Leam Lane Circular Walk

A lovely circular walk around Wardley and Leam Lane. Follow flat paths around the Bowes Railway Path and visit Oliver Henderson Park.

Distance 7.7 kilometres / 4.8 miles
Duration 2 hours and 30 minutes

Great views | Public loos | Public transport | Picnic spot | Dog friendly

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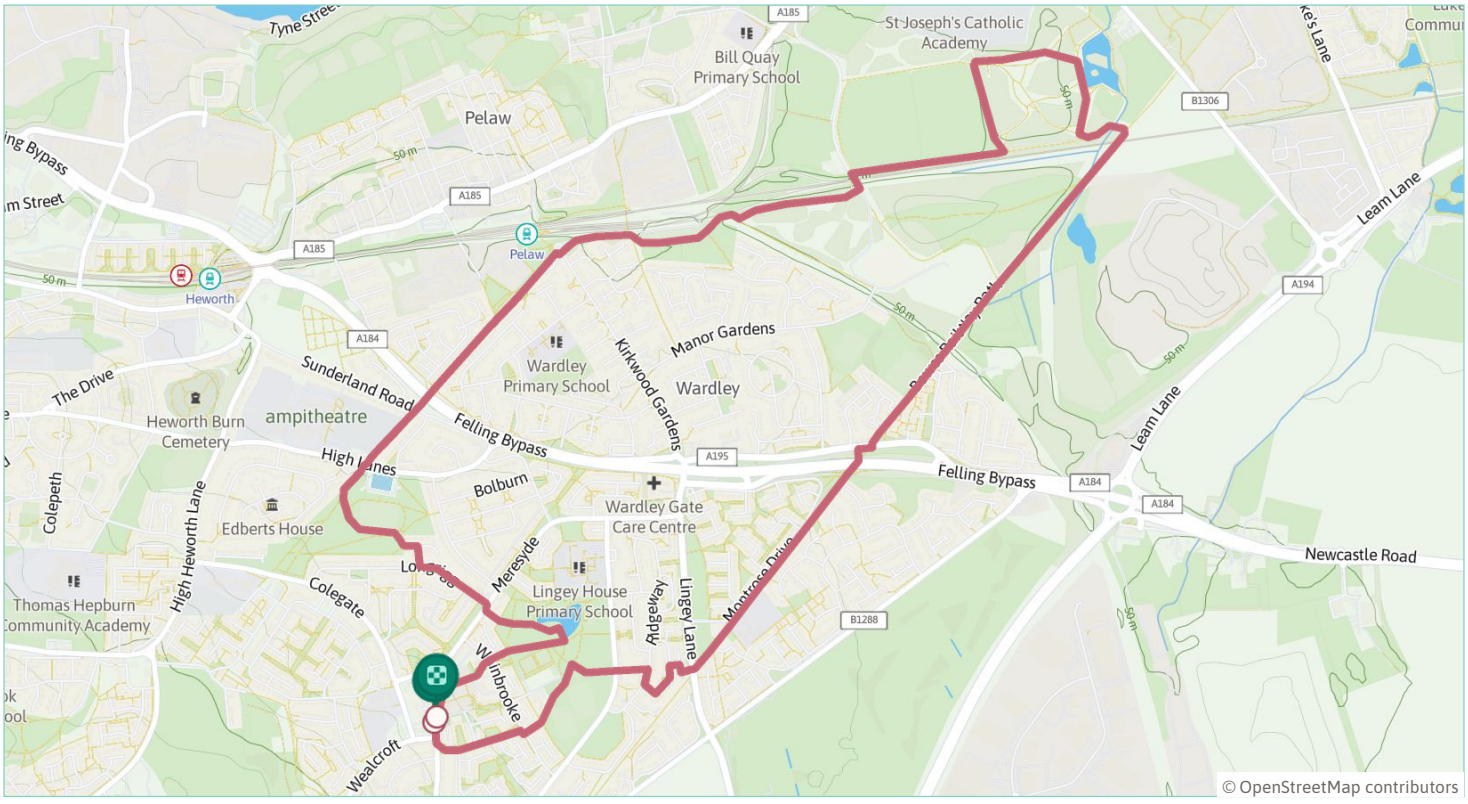

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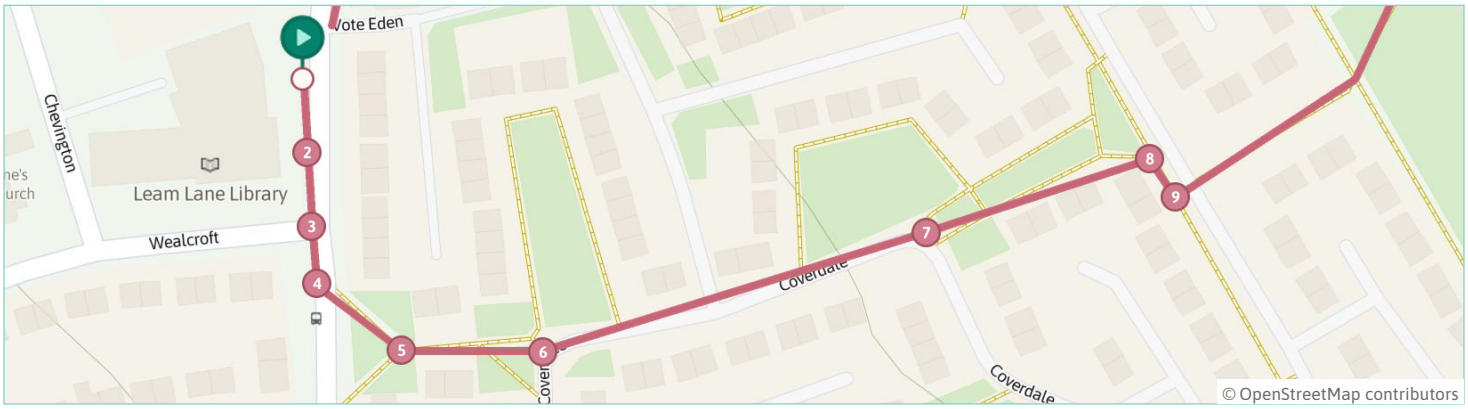

Step 1: This walk starts at the Leam Lane Library and community centre on Cotemede (129 Cotemede, Gateshead NE10 8QH).

Step 2: There is a bus stop for the 51, 57, 58, 58A, 67 and 69, just up the road. The Leam Lane Library has a food-bank, toilets and an active travel hub where you can learn more about walking and cycling locally.

Step 3: With your back to the library, turn right. Cross over the side road, Wealcroft, and then pause to cross Cotemede.

Step 4: Wait for a break in the traffic and then cross. Up ahead you'll see a path inbetween the houses.

Step 5: Follow the path through the estate.

Step 6: Continue straight up Coverdale.

Step 7: Continue head towards Whinbrooke. Follow the path as it bears right.

Step 8: Cross Whinbrooke when safe to do so and continue ahead.

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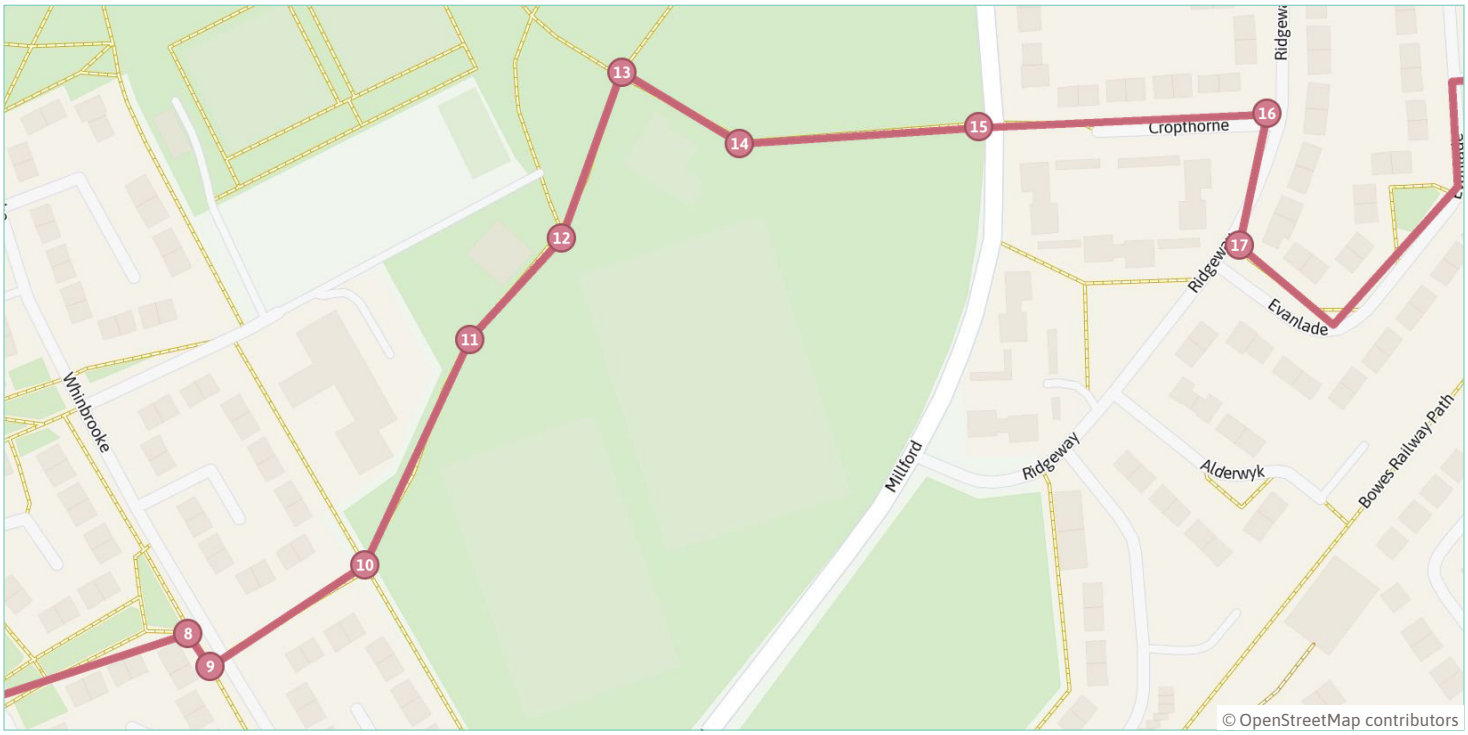
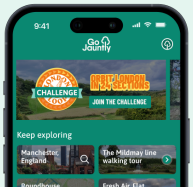


Step 9: Look for a green open space up ahead. Welcome to Oliver Henderson Park!

Step 10: Bear slight left into the park. Continue towards the Blue building. The path here is flat and smooth.

Step 11: Walk past the Blue building and continue straight. Ignore the path to the left.

Step 12: Continue towards the skate park.



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Step 13: Turn right to walk past the skate park and continue straight.

Step 14: What sights and sounds of the season can you spot today?

Step 15: Continue to the end of the path. Cross over Milford and continue ahead to walk past the houses.

Step 16: At the end of Cropthorpe turn right onto Ridgeway. Get ready to take the next left.

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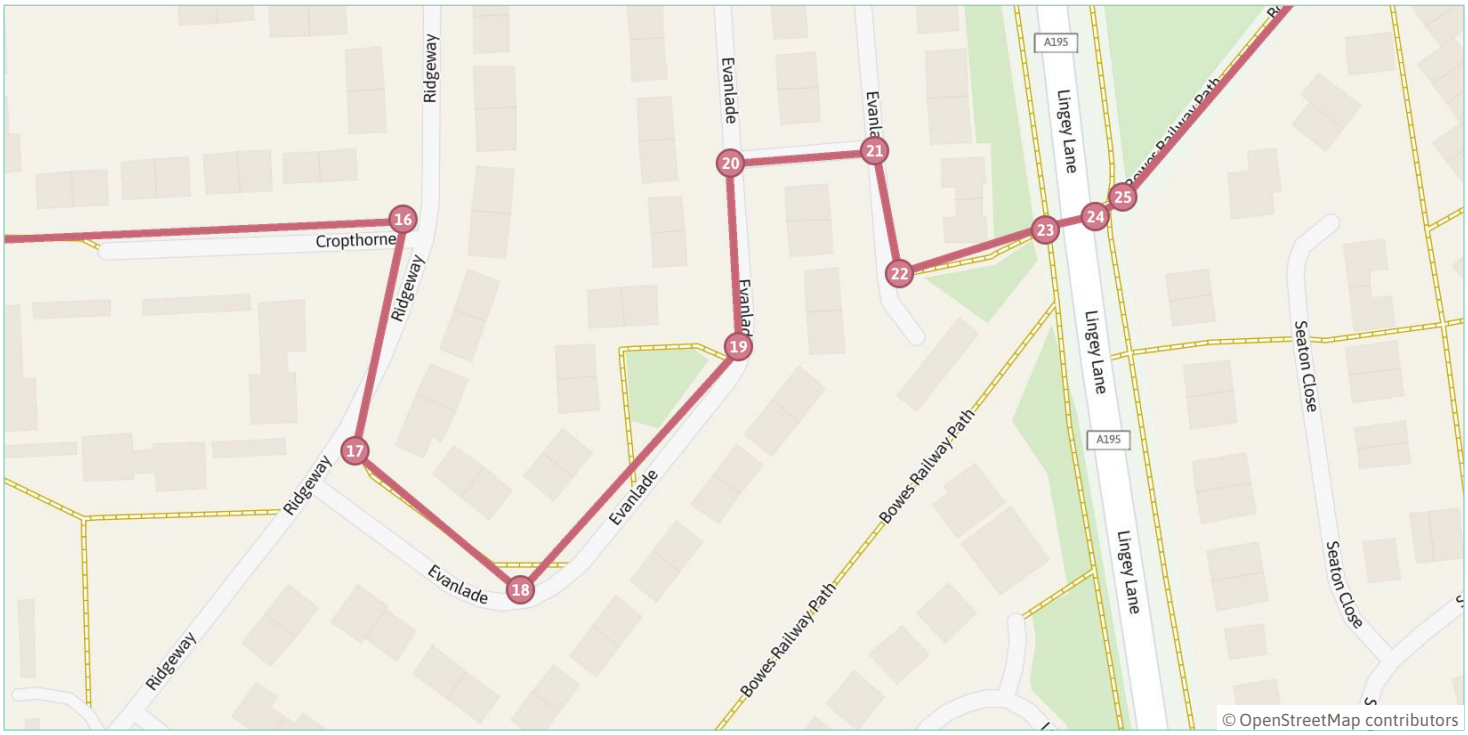

Step 17: Turn left onto Evanlade and follow the path bears left.

Step 18: Notice the big tree on your right. How's it looking today?

Step 19: Continue as the path bears round and get ready to turn right.

Step 20: Continue right and follow the path to the end of the road, and turn right again.

Step 21: Cross the road and turn right and then immediately left.

Step 22: Turn left here and walk towards the upcoming road, Lingley Lane.

Step 23: Cross Lingley Lane at the traffic island and head towards the footpath ahead, past the wooden bollards.

Step 24: To the right you'll find lovely flower beds.

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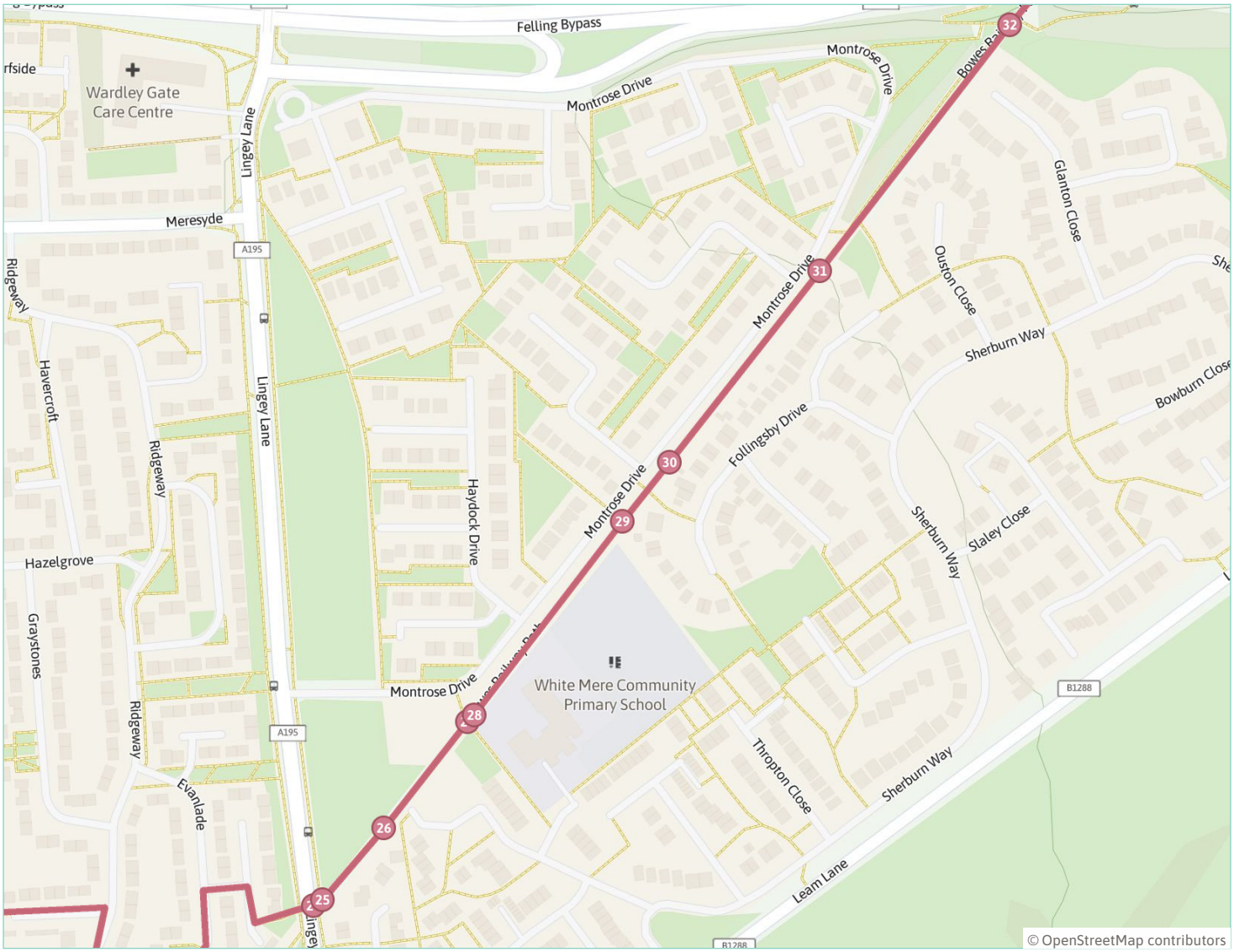

Step 25: Continue past the wooden bollards, wide enough for cycles, double buggies and large wheelchairs.

Step 26: Welcome to Bowes Railway Path. It's a shared use footway so please be mindful of cyclists.

Step 27: Look out for community planting spots including this fantastic Bowes Bug Hotel.

Step 28: This sign made us chuckle! There's free wi-fly and Ant (of Ant and Dec fame).

Step 29: Continue ahead. The Bowes Railway line was once a colliery railway that moved coal wagons across Tyneside's hills and valleys.

Step 30: Wagons were hauled up steep inclines by rope, powered by steam engines at the top. No locomotives needed for this clever system.

Step 31: At night, a burning coal brazier acted as the "headlight" when wagons trundled across this old colliery line.

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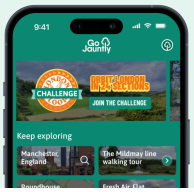
Step 32: Continue ahead and under the bridge. To avoid a narrow gate, keep left through the other side.

Step 33: Follow the footpath to the road.

Step 34: Turn right at the end and make your way towards the crossing island.

Step 35: Cross the road using the traffic island and then continue up the Bowes Railway Path.



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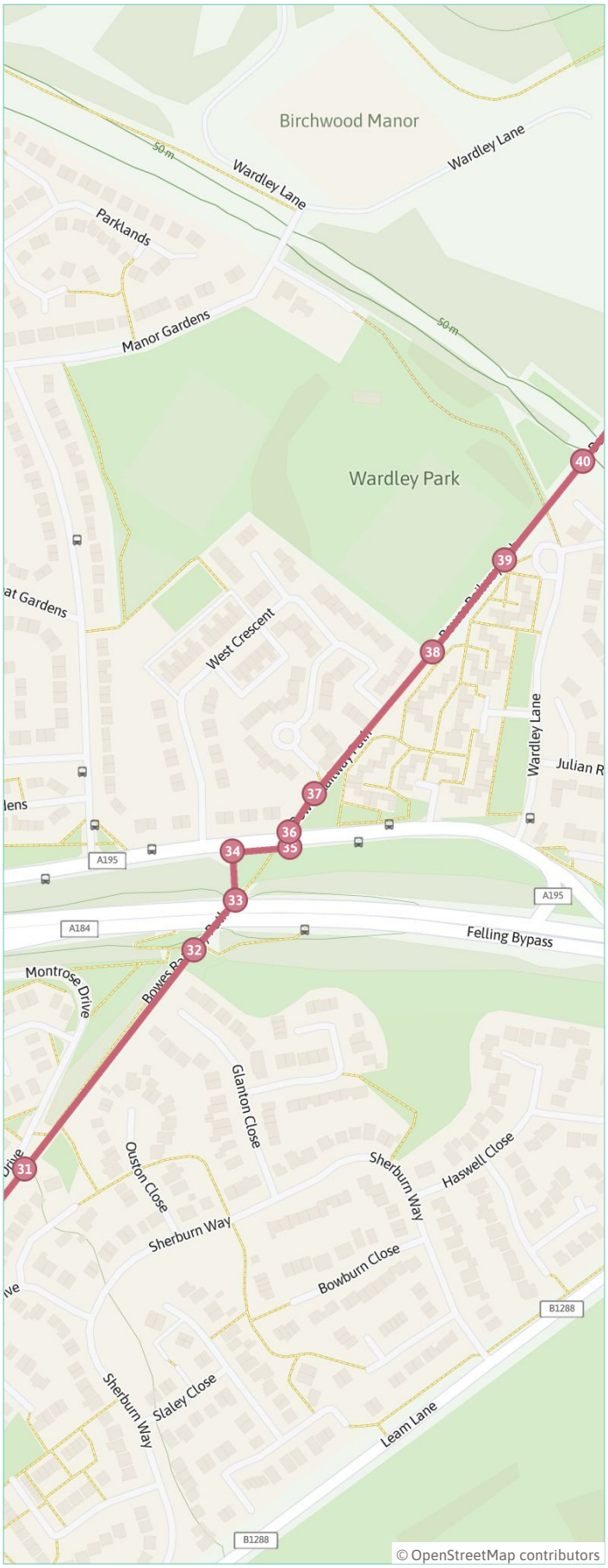
Step 36: The railway line closed in 1974, and as you can see, nature's moved in since. Now it's a lovely green corridor for humans and wildlife.

Step 37: Continue past the green barriers.

Step 38: Enjoy the dappled light from the trees as you continue ahead.

Step 39: What bursts of colour can you see as you go?



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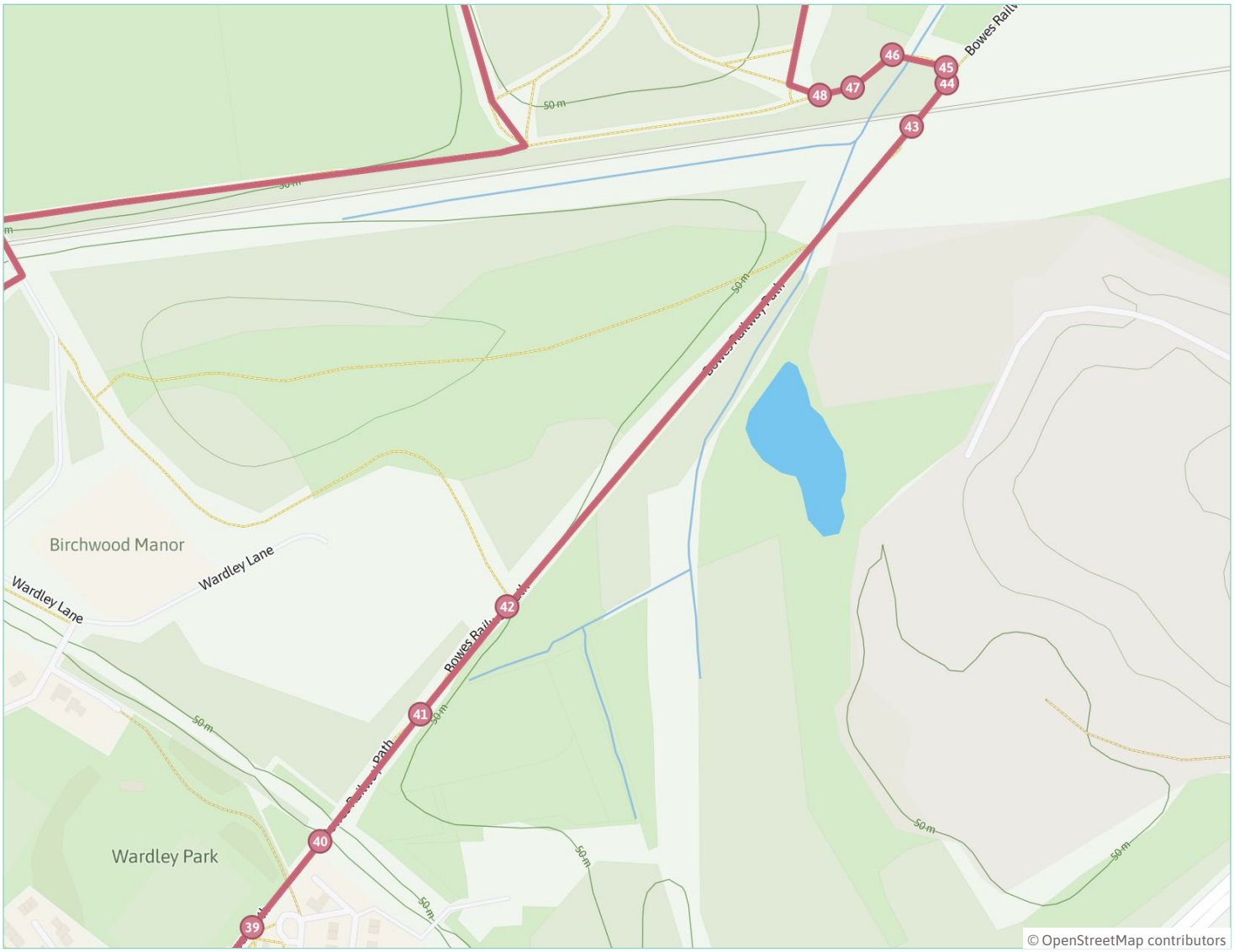

Step 40: Continue over the wooden bridge.

Step 41: Soon the path opens up into a nature reserve.

Step 42: Keep going straight. Enjoy the expansive skies.

Step 43: Continue across the railway bridge. Just after the bridge get ready to turn left.

Step 44: Follow the path left here.

Step 45: Cross the bridge over the burn.

Step 46: Follow the path as it bears left.

Step 47: Keep going, the path will bear right soon.

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Step 48: Follow the path right.

Step 49: Continue straight. There's a gorgeous lake up ahead.

Step 50: This is a great picnic spot. Can you spot any water birds today? Or perhaps something else catches your eye?

Step 51: On your left is bench. Follow the path inbetween the benches.

Step 52: Continue straight ahead, ignoring the path on the left.

Step 53: Keep going. Enjoy the breeze on your face or the birds twittering away in the background. Look for an upcoming sharp left turn.

Step 54: Turn left to continue with us. The path is gravel here.

Step 55: Continue ahead. Can you see any birds of prey circling the skies above?

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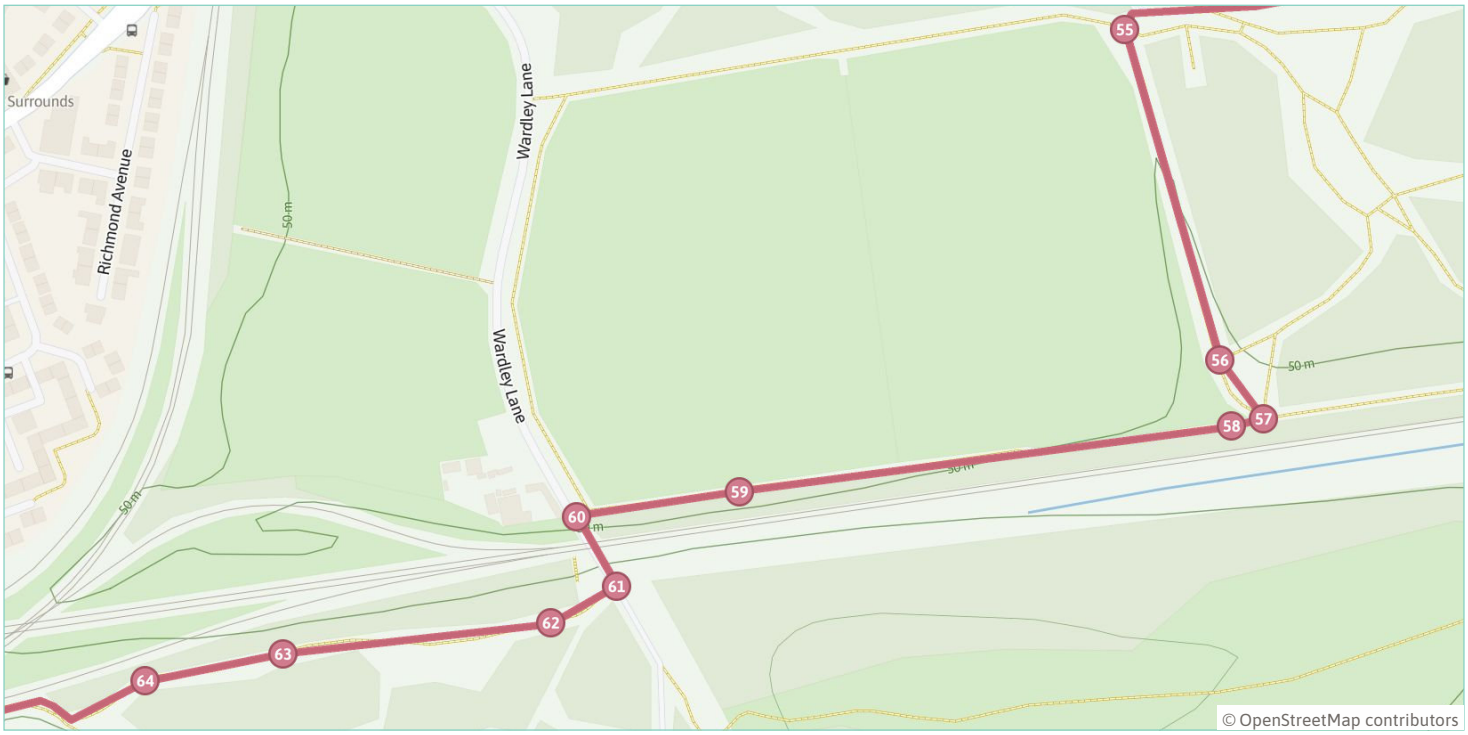


Step 56: Continue slightly downhill, walk past the metal gate and look sharp right for a metal kissing gate.

Step 57: Continue right through the kissing gate.

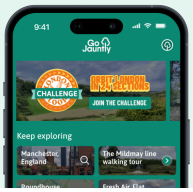
Step 58: Continue ahead. In late spring you'll find an abundance of hawthorn and firethorn blossom amongst the hedges.

Step 59: At the next metal gate, exit and turn left. Dogs on a lead here as we are heading onto the road.

Step 60: Continue left and after the bridge, look right for another footpath.

Step 61: Crossover the road and continue right, walking past the barrier.

Step 62: Continue ahead.



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Step 63: Walk all the way to the end.

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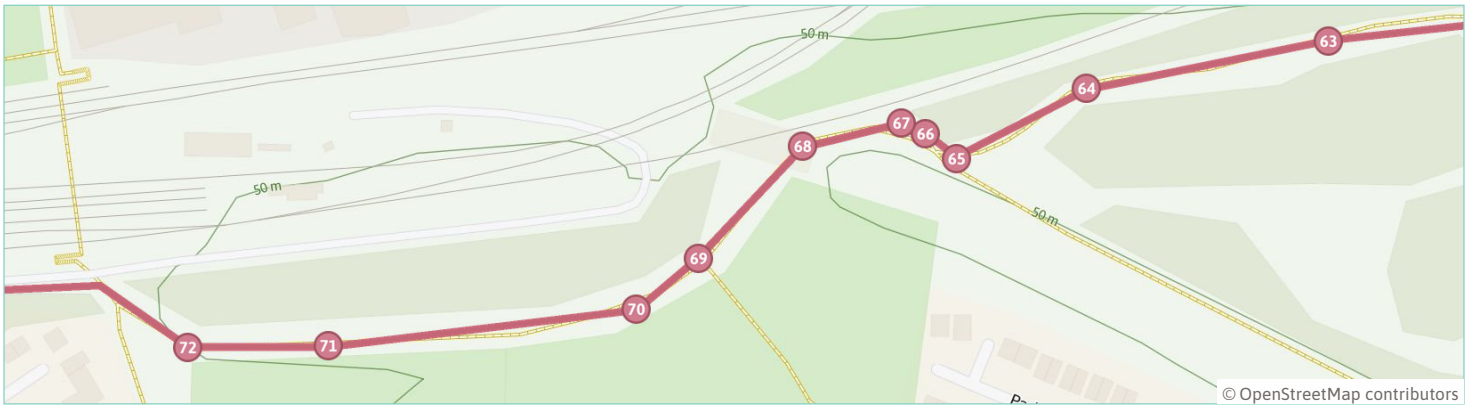

Step 64: Simply follow the winding path.

Step 65: Stop and take notice of nature around you. In late spring you might see butterflies like we did.

Step 66: At the end of the path, go through the barrier.

Step 67: Continue ahead. The railway line is on your right.

Step 68: Follow the path as it bears slight left to continue straight.

Step 69: Keep going.

Step 70: You'll pass a small pond on your right hand side. Can you see any wildlife today?

Step 71: There's a small green on your right hand side. It's another great place for a picnic or a pause.

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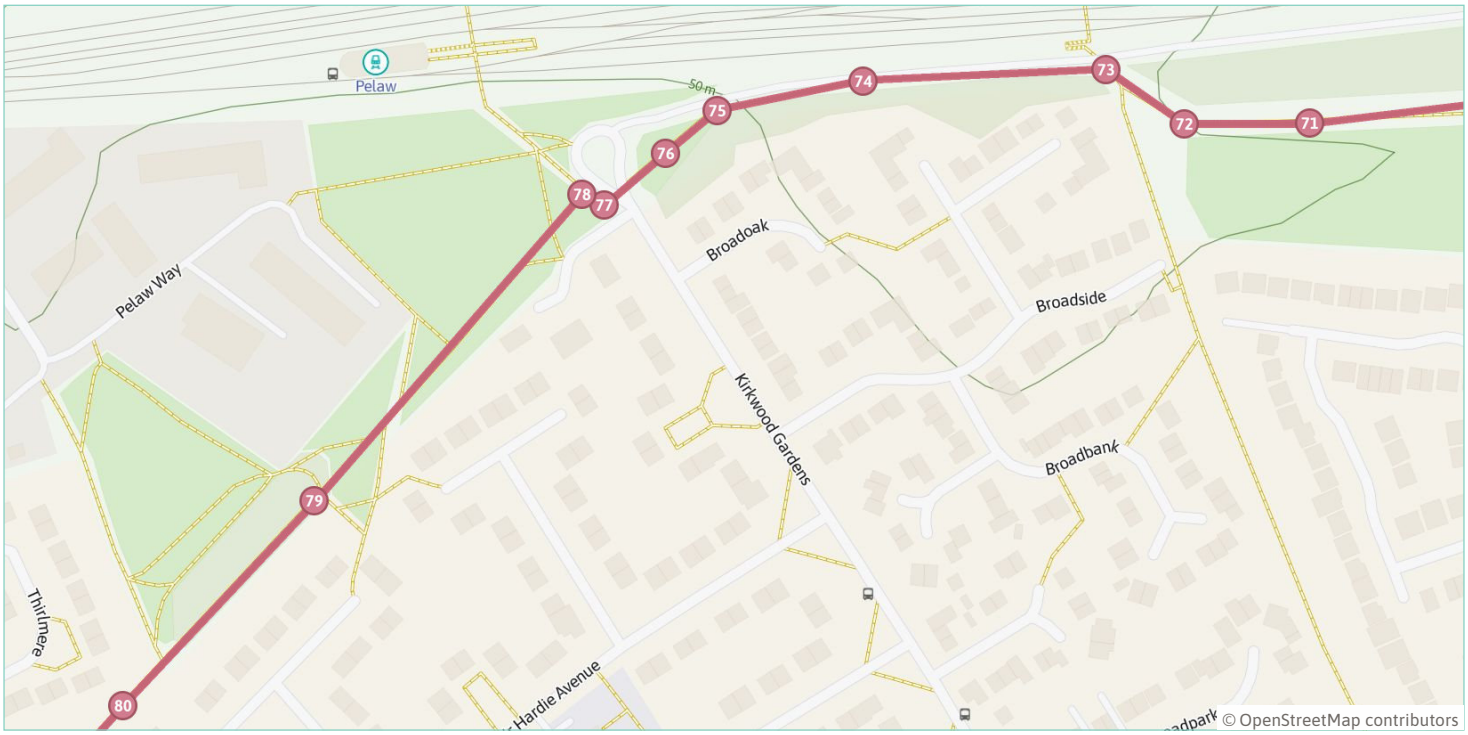

Step 72: When you're ready, continue to the end and walk towards the metal gate. Dogs on a lead as there's a road ahead.

Step 73: Exit past the barrier with a bridge in front of you, turn right here.

Step 74: Keep left and walk up the road.

Step 75: Towards the left is a barrier which you need to walk through.

Step 76: Continue to the end of the path and cross Kirkwood Gardens. Turn right on the other side and then go immediately left.

Step 77: Continue left, mind the bollard as you go.

Step 78: Continue slightly uphill through the green.

Step 79: You're now on The Angel Cycleway! Keep walking or wheeling.

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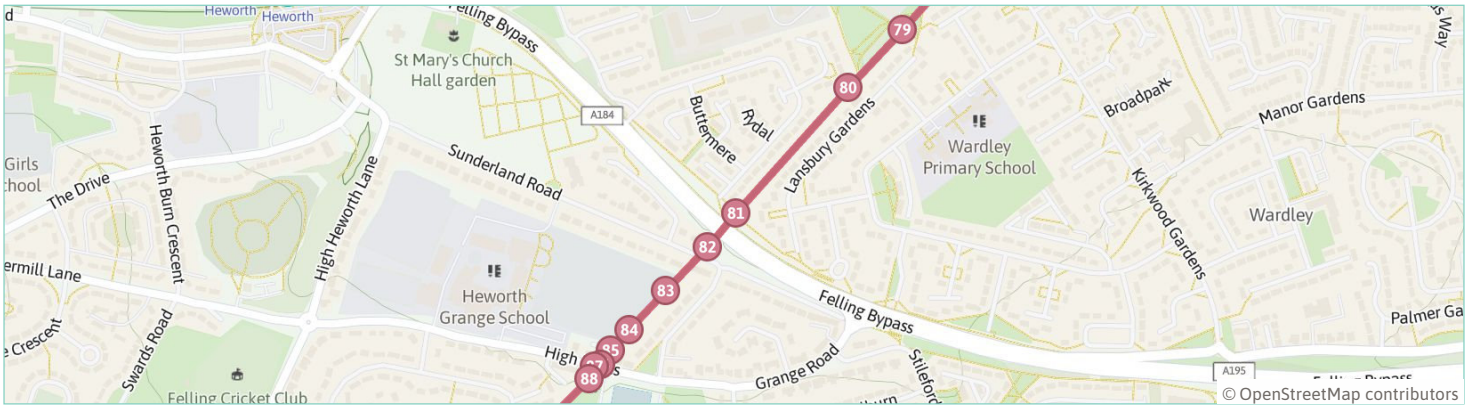
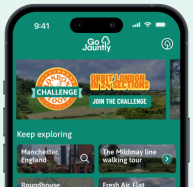


Step 80: In spring the borders of the path are full of cow parsley. Continue ahead.

Step 81: Go under the road bridge, mind the bollards as you go.

Step 82: There are more bollards on the other side. Cross Sunderland Road and continue along the footpath ahead.

Step 83: Keep going, you'll pass a school playing field on your right.



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Step 84: In late spring or summer you might spot fragrant elderflower blossom in the hedges.

Step 85: Cross the road and continue ahead.

Step 86: Turn left to use the drop kerb to cross High Lanes.

Step 87: Mind the bollards on the other side and then continue ahead to walk past the leisure centre on your left.

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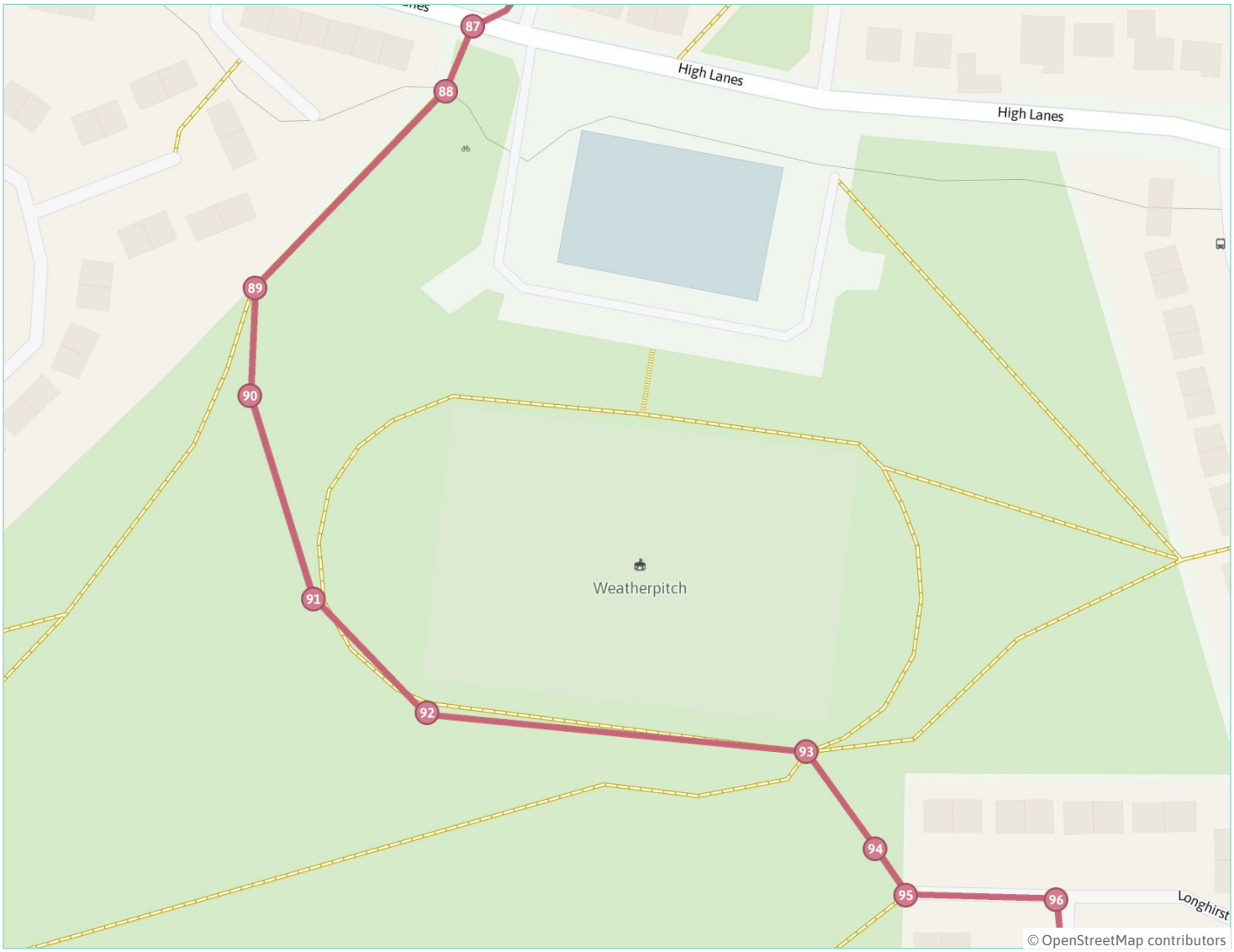

Step 88: Follow the tarmac path ahead.

Step 89: Now look for a well-trodden grass path on your left. Take it to walk diagonally over the green.

Step 90: Continue slight left across the grass path.

Step 91: In late spring you might see clover popping up amongst the grass. Bees and other pollinators love them!

Step 92: Now bear left at the corner of the sports field. Continue ahead.

Step 93: At the end of the sports field, now follow another grass path diagonally to the right.

Step 94: Continue through the gap in the fence. Dogs on a lead here as we're heading onto a road.

Step 95: Continue ahead to cross the road then get ready to turn right up Longhirst.

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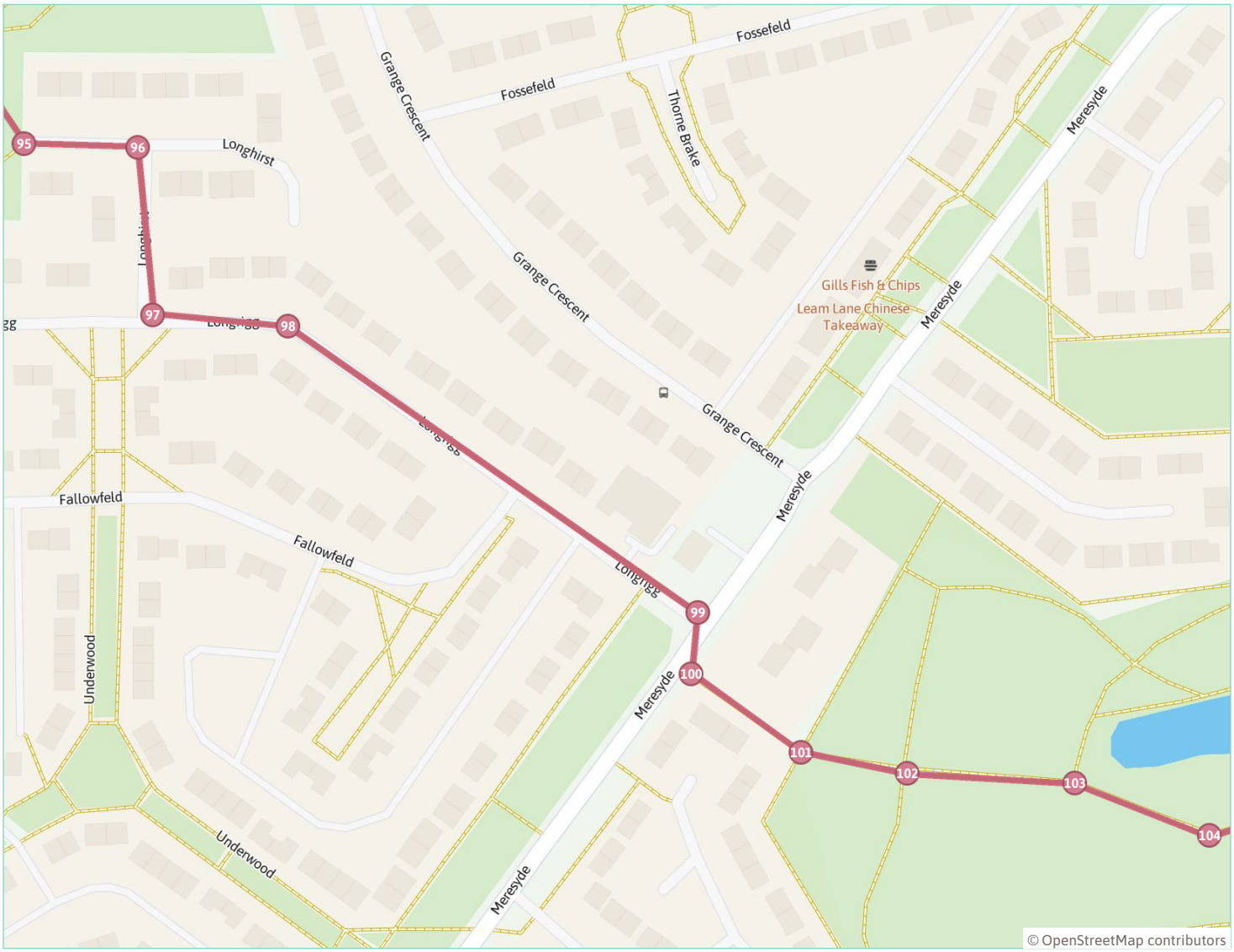

Step 96: Turn right to walk down Longhirst.

Step 97: At the end of the road cross Longhirst to turn left down Longrigg.

Step 98: Continue walking along Longrigg.

Step 99: At the end of Longrigg, cross the road to head into the green up ahead.

Step 100: Follow the treelined path back into Oliver Henderson Park from earlier.

Step 101: Follow the tarmac paths into the park.

Step 102: Continue straight, slightly uphill. There is a lake up ahead.

Step 103: This is another great picnic spot and a lovely place to while away the rest of your afternoon.

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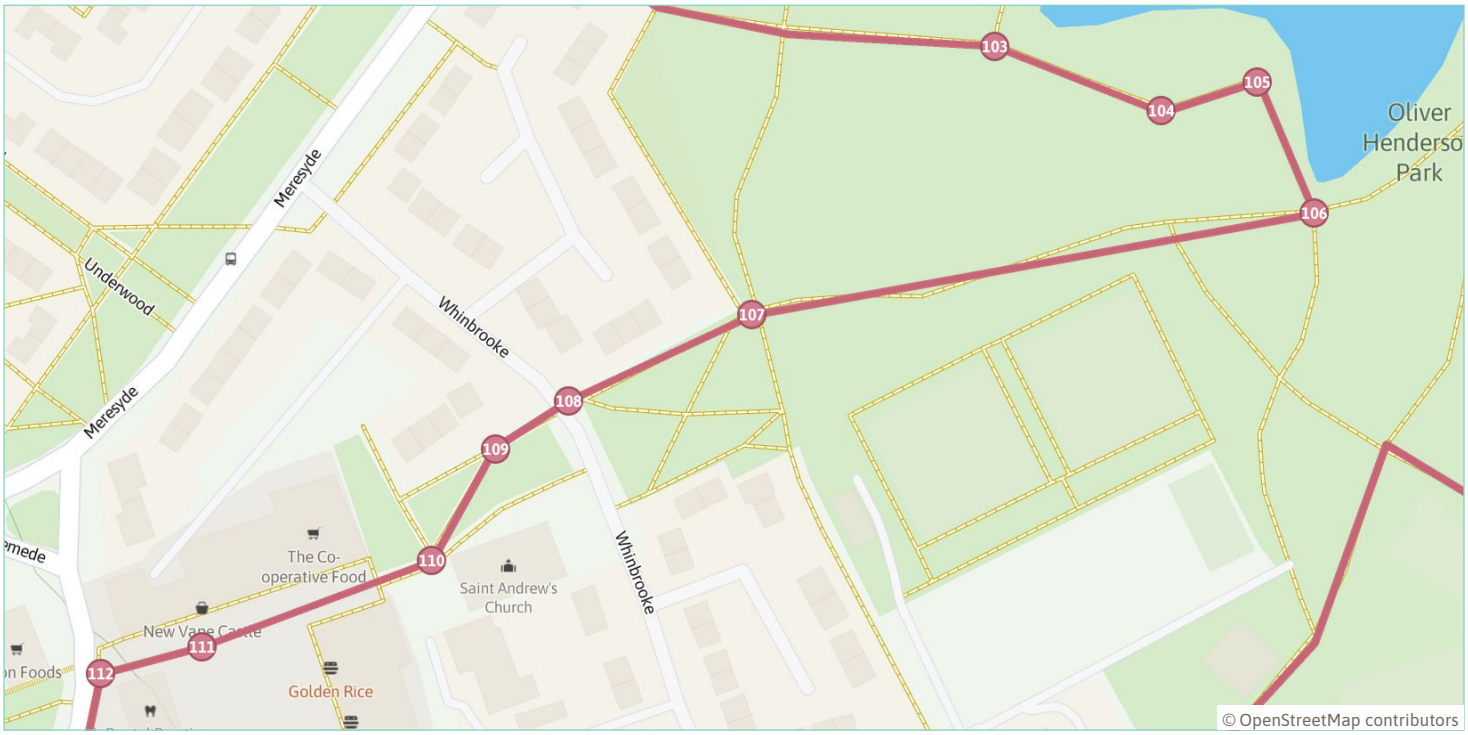
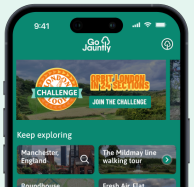


Step 104: Follow the park around the lake.

Step 105: Can you spot anymore water birds today? Perhaps some ducks, coots or moorhens?

Step 106: At the tip of the pond, turn right.

Step 107: Continue to the end of the path as we make our way back towards the Leam Lane community centre.



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Step 108: Crossover Winbrooke and bear left as the path forks. Walk towards the buildings ahead.

Step 109: St. Andrews churches is on your left.

Step 110: Walk pass the church and continue towards the town centre.

Step 111: The square has an array of local shops and cafes.

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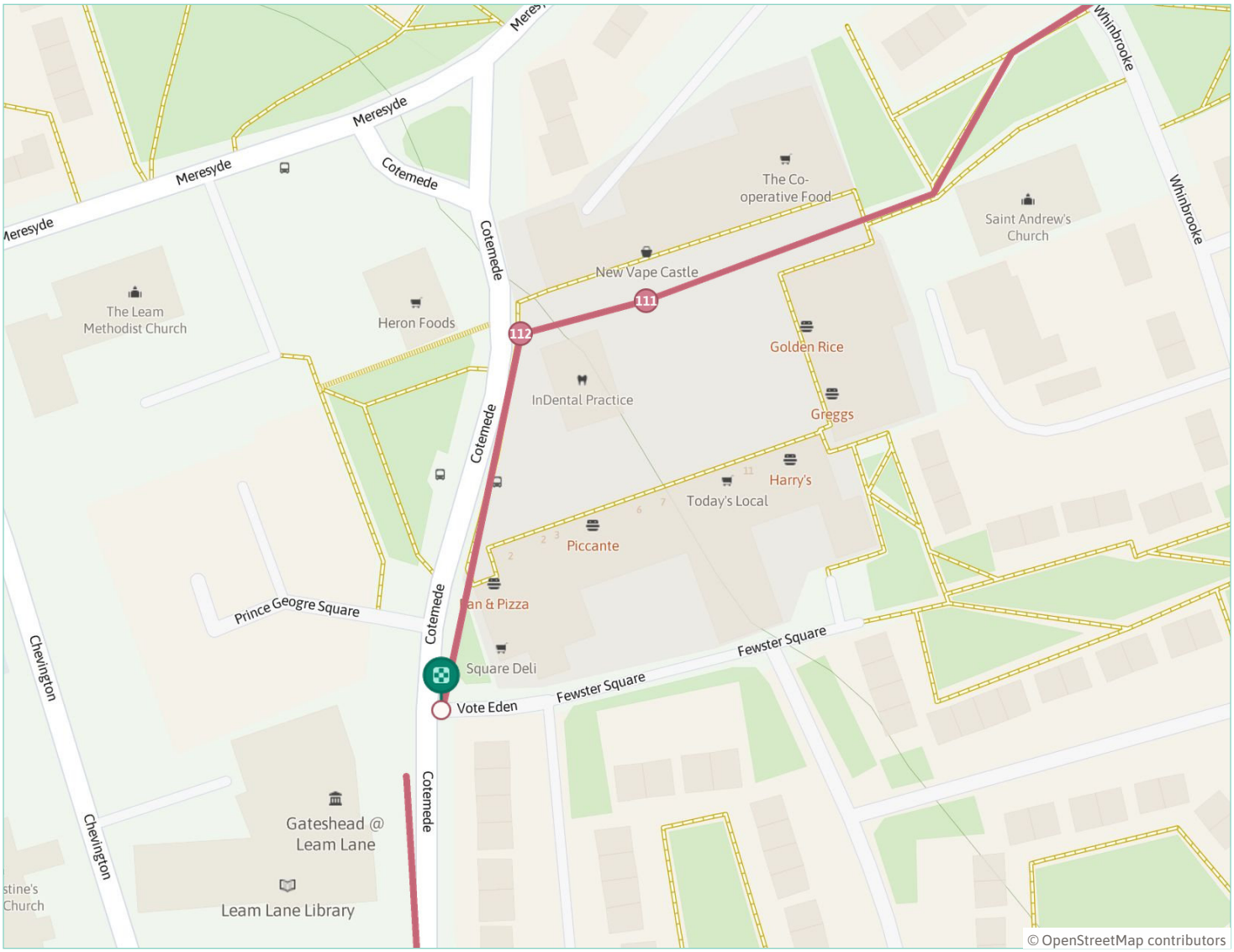

Step 112: Continue to the end of the square and turn right to walk towards the community centre. There's a bus stop here if you need it.

Step 113: At the Leam Lane Library, you can find can find toilets. We hope you enjoyed this walk discover more in the app for next time.

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