



Trans Pennine Trail to Gateacre

A linear walk along the Trans Pennine Trail from Halewood to historic Gateacre. With a Grade II listed pub to finish.

Distance 4 kilometers / 2.5 miles

Duration 1 hour and 35 minutes



Wildlife



Refreshments



Public transport



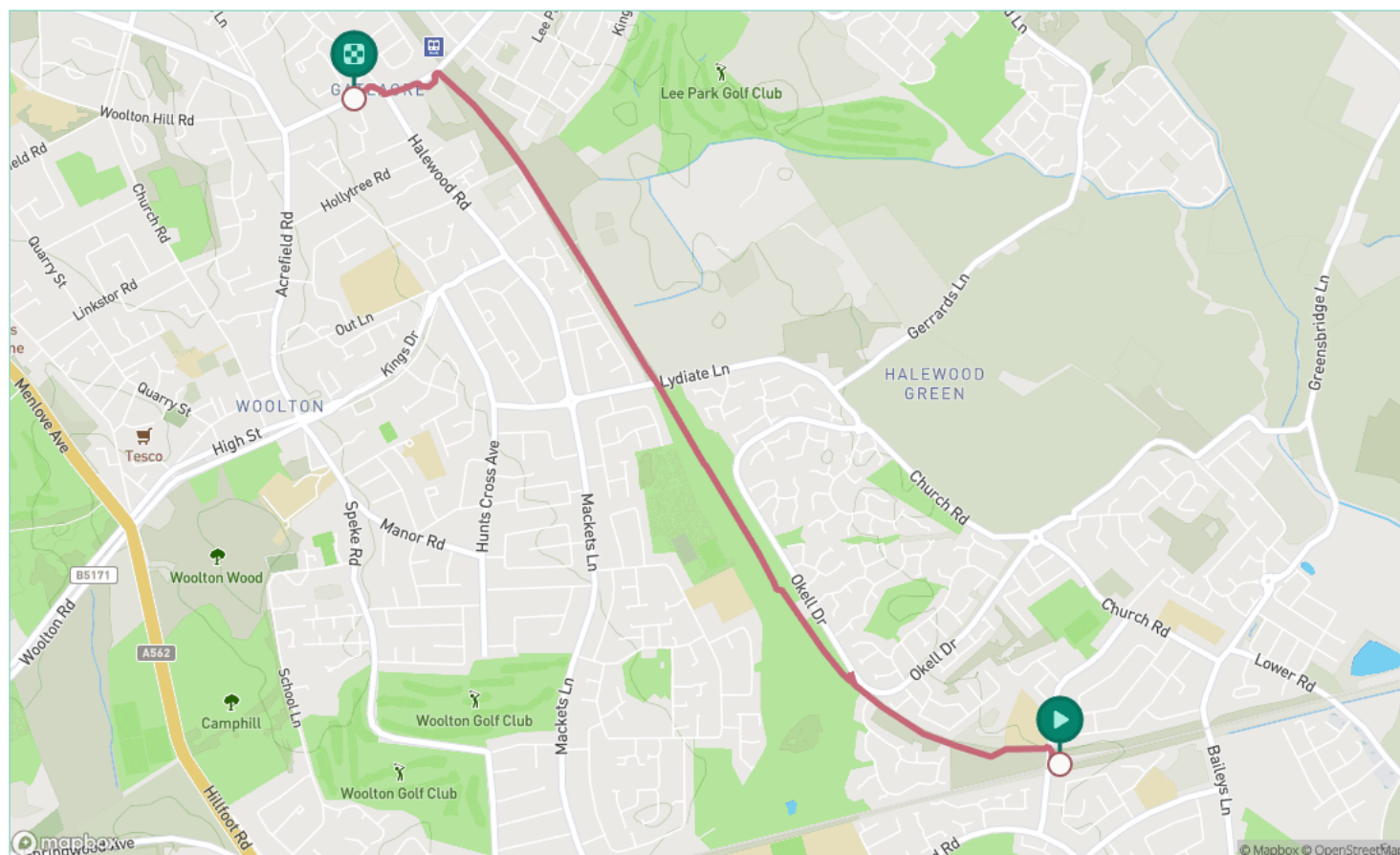
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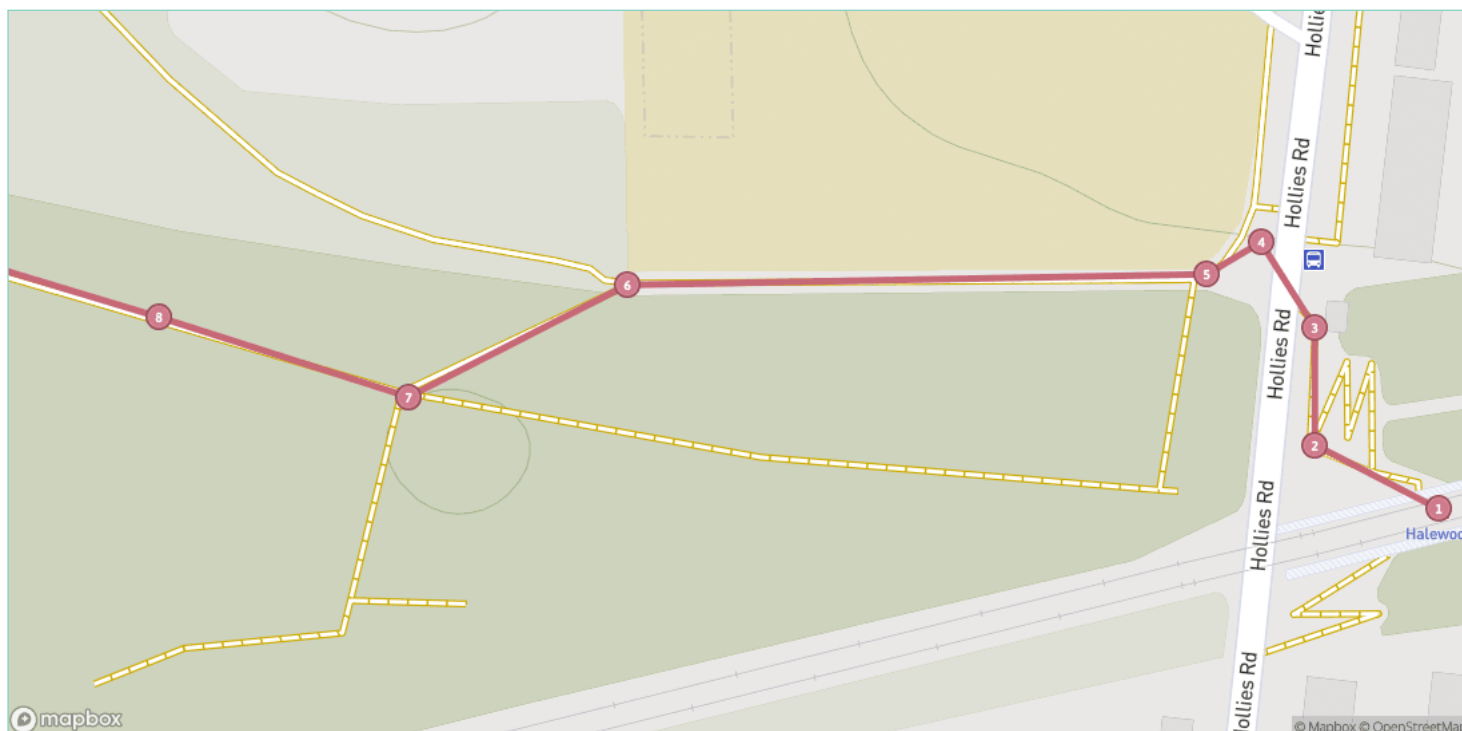
History



Child friendly



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Step 1: The walk begins at Halewood Station.

Step 2: Exit the station via the stairs or ramped walkway.

Step 3: Exit and cross over Hollies Rd.

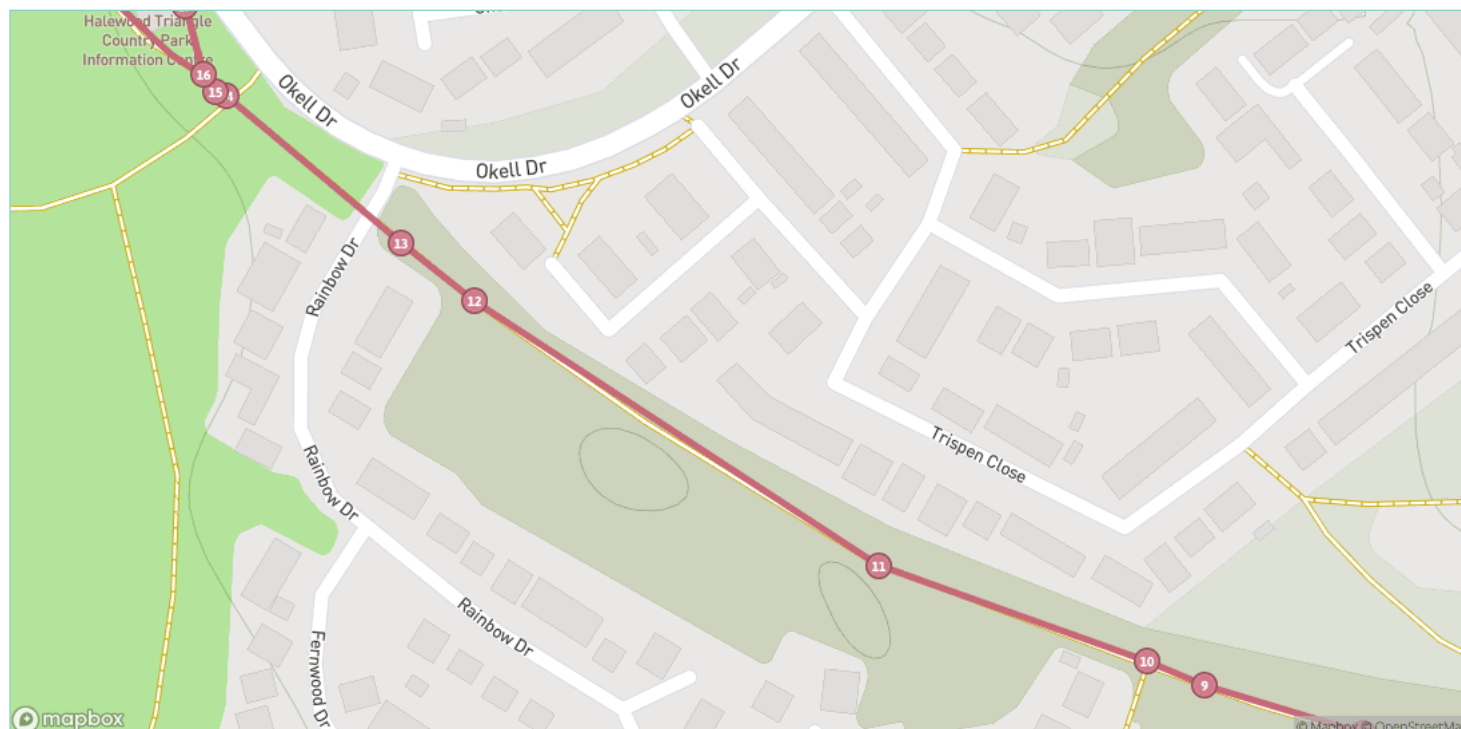
Step 4: Welcome to Halewood Park Triangle a local wildlife park where we'll join the Trans Pennine Trail.

Step 5: Head through the triangle gate and continue ahead.

Step 6: Look out for a steep path on the left and head up.

Step 7: Continue along the path as it bears right.

Step 8: You're now on the Trans Pennine Trail, following the old Liverpool Loop Line, a disused railway. The full trail stretches 215 miles (346 km) across northern England, from Southport in the west to Hornsea in the east.



Step 9: Continue along this path, watch out for cyclists who share the path too.

Step 10: What trees can you notice as you walk along? There are plenty of silver birch trees to spot. You can tell by the colour of their bark.

Step 11: We'll mostly be walking in a straight line until we reach Gateacre.

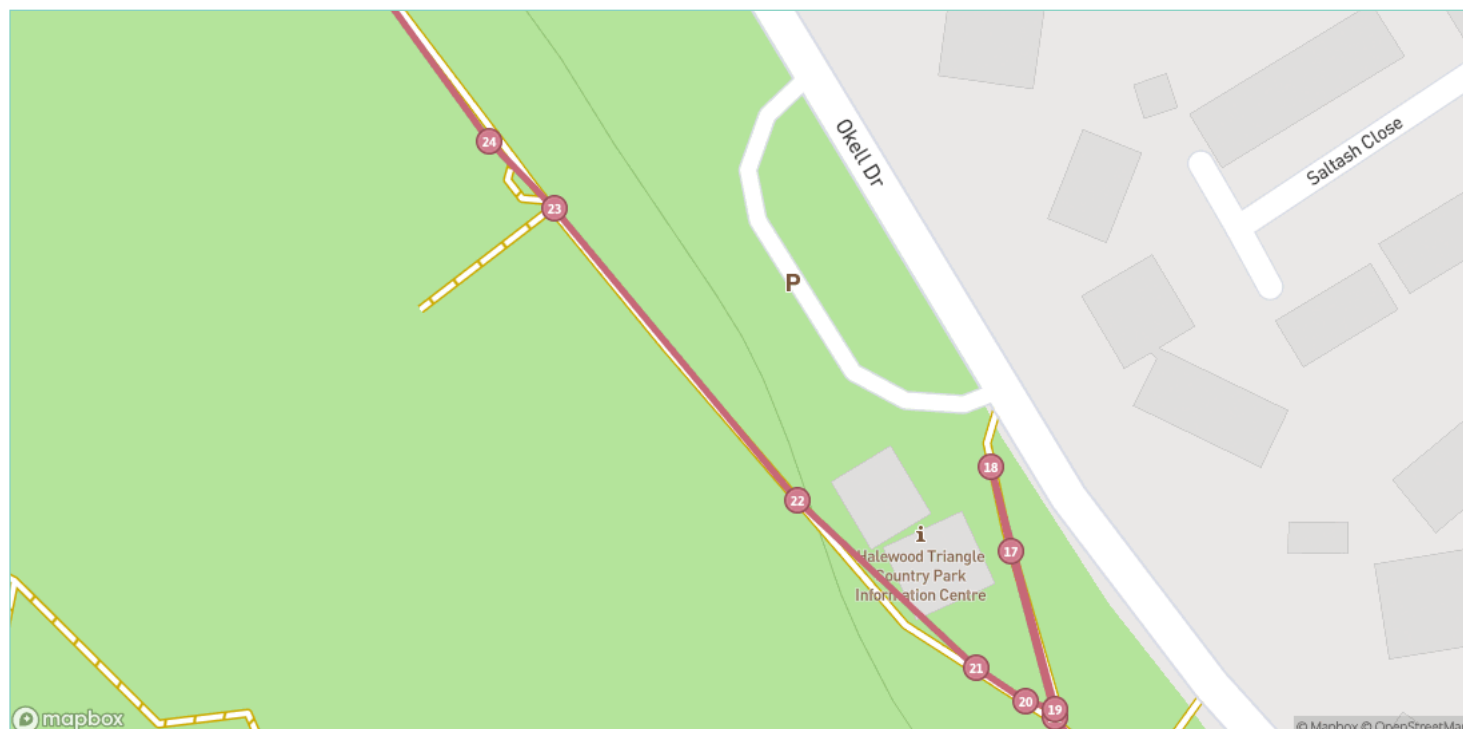
Step 12: Continue straight towards Rainbow Dr. It's the road up ahead.

Step 13: Cross over Rainbow Dr. safely and continue straight to rejoin the trail.

Step 14: Welcome to Halewood Park. Notice the trains in the metal gates, a nod to the trail's former life.

Step 15: Look out for the info board to learn more about Halewood Park.

Step 16: Checkout the artworks made by local children from recycled plastic bottle tops. Turn right here.



Step 17: You'll soon reach the Halewood Environment Centre.

Step 18: Next door is the cafe if you fancy a break.

Step 19: Head back towards the trail.

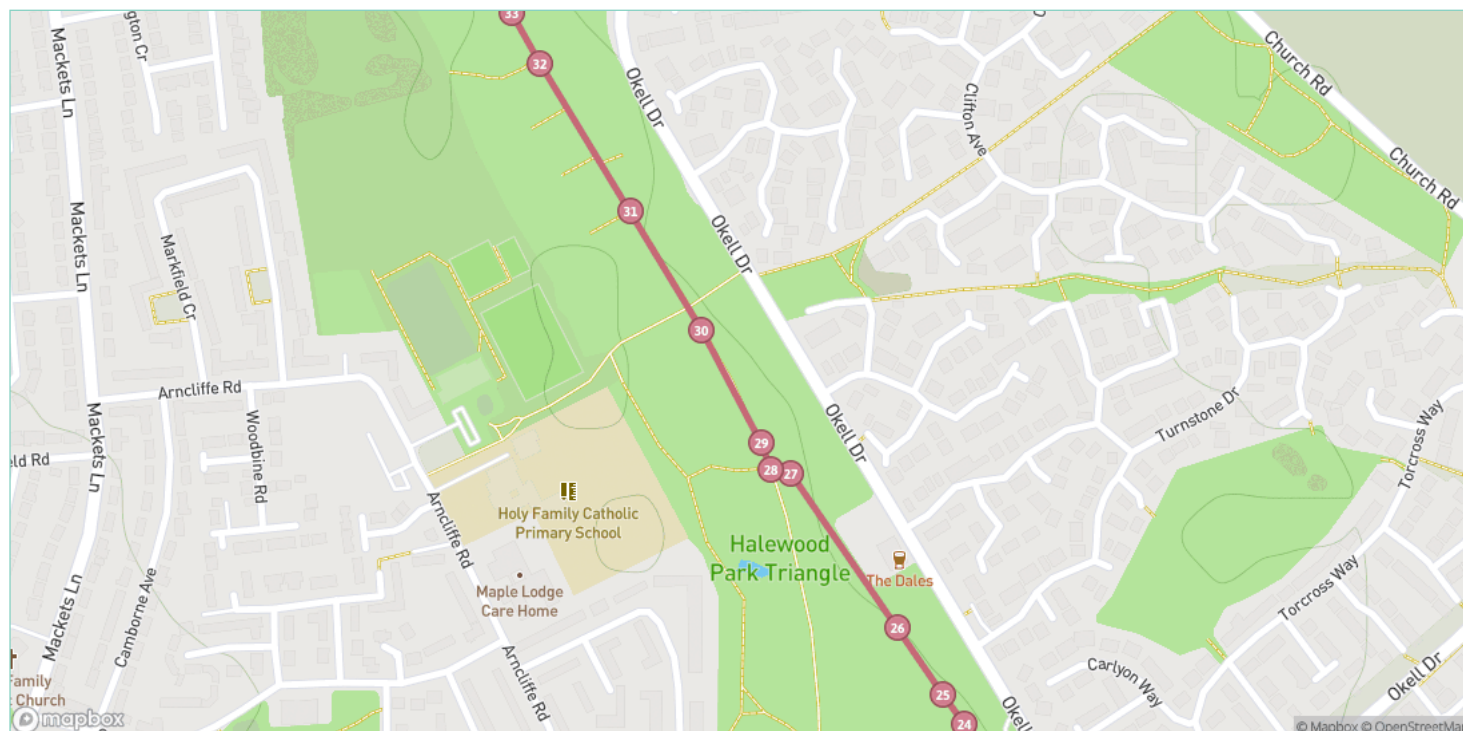
Step 20: Check out this mega bug hotel!

Step 21: Continue straight on the trail with the green fence to your right.

Step 22: You'll soon pass a car park on the right. Continue straight.

Step 23: Keep your eyes peeled for a bird hide on the left. Look through the gap and see if you can spot any birds or wildlife?

Step 24: Continue through the gate.



Step 25: Along the route are outdoor gym exercises you can try. Can you do this one test your balance?

Step 32: There must be a pear tree growing near here. Can you find it?

Step 26: There's a bench on the right if you want a quick rest.

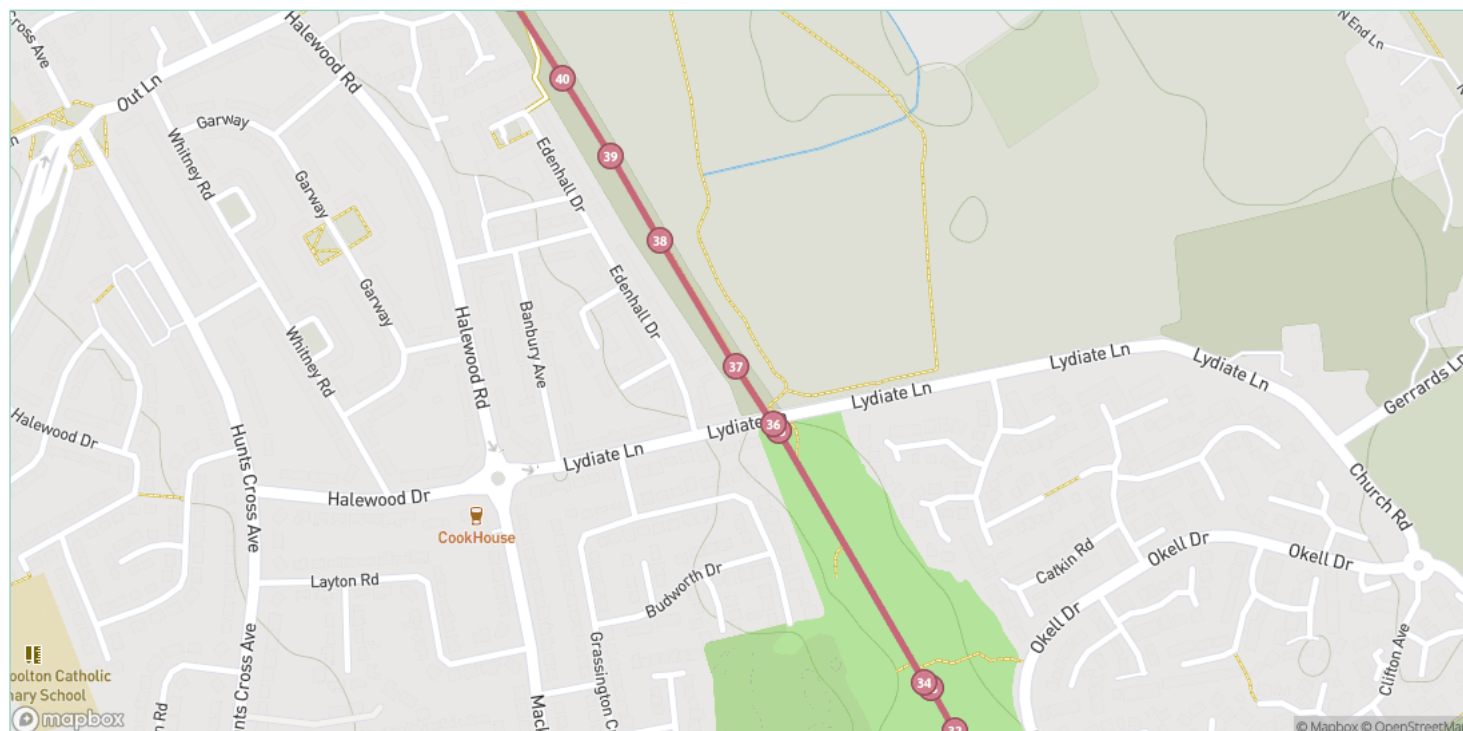
Step 27: Follow the path as it meanders. What good things can you spot in nature today? Tune in with your senses as you wander.

Step 28: Turn right here towards Gateacre.

Step 29: Look up and around. Can you see any birds or bird's nests in the trees?

Step 30: Keep on straight ignoring any left or right turns.

Step 31: What season is it, can you notice any signs?



Step 33: Passenger trains last ran here until 1972, before became the green corridor you're walking today.

Step 34: Look out for Rowan trees. Their bright red berries are a favourite with many birds.

Step 35: Go through the green gates to cross over the old railway bridge.

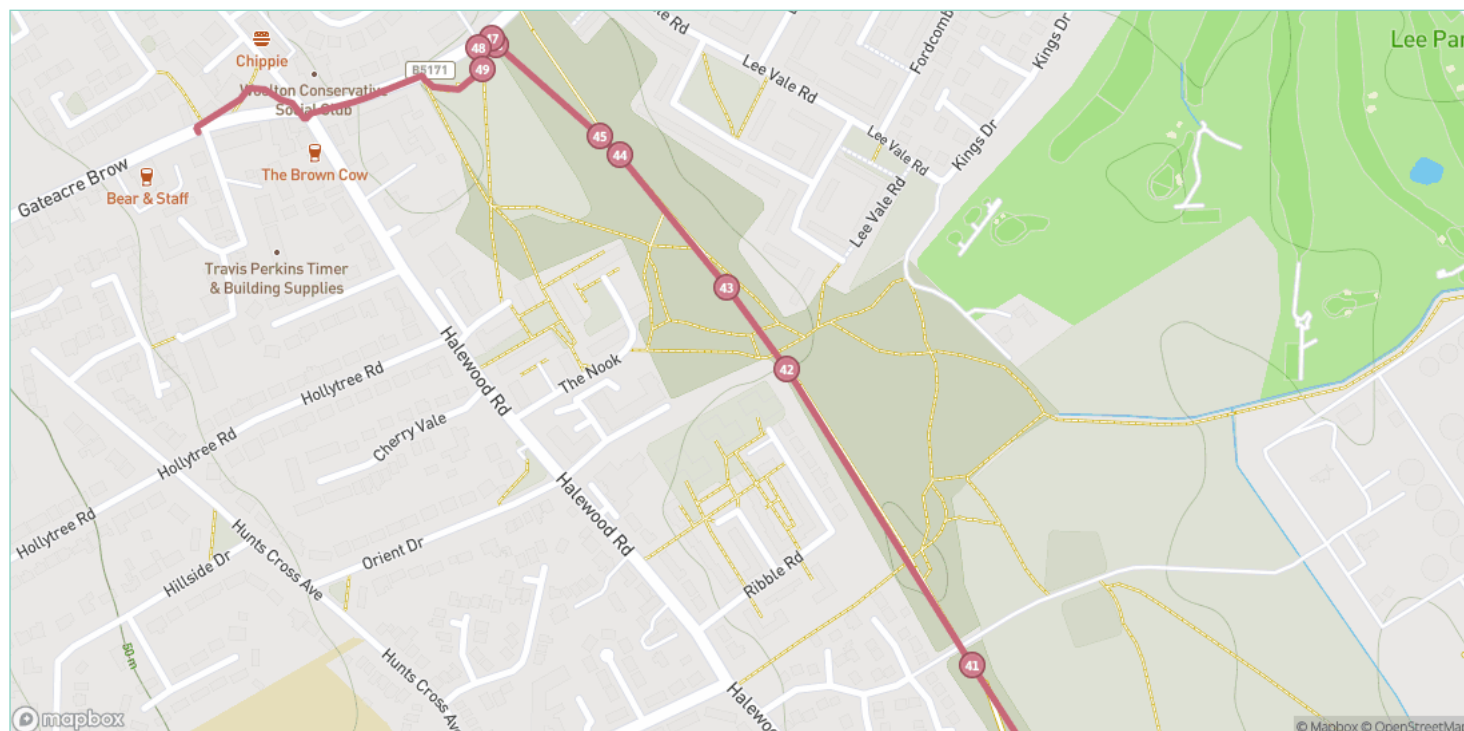
Step 36: You really get a sense of being on an old railway line here.

Step 37: Continue straight, admire the views on the right.

Step 38: Continue ahead. Watch out for cyclists.

Step 39: Enjoy the greenery all around you.

Step 40: Rosehips are the fruits left behind by roses. They are exceptionally rich in vitamin c. Birds love them!



Step 41: You'll soon pass over another railway bridge.

Step 42: Keep wandering straight along the trail.

Step 43: We're not far from Gateacre now.

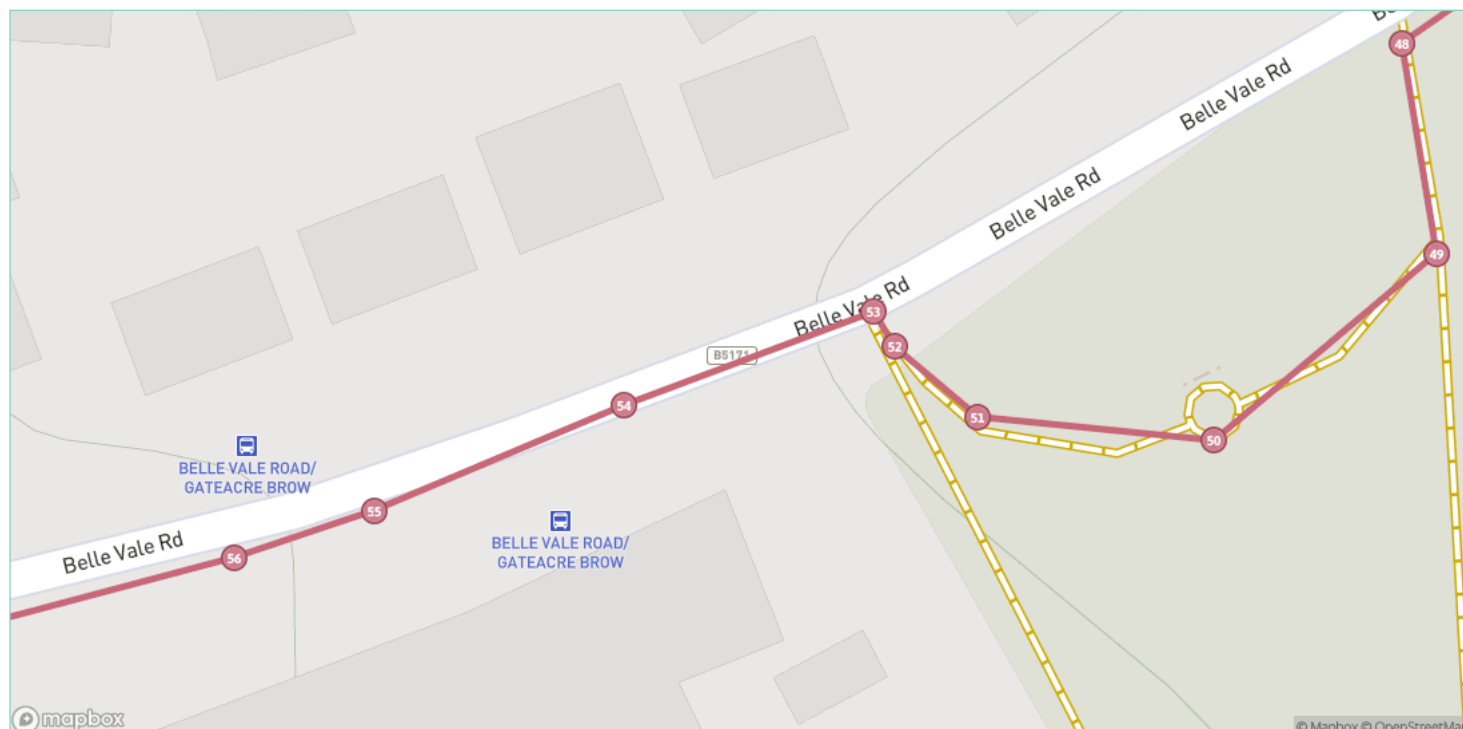
Step 44: When you reach a fork in the path, take the left path.

Step 45: Continue towards Belle Vale Rd.

Step 46: Exit the trail and turn left onto Belle Vale Rd.

Step 47: Get ready to turn left again.

Step 48: Turn left to take a short detour away from the road. Follow the path through the park.



Step 49: Follow the path towards some benches.

Step 50: You can have a break here if you'd like or continue through.

Step 51: Exit back onto Belle Vale Rd and turn left.

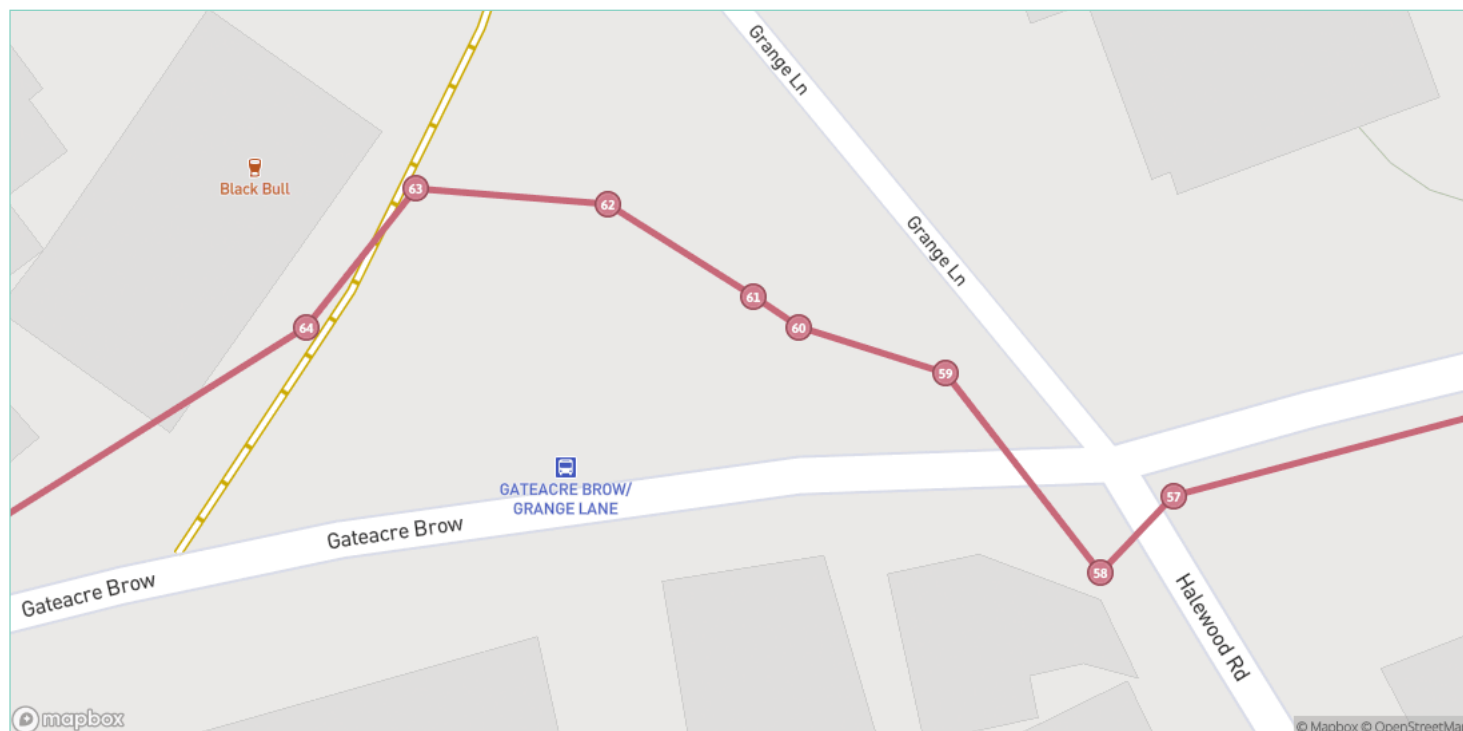
Step 52: We are in the borough of Liverpool now, can you spot the Liver bird on the bollard?

Step 53: Continue along Belle Vale Rd.

Step 54: Welcome to Gateacre. The village has over 100 listed buildings within a quarter mile of its centre and became one of Liverpool's first conservation areas in 1969. It's one of the most historic corners of the city.

Step 55: Admire the row of historic houses on the left.

Step 56: Walk towards the crossroads ahead.



Step 57: Cross Halewood Road.

Step 58: Cross again towards Gateacre Brow.

Step 59: The Wilson Memorial Fountain, built in 1883, honours water chief John Hays Wilson. Spot the dragons, mermaids and liver bird carved on it.

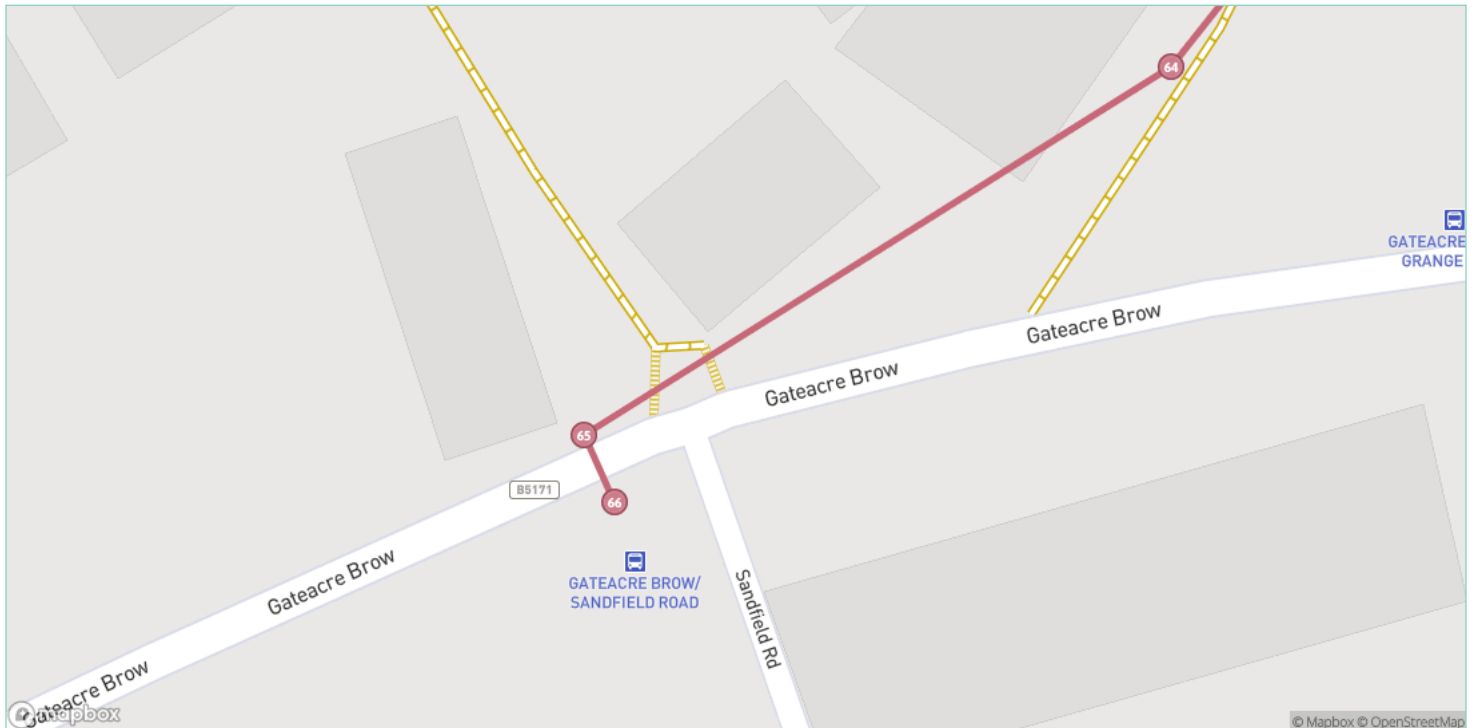
Step 60: Read more about Gateacre's history by finding the information board.

Step 61: Head towards the bust of Queen Victoria.

Step 62: This bust of Queen Victoria, marks her 1887 golden jubilee. It was sculpted by her own nephew, Count Gleichen.

Step 63: Records of the Black Bull pub go back to 1753, though its mock Tudor look came in 1887, when brewer Andrew Barclay Walker had it remodelled.

Step 64: Check out the huge monkey puzzle next to the pub, so named after a Victorian quip that its spiky branches "would puzzle a monkey" to climb.



Step 65: You can keep exploring the village or find the bus stops here to end the walk.

Step 66: You can take the bus here on Gateacre Brow to Hunts Cross station. We hope you enjoyed this walk! Come back soon for your next one.