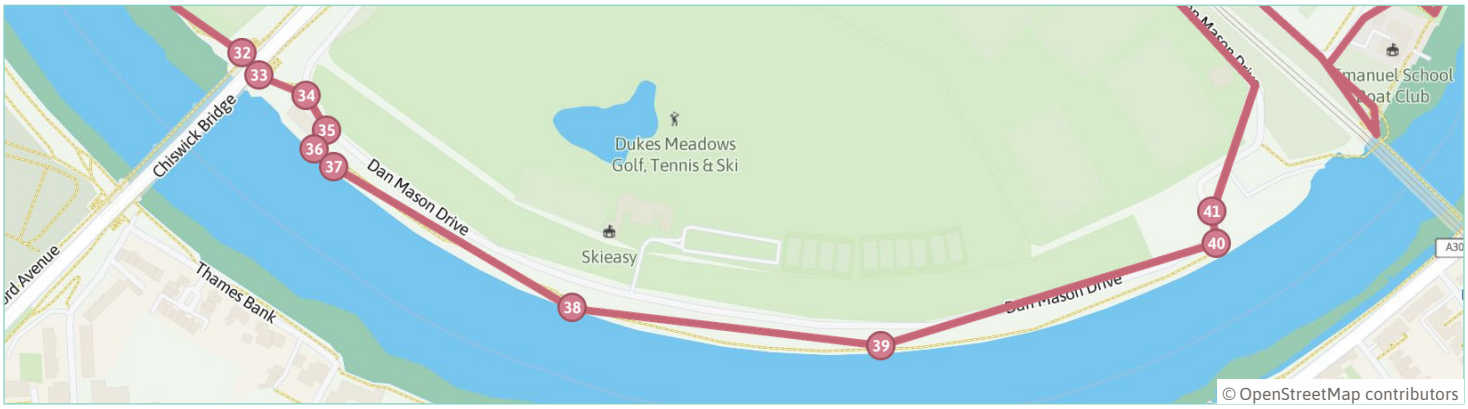
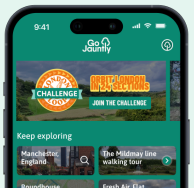


Step 33: Walk past the racks of boats stored here and follow the path as it bends slightly left to an access road.

Step 34: Turn right when you reach the access road past this boathouse.

Step 35: After the boat house, take the footpath on the right to access the tree-line route along the river.

Step 36: Lush! Lots of horse chestnuts here providing shade and habitats.



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Step 37: Across the river you'll be able to see the dominating Stag Brewery building.

Step 38: The path is narrow here and youll walk past another boating area.

Step 39: On a hot summers day, these trees were most welcome companions. Watch out for low hanging branches.

Step 40: The path bears left and joins a lane. Turn right as you hit the tarmac.

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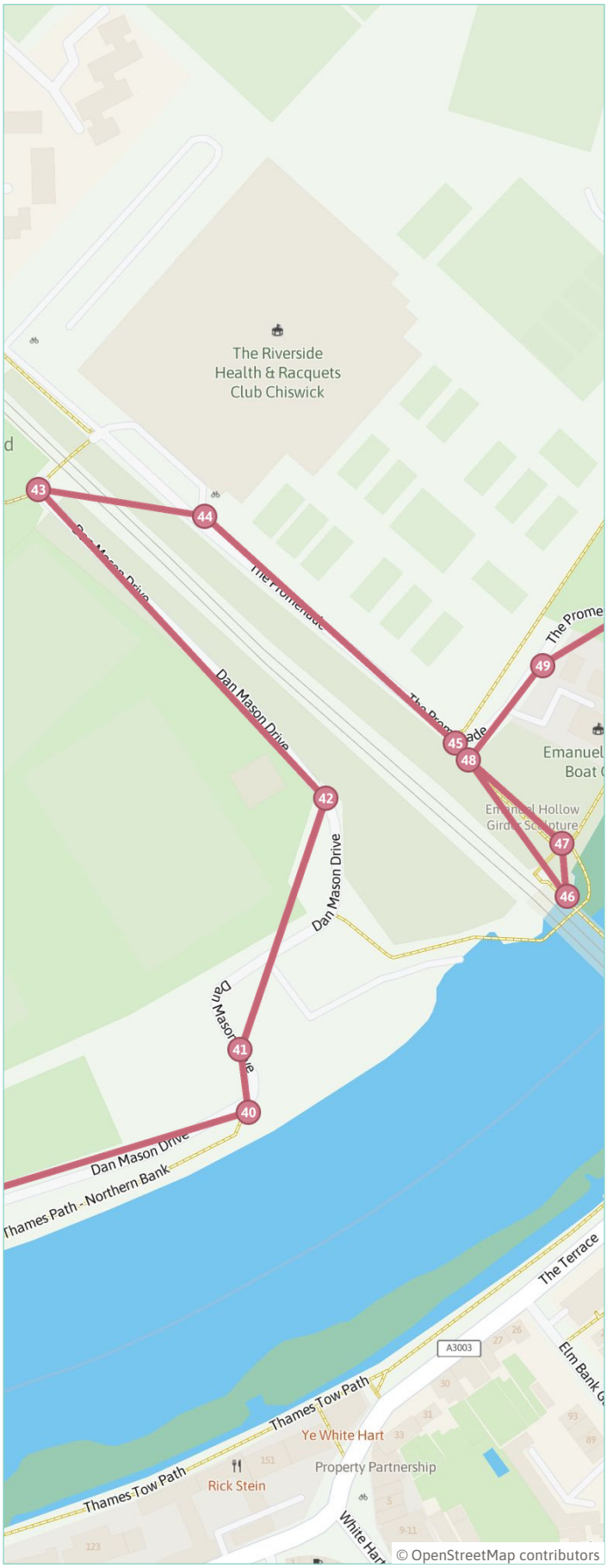

Step 41: There isn't a distinct footpath here so take care and look/listen out for vehicles.

Step 42: Continue on the lane between the trees and tennis courts.

Step 43: As you approach the allotments, the path will head under the railway. Turn right when you reach the other side.

Step 44: Walking parallel to the railway with this sports centre on your left.

Step 45: As the track bends to the left you can follow it or head slightly right on the footpath towards Barnes Bridge.

Step 46: If you fancy a small diversion, head up onto the bridge, look left (which is east) and see if you can spot The Shard.

Step 47: Ordinarily you should be able to turn left as you reach the Thames, just before the bridge. However there was construction work when we were route plotting.

Step 48: If you need to divert, return to this curve in the lane and continue to the left.

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Step 49: Walk past the boat club.

Step 50: After it bends to the right, turn right on the path past the boats towards the water.

Step 51: Head left to follow the riverside path.

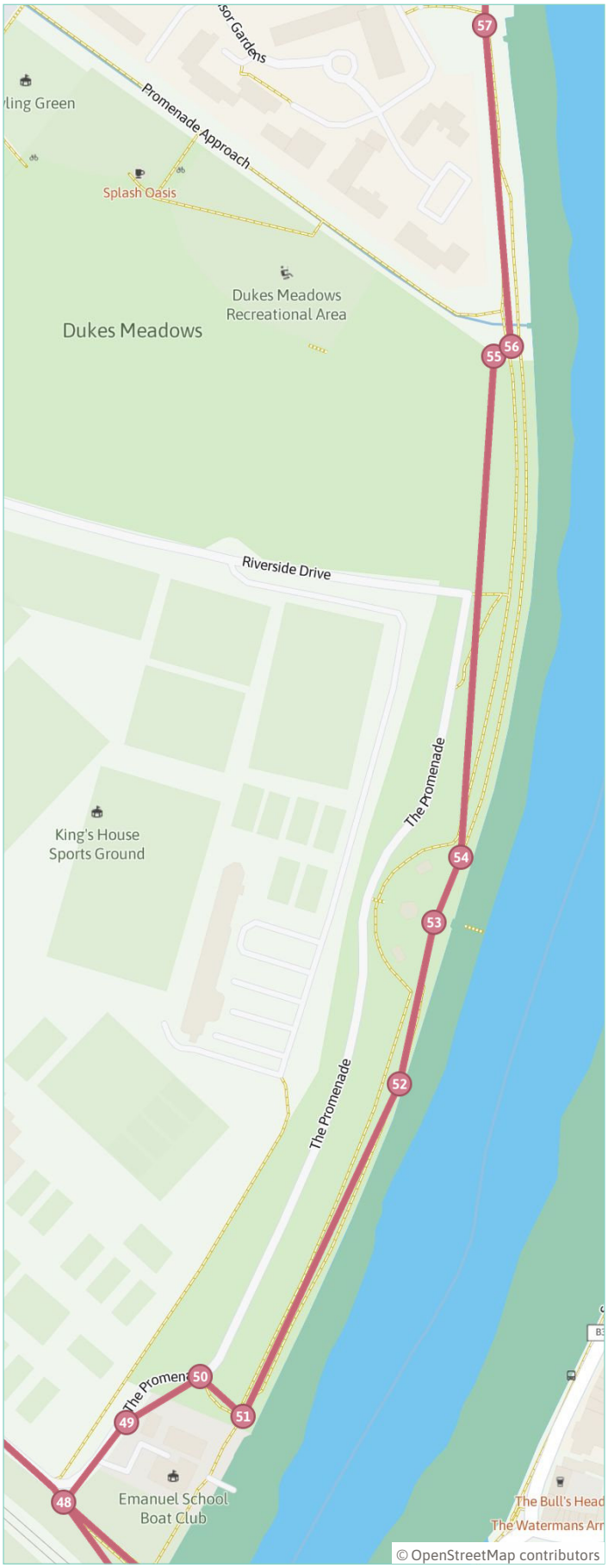
Step 52: What's the tide like during your walk? Beaches were exposed here as we looked over to Barnes.

Step 53: Head past the bandstand of Duke's Meadows.

Step 54: This is a nice spot to pause for a drink and to take in the view.

Step 55: Back on the path, can you spot this gull sculpture to the left? It was created from recycled materials via a community art project.

Step 56: If you fancy some refreshment there is a cafe along Promenade Approach Road on the left. There's also a play park and splash pool .



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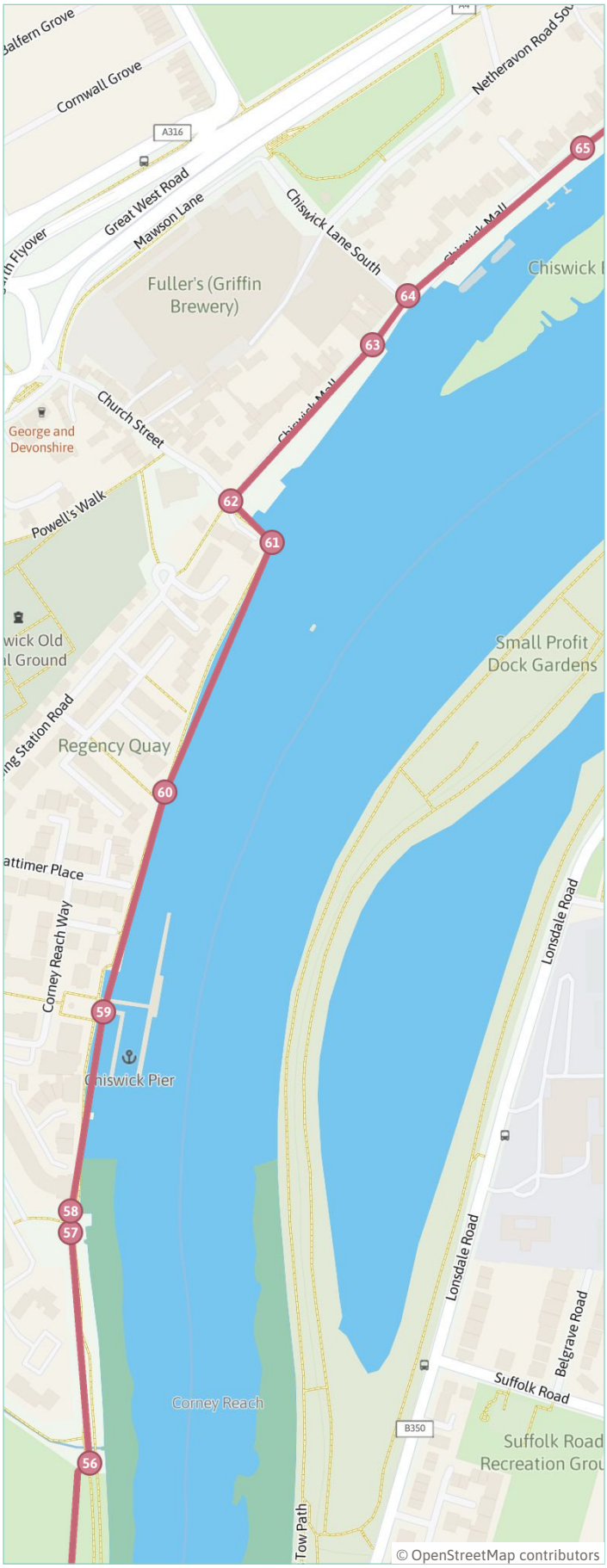
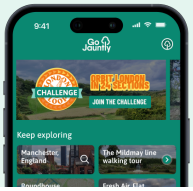


Step 57: Continue by the river walking away from the park and you'll find this lovely sculpture map of the area.

Step 58: You're now entering the walkway of Corney Reach estate, named after a walled medieval estate that was just down river from Chiswick Pier.

Step 59: Across the water you can see Leg O'Mutton Reservoir and nature reserve.

Step 60: Continue on. The path is paved here.



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Step 61: Follow the path as it heads left away from the water.

Step 62: A few steps later, turn right onto Chiswick Mall.

Step 63: Gracious houses and their private riverside gardens can be found along this stretch.

Step 64: If you fancy a brewery diversion then head left here onto Chiswick Lane South.

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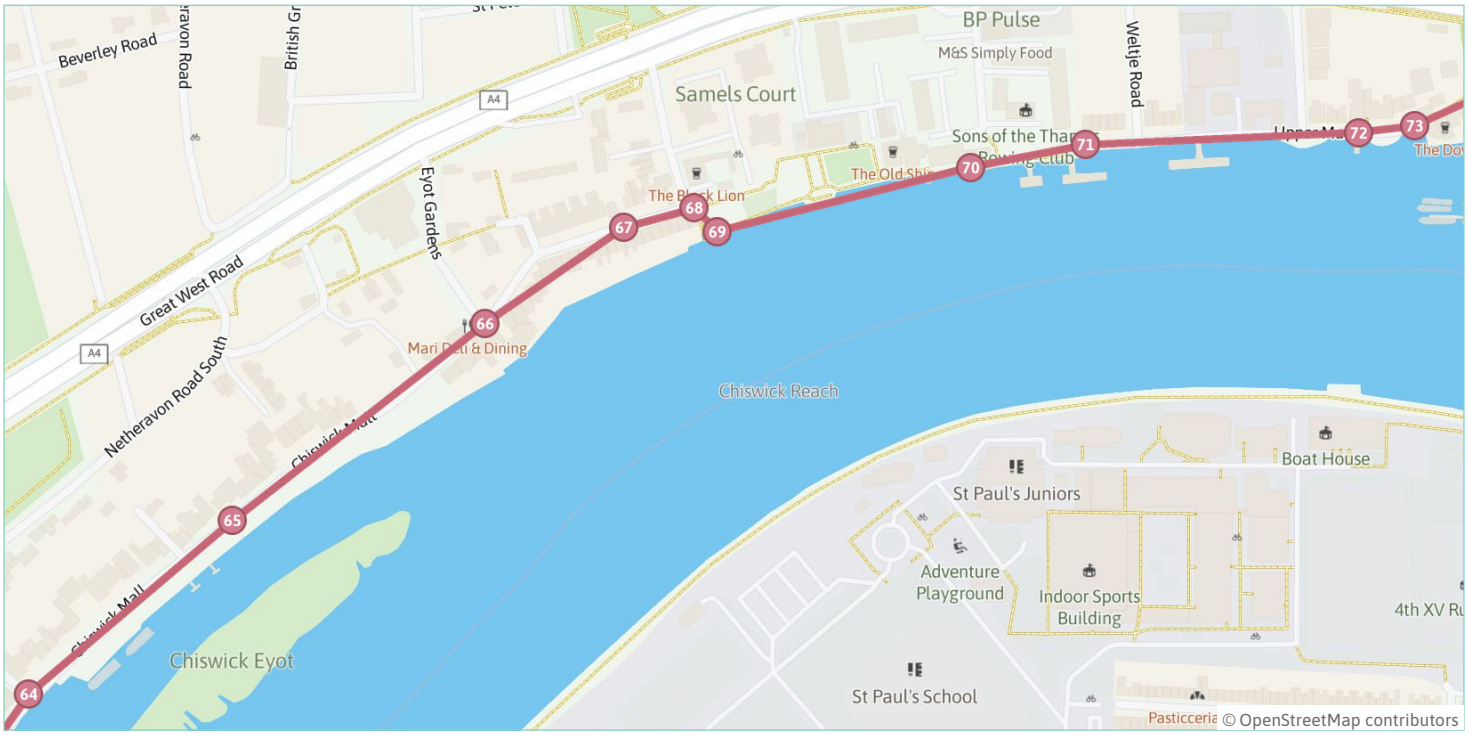

Step 65: The small island of Chiswick Eyot is on your right but look for nature close to your walking route too!

Step 66: Follow the road as it bears slightly left away from the river and becomes Western Terrace.

Step 67: There are a few blue plaques here. Which ones could you find?

Step 68: As you approach the Black Lion pub, take the path on the right to head back riverside.

Step 69: The path is paved here. We loved the willow tree . Did you know you can identify many of London's trees by using the map? Tap bottom left.

Step 70: Head past the playground and The Old Ship pub.

Step 71: The road is shared here so take care and watch out for vehicles.

Step 72: Past the schools you'll find this interesting building next to the William Morris society.

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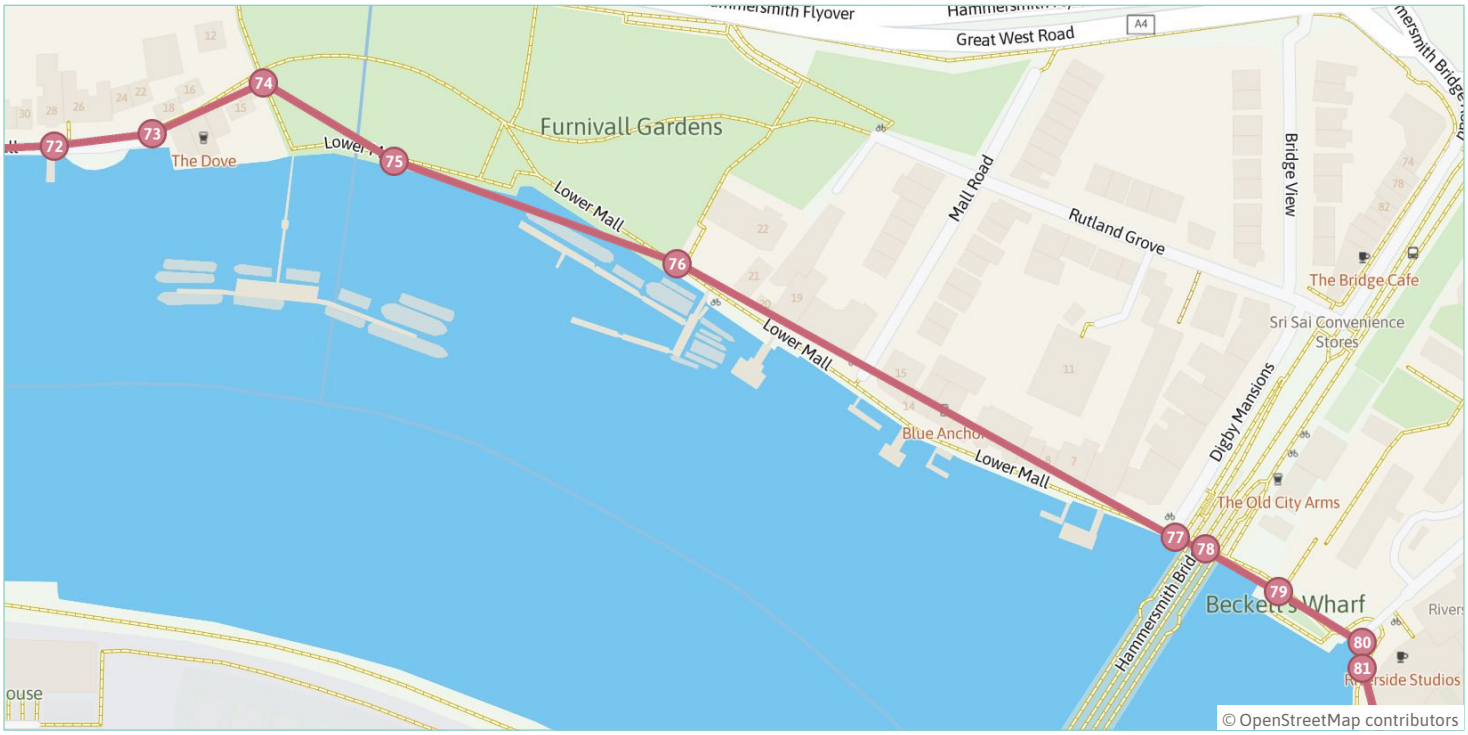

Step 73: Follow the path between the houses and pub here.

Step 74: Turn right when you meet the park to head back towards the river.

Step 75: Furnivall Gardens on your left has a play park, trees for shade and there are benches here too.

Step 76: Keep heading towards Hammersmith Bridge on the paved path.

Step 77: Built in 1887, Hammersmith Bridge is one of the world's oldest suspension bridges. It's been under repair for a while but open to walking.

Step 78: Head under the bridge.

Step 79: Emerge on the other side and get another angle of the amazing Victorian engineering.

Step 80: Follow the path as it heads slightly away from the river around the little dock and rejoin on the other side.

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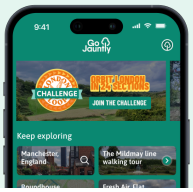
Step 81: This way! Back to the river by the restaurant.

Step 82: When the tide is out you can see large stretches of the Thames's sediment deposits here.

Step 83: This is a shared path.

Step 84: Head past the statue of Capability Brown.



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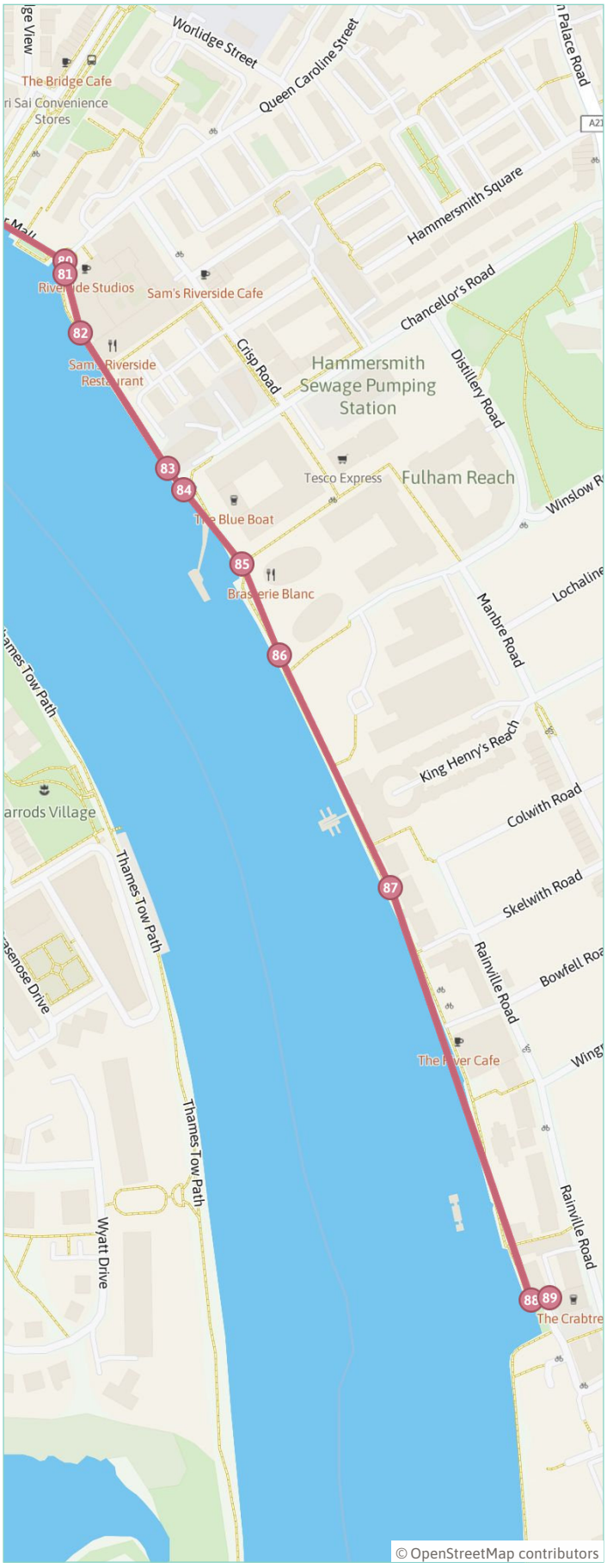
Step 85: Can you spot any other sculptures en route?

Step 86: Across the river here you can see the historic Harrods Furniture Depository, now converted to residential dwellings.

Step 87: Enjoy the wide views of the Thames here as you stroll along.

Step 88: Soon after the jetty in the river, the paths bends to the left.



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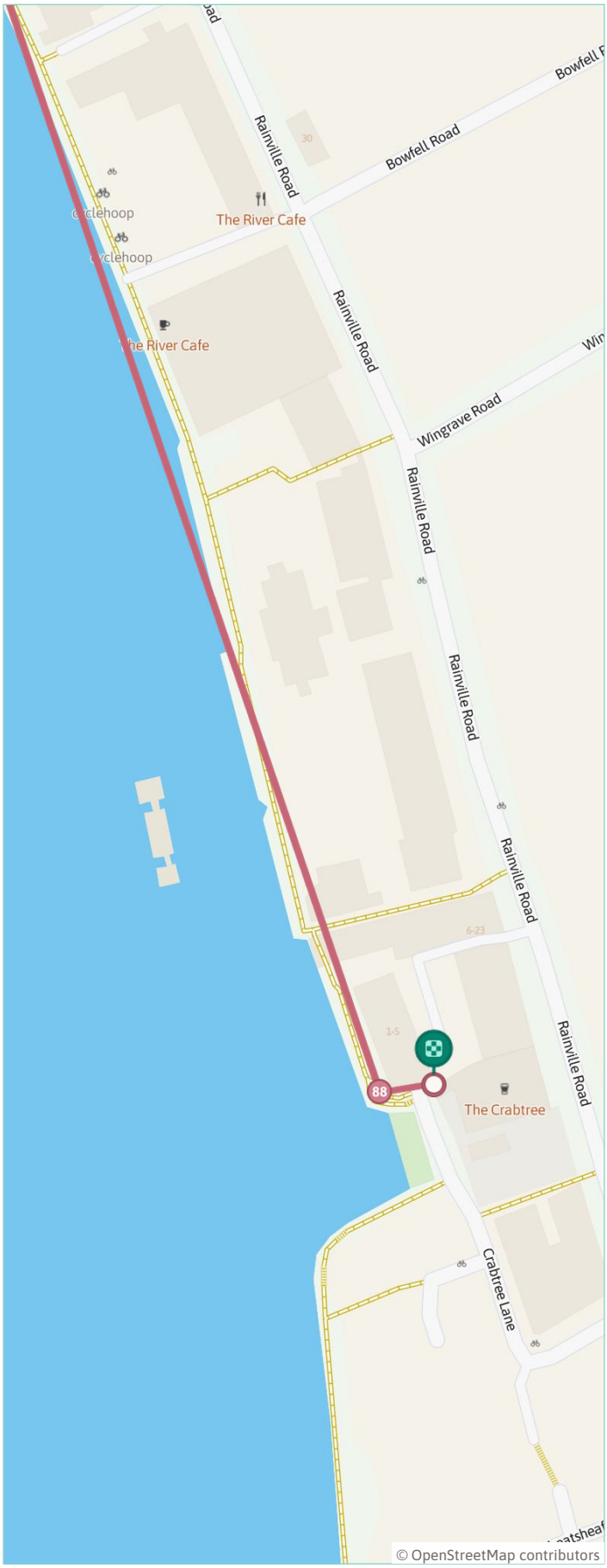

Step 89: You will see The Crabtree pub as you head left which is the end of Segment 1c. Well done! Enjoy some refreshments.

Step 90: You've now completed this section of the Thames Path. How about moving on to the next section 1d towards Albert Bridge?

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