



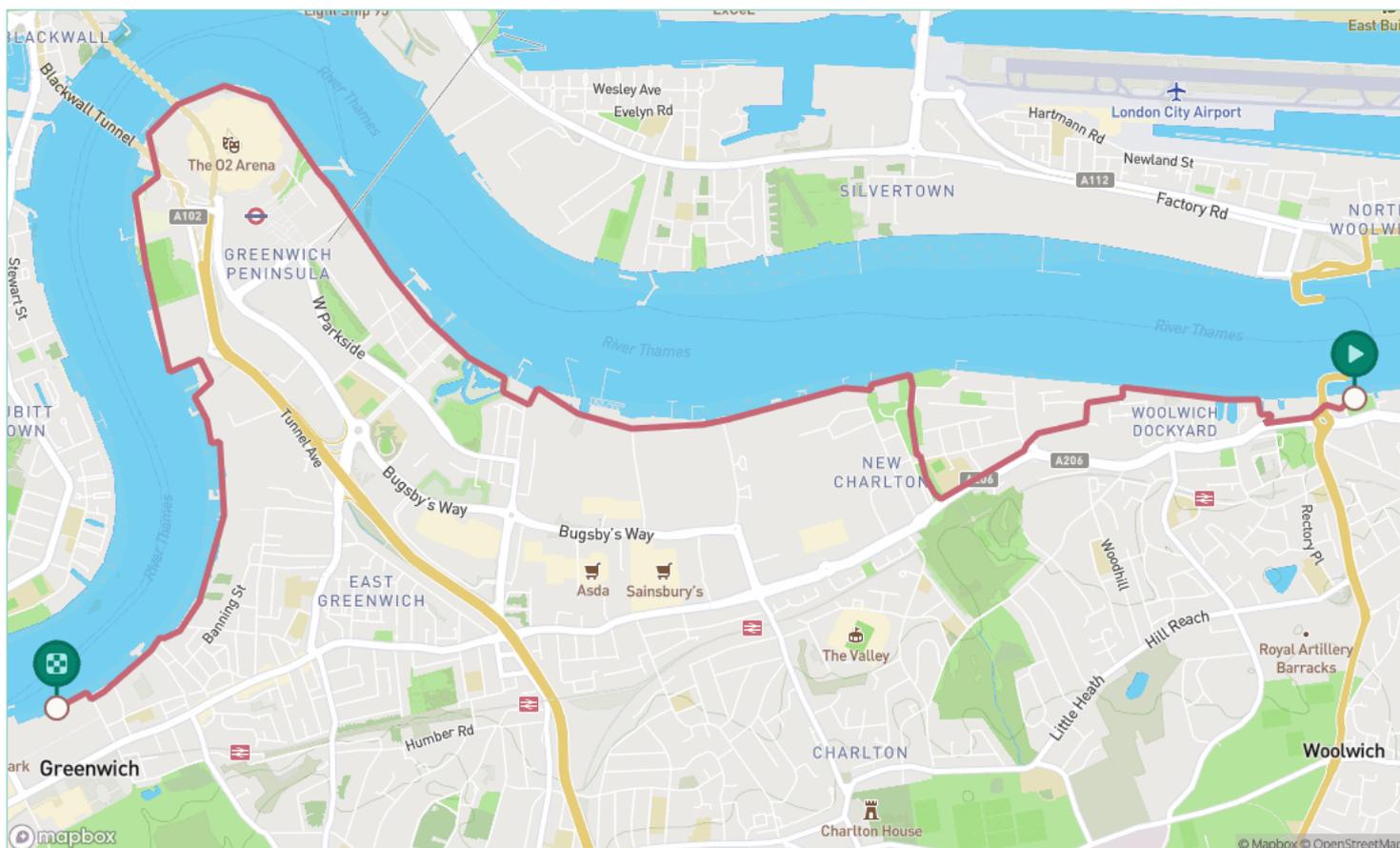
Jubilee Greenway Section 6

Follow the Thames upstream from Woolwich to Greenwich, taking in spectacular landmarks and breathtaking views along the way.

Distance 10 kilometers / 6.2 miles

Duration 3 hours and 30 minutes

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Water feature
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Great views
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Refreshments
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Public transport
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Dog friendly
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Botanics



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Step 1: Welcome to section 6 of the Jubilee Greenway. This walk begins at Woolwich Foot Tunnel and ends at Greenwich Pier.

Step 2: The nearest station to the start is Woolwich, or the Royal Arsenal Woolwich Pier. This section of the Jubilee Greenway follows the Thames Path route.

Did you know?

The Thames Path National Trail runs 180 miles (290 kilometres) along the Thames from its source to the Thames Barrier. In 2001 it was unofficially extended to Crayfordness but not officially adopted as part of the National Trail - the waymarks here have a Thames barge symbol, rather than the acorn of the National Trails.

Step 3: If crossing the river by the Woolwich Foot Tunnel, this emerges from the domes entrance into daylight.

Did you know?

The foot tunnel opened in 1912 and offers an alternative way to cross under the Thames to the Free Ferry. It has a 'twin' at Greenwich.

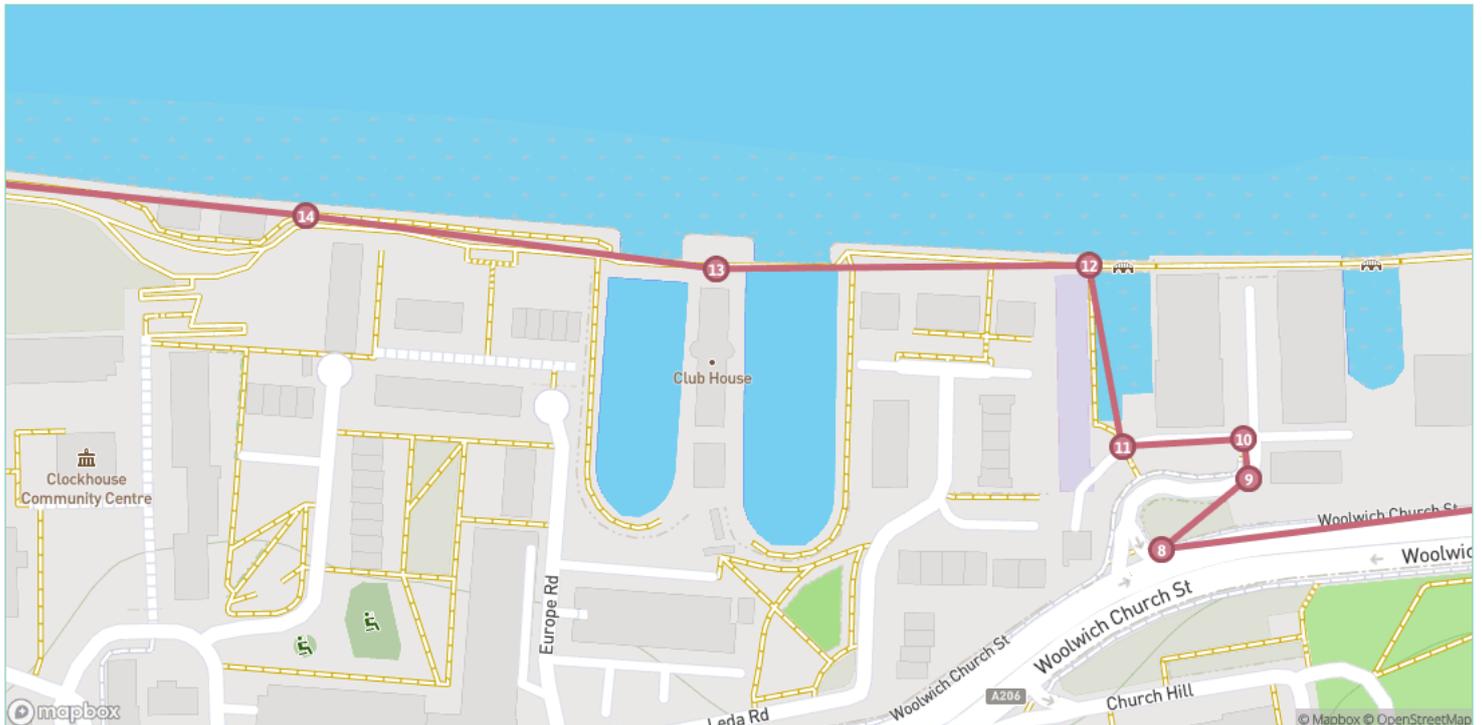
Step 4: If you're coming from the ferry, jump to step 6. Otherwise, facing the tunnel roundhouse, turn right.

Step 5: Follow the pavement round the back of the Waterfront Leisure Centre all the way to the ferry access road.

Step 6: Cross the ferry access road at the crossing. There's a diversion at present, so turn left on the other side.

Step 7: Follow the pavement round to the right.





Step 8: At Mast Quay, cross to the other side, then turn right.

Step 9: Follow the pavement down the access road as it curves towards the modern development.

Step 10: At the bottom, make a sharp left, towards the orange building front up ahead.

Step 11: Turn right to walk along the building, towards the river. At the river, turn left. You're now back on the Thames Path.

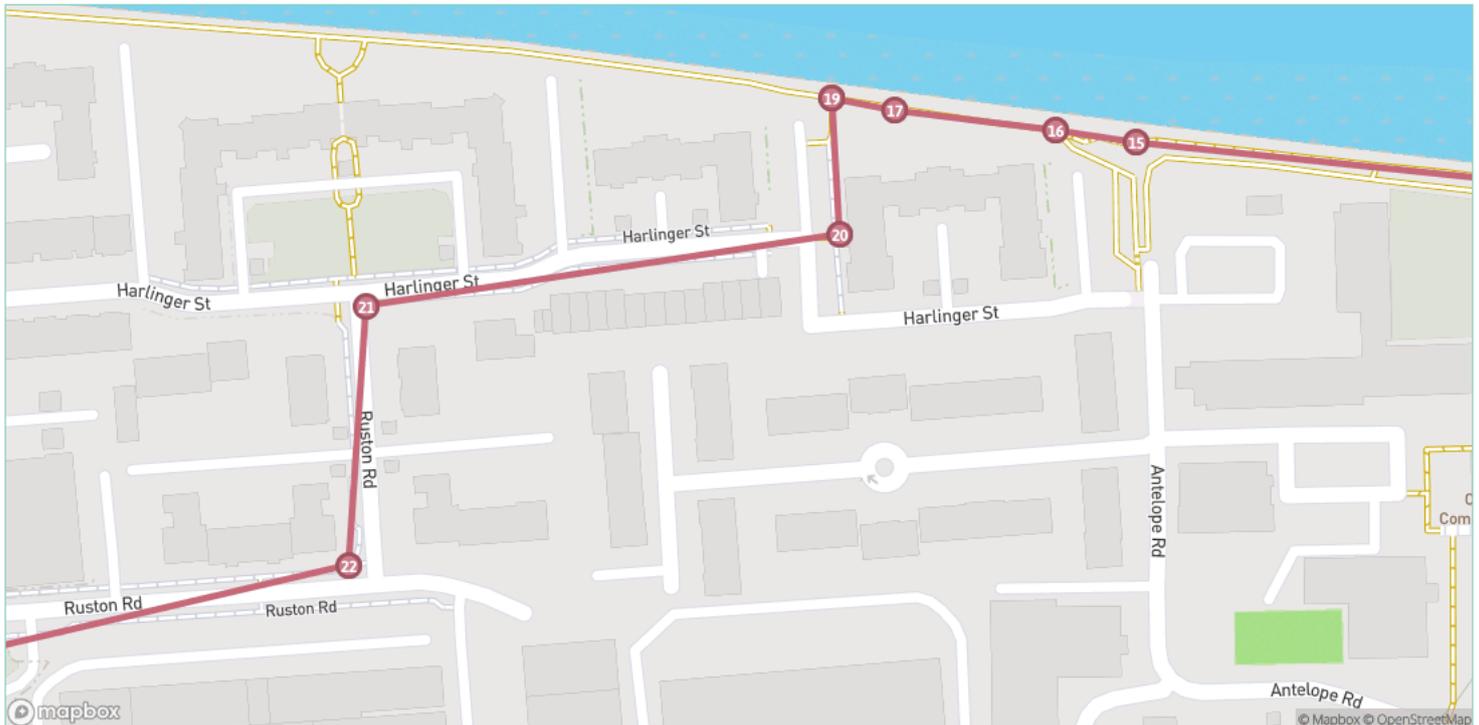
Step 12: At the river, turn left. You're now back on the Thames Path. The route stays along the river for just about half a mile.

Step 13: Keep your eyes peeled for anything to discover along the way, like this gorgeous mosaic in the pavement.

Did you know?

The mosaics here are marked 'Riverside Walk Project 1984-1986' by the National Elfrida Rathbone Society. Around it are listed the months of the year.

Step 14: Just across the river is the Tate & Lyle Thames Refinery, the largest sugar refinery in the EU and one of the largest in the world!



Step 15: At the white platform, you can take either the accessible cycle bridge, or a footbridge ahead, staying alongside the Thames.

Step 16: The views up ahead are stunning. Can you make out the Thames Barrier, the O2 arena, and the skyscrapers of Canary Wharf?

Step 17: Also to your left is London City Airport. You've probably spotted a few planes taking off or landing by now.

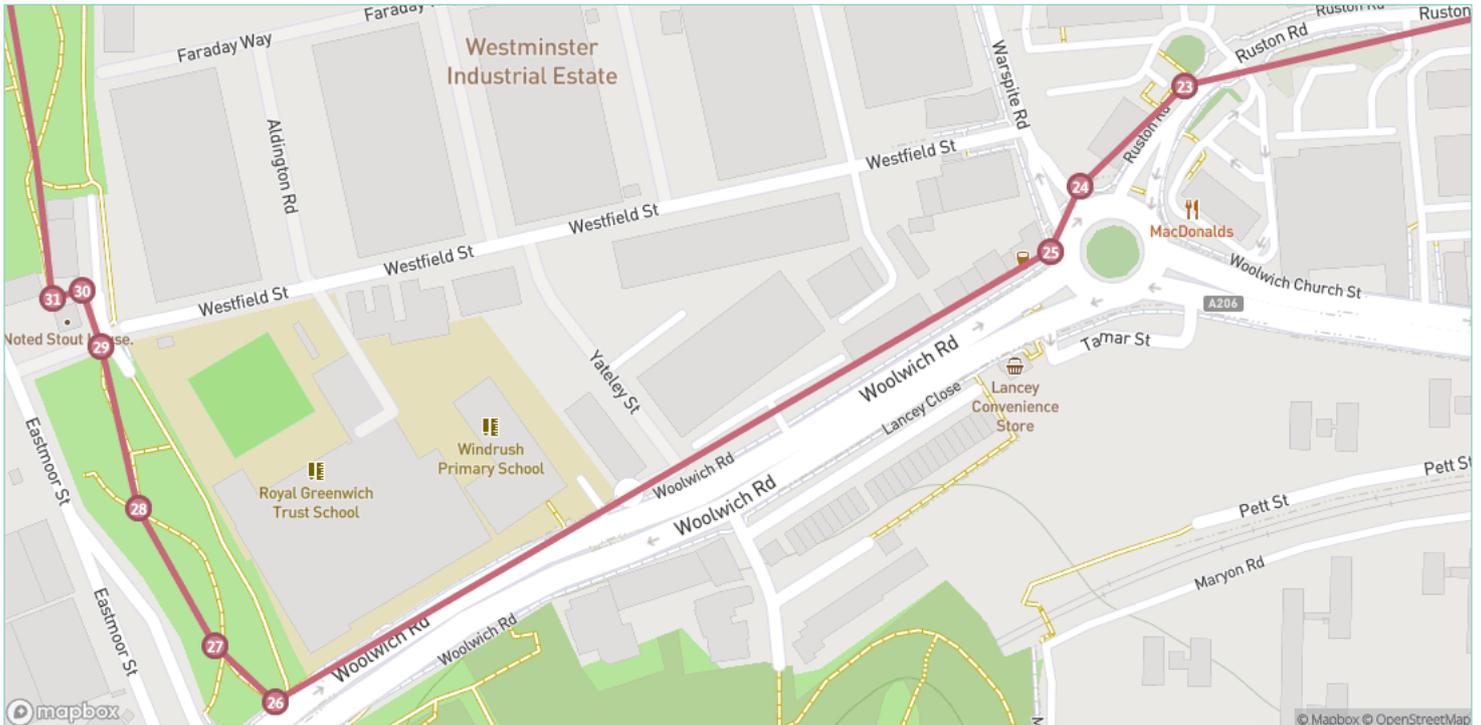
Step 18: About 250 meters from the footbridge, the route turns away from the Thames to the left because the riverside route is currently impassable.

Step 19: Look for a Thames Path sign pointing left through a gateway. If you get to some metal fencing blocking your way beside the Thames, you have gone too far. Pass through the gateway and some parked cars.

Step 20: Next, turn right into Harlinger Street.

Step 21: Then left onto Ruston Road.

Step 22: At the T-junction, opposite a blackened building, which is a remnant of the Woolwich Dockyard, turn right.



Step 23: After nearly 250 meters, you'll approach a roundabout.

Step 24: Go straight over Warspite Road.

Step 25: Bear left, then right onto Woolwich Road, passing a pub on the corner on the right. There are a few cafes along this stretch, too.

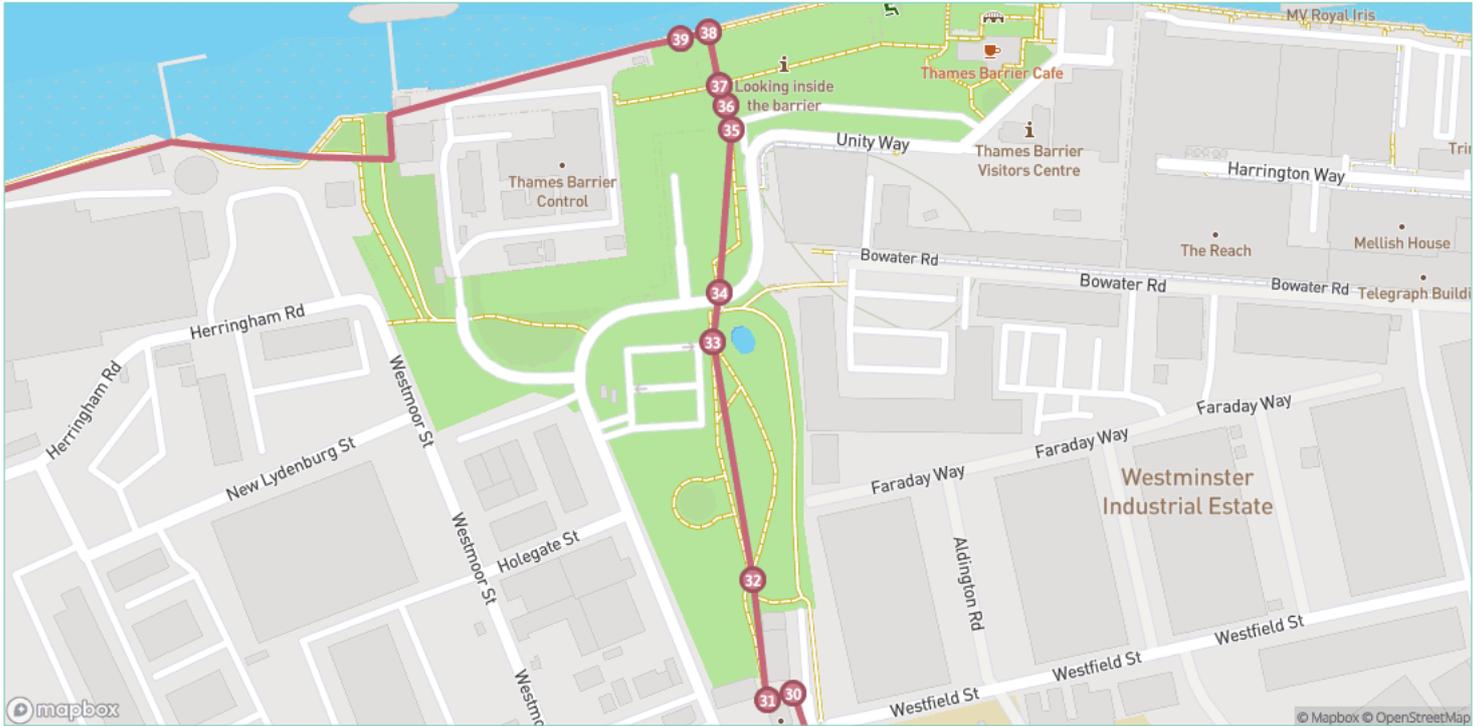
Step 26: About 350 meters after the roundabout, after walking along the busy Woolwich Road, turn right into Barrier Gardens.

Step 27: Follow the Green Chain marker posts through the park.

Step 28: Veer right to continue following the route towards the river.

Step 29: After 150 metres, at Eastmoor Place/Westfield Street, cross the road.

Step 30: Up ahead, look behind the first building. You'll see a path to the left of the brick building on your right.



Step 31: This takes you back to the footpath through the park.

Step 32: Again, follow the Green Chain posts through the park. The Green Chain walks are other London routes you can find in-app.

Step 33: This path will take you along a green fence towards Utility Way.

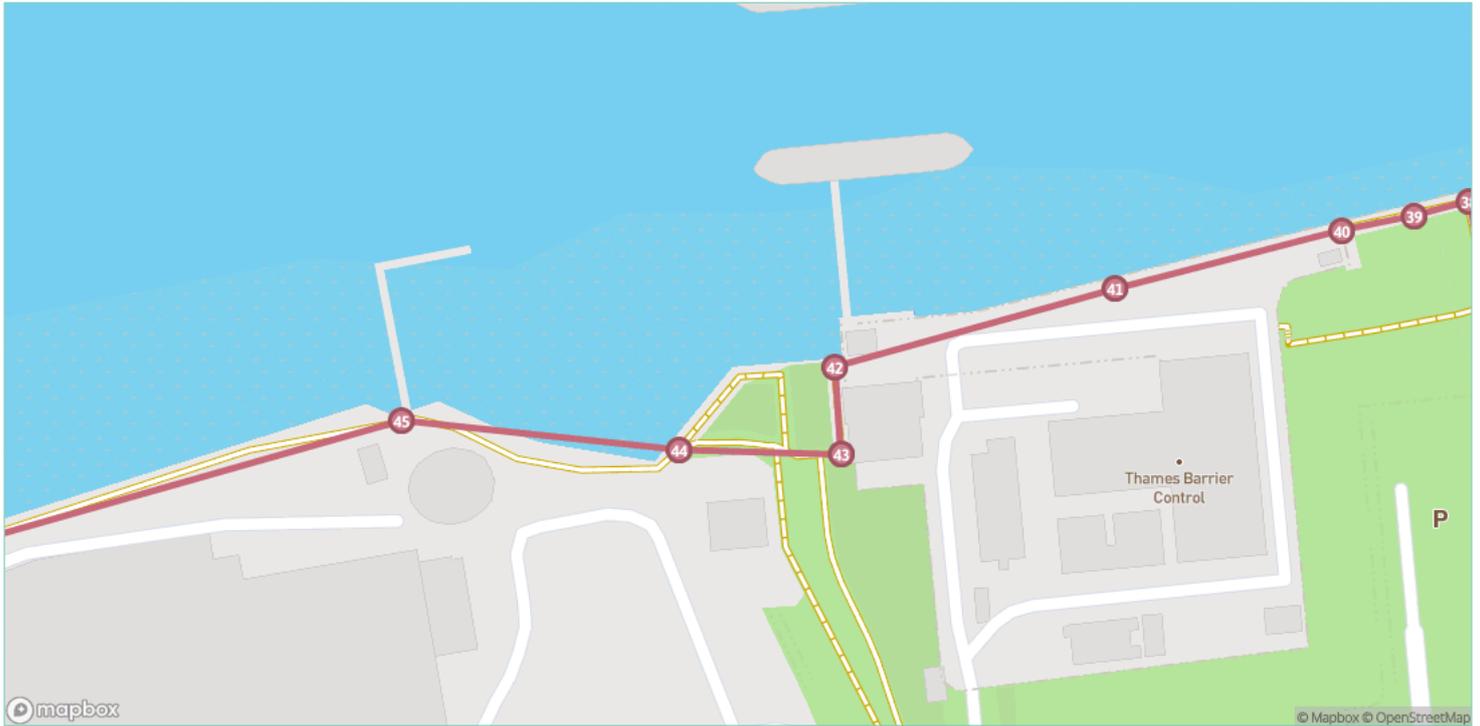
Step 34: Cross over Utility Way and go ahead slightly to the right.

Step 35: About 100 meters down Utility Way, there's a set of stairs up to the grassy flood defence embankment.

Step 36: Anyone who would like a step-free route need to turn left along Utility way and circle the Environmental Agency building, rejoining the Thames Path west of the Thames Barrier.

Step 37: Up top, you can see the Thames Barrier. Head down the stairs on the other side, towards the river straight in front of you.

Step 38: The Thames Barrier Information and Learning Centre is 250 metres east from here, which has toilets and a cafe when open.



Step 39: The Greenway route continues to the left. The white sign here marks the official end of the Thames Path National Trail.

Step 40: Let's go upstream now.

Step 41: As you walk under the covered walkway, admire the profile of the Thames on the wall on your left and the barrier on your right.

Did you know?

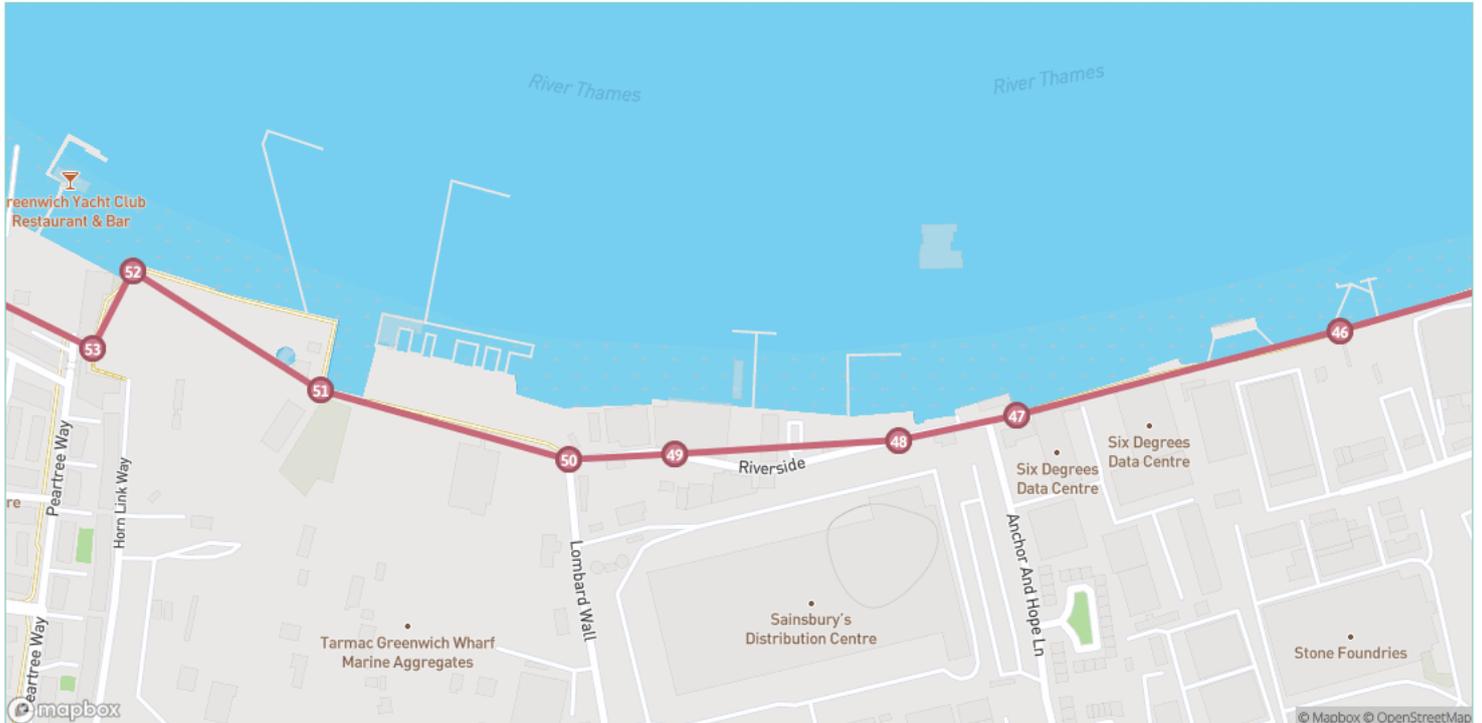
The Thames Barrier prevents flooding of London from high tides and storm surges. It was opened in 1984 by the late Queen Elizabeth II. There is a visitor centre off Woolwich Road.

Step 42: Out of the covered walkway, go up some steps to the left.

Step 43: If you'd chosen to take the step-free route, you will rejoin the main path here.

Step 44: This route of the Jubilee Greenway now follows the Thames Path.

Step 45: Follow the path as close to the river as possible towards the O2 Arena.



Step 46: You'll pass by working industrial areas on your way, getting an up close view.

Step 53: At the next junction, turn right.

Step 47: After about 550 meters from the barrier, come to the road called Riverside. There's a pub up ahead called the Anchor and Hope.

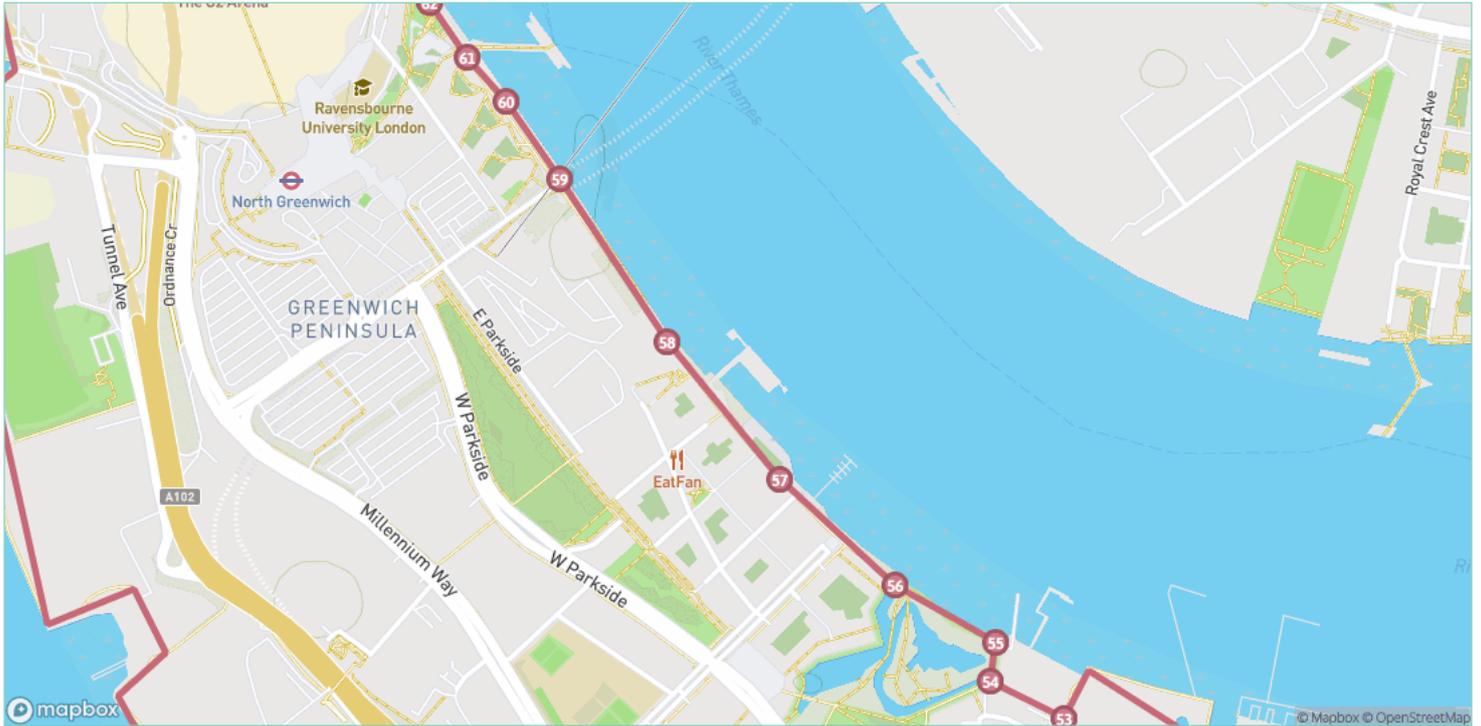
Step 48: Carry on straight ahead along the fencing.

Step 49: This truly is the right way, down this very industrial-feeling street. It's so cool to see these places up close.

Step 50: Riverside turns to the left. Our route continues straight ahead.

Step 51: Follow the route along the Thames Path as it makes a couple of sharp turns around wharves and slipways but always hugs the river.

Step 52: Here, the route turns inland to go around the Greenwich Yacht Club, on stilts in the water.



Step 54: And at the next junction, turn right again.

Step 55: Follow the path up ahead as it bends to the left.

Step 56: On the left is Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park. This is Greenwich Peninsula.

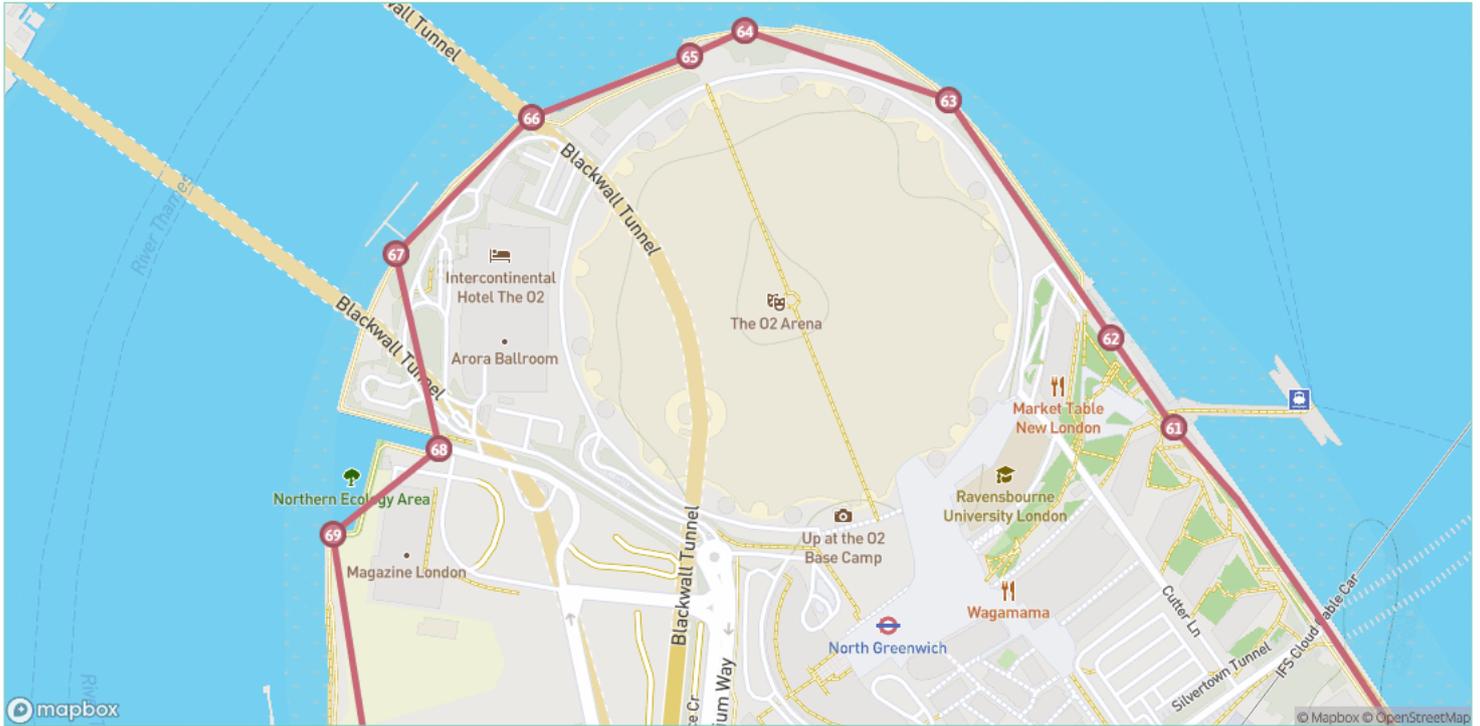
Step 57: Follow the Thames Path by the riverside all the way towards North Greenwich and the O2 Arena.

Step 58: There's lots of sculptures along the river here. We'll point out a few as we go.

Step 59: Pass under the Emirates Air Line.

Step 60: There's another gorgeous sculpture on your right, as you approach North Greenwich Pier, called "Quantum Cloud."

Step 61: North Greenwich Pier is on your right.



Step 62: For the ancients, water was the element that symbolised divinatory power, prophetic ability and inspiration. This sculpture represents that.

Step 63: Up next is “Liberty Grip,” based on the arms of store mannequins!

Step 64: You’re now passing close by the O2 arena (formerly the Millennium Dome).

Did you know?

The Millennium Dome, now the O2, has twelve 100 metre high support towers, one for each month of the year and each hour of the clock face. It is also 365 metres in diameter, one metre for each day in a standard year.

Step 65: Tribe and Tribulation is a totemic sculpture, which stands over five metres tall. The cubes are made of reclaimed wood.

Step 66: At Blackwall Point, you’re passing over the two Blackwall Tunnels that go under the Thames here.

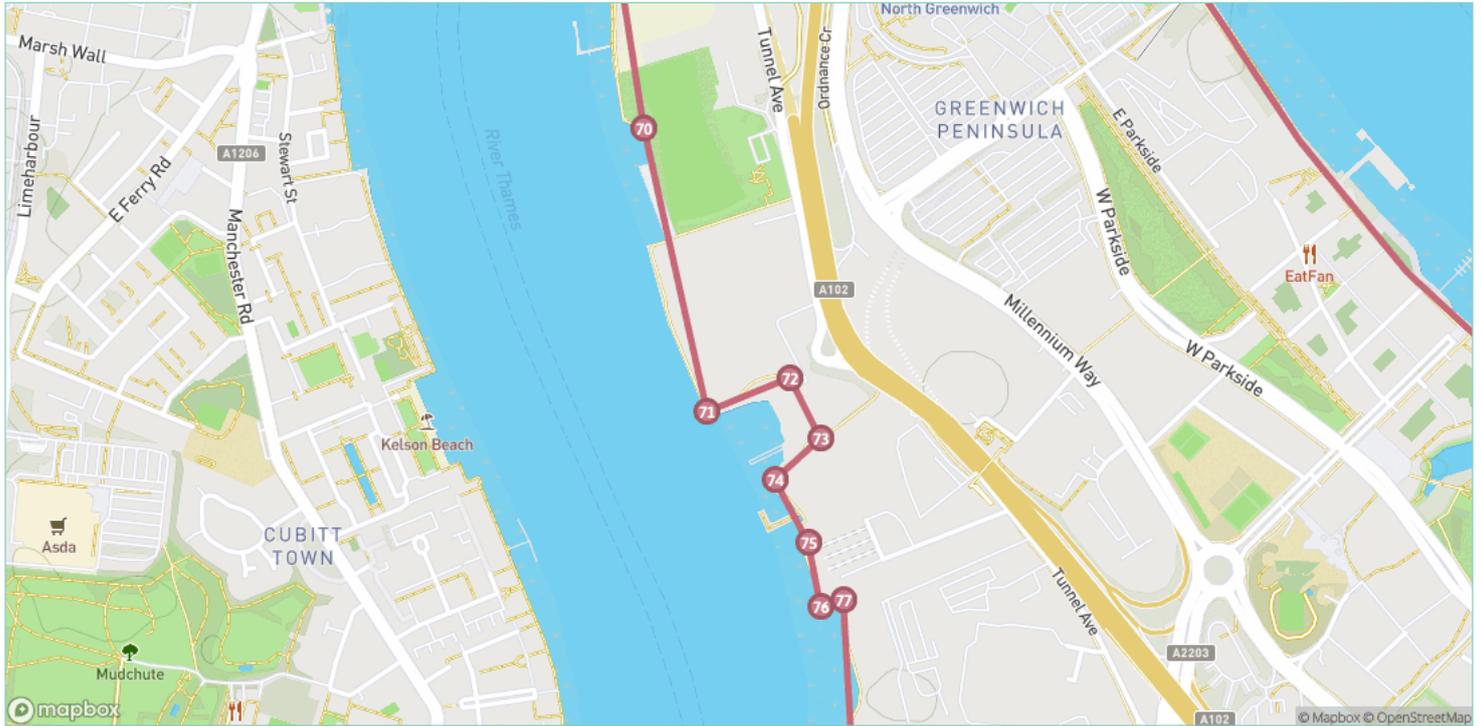
Did you know?

The western Blackwall Tunnel opened in 1897 and now carries northbound traffic with the second, eastern Tunnel opened in 1967 handling southbound vehicles. Pedestrians and non-motorised traffic cannot use these tunnels.

Step 67: One more art piece: this sign points you in the direction of... this sign. It’s only 24,859 miles away, if you go all the way round the globe!

Step 68: Follow the path around another inlet here.

Step 69: Continue along the riverside, as the scenery changes.



Step 70: Canary Wharf has come into clearer view on your right, while the area on your left has opened back up again.

Step 77: Continue on, as the path narrows between the wall and fence.

Step 71: Turn left to walk through this fence-lined passage.

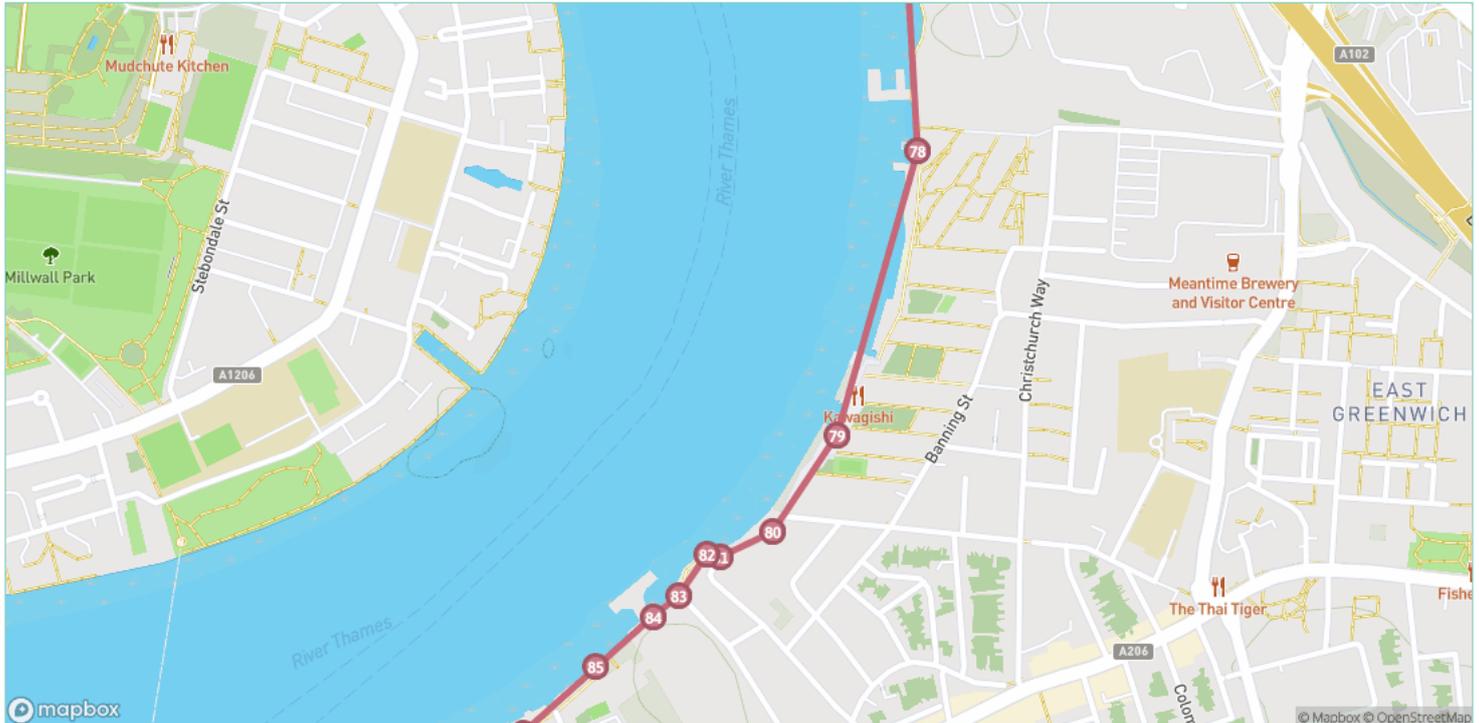
Step 72: Follow the fences round to the right. This area of sand and gravel storage, and the many wharves, are a reminder of the days when the river was very busy with boats and their cargo.

Step 73: At the junction with the fingerpost, turn right.

Step 74: Back at the river, follow the route to the left, past weeping willows on the right.

Step 75: The path brings you along the Morden Wharf building, with its riverside beer garden.

Step 76: Along the river, the buildings of Greenwich should start coming into view.



Step 78: You'll pass the Enderby House pub on your left.

Step 79: Up ahead, the Greenwich Power Station is coming nicely into view.

Did you know?

Greenwich Power Station is a standby oil, gas, and formerly coal-fired power station on the River Thames at Greenwich in south-east London. Despite being over one hundred years old, the station is still available as a back-up electricity source for the London Underground. The station is an early example of a steel-framed building with a stone clad brick cover.

Step 80: Join up with the cobbled Ballast Quay here as it bends round to the right.

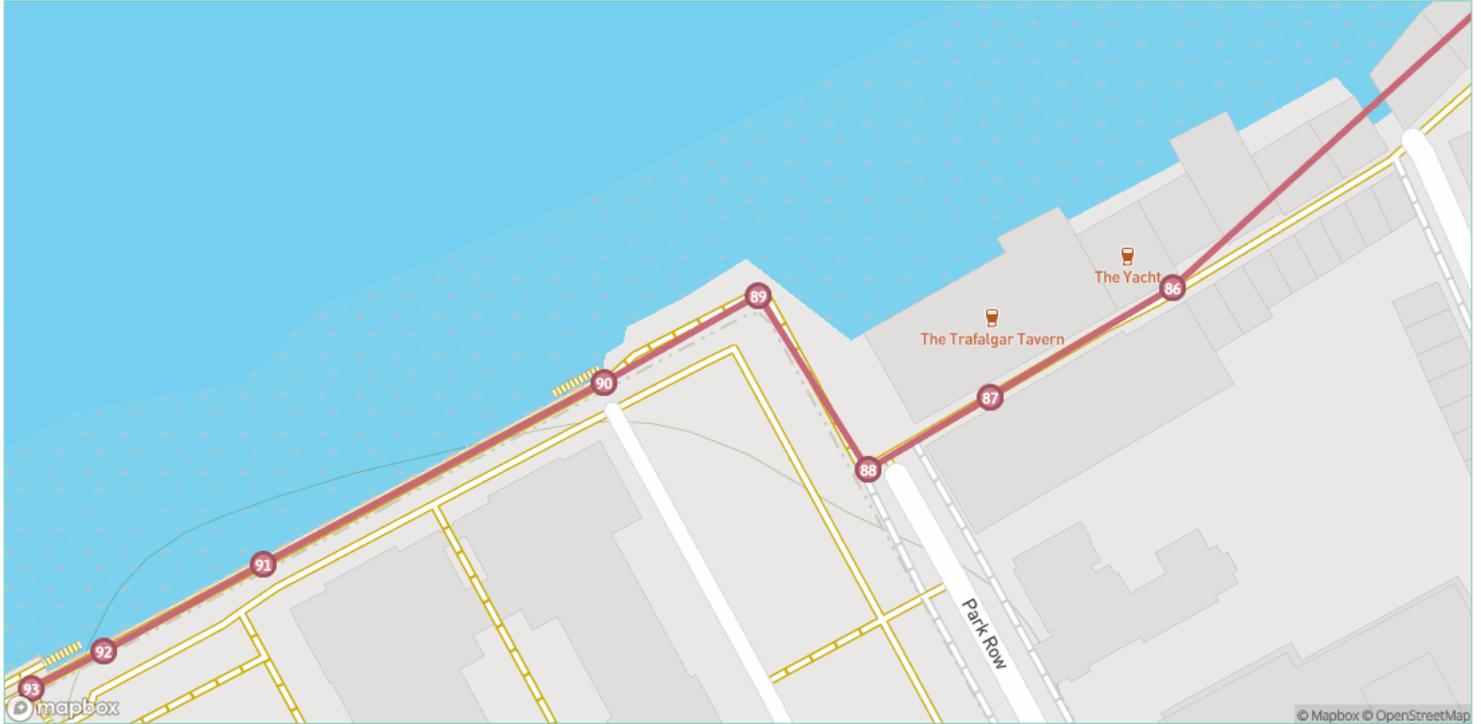
Step 81: On the left is the Cutty Sark Tavern, built in 1795 as a Georgian Free House.

Step 82: Immediately opposite the Curry Sark Tavern, look for the shared footpath, following the Thames.

Step 83: Pass Crowley's Wharf where you might find the painted artwork by school children on the brick facade delightful.

Step 84: Walk under the impressive metal overhang.

Step 85: On the left, in the shadow of the power station, is a building of Trinity Hospital, originally established as an almshouse in 1613.



Step 86: As you continue, you'll pass a pub called The Yacht, advertised as the first pub in the West Longitude.

Step 87: Next up is Trafalgar Tavern. A quaint riverside pub.

Step 88: At the end of the cobbled alley by the Trafalgar Tavern, turn right.

Step 89: Pass the statue of Lord Nelson on the way to the riverside.

Step 90: Join up with the riverside path. It's a bit narrow here. Here are fine views back to the O2 Arena and across to the Isle of Dogs.

Step 91: Pass between the black railings, adorned with naval anchors. On your left is the Old Royal Naval College.

Did you know?

The Old Royal Naval College is considered the architectural centrepiece of Maritime Greenwich and is a World Heritage Site. The buildings were originally constructed to serve as the Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich, now generally known as Greenwich Hospital, which was designed by Christopher Wren, and built between 1696 and 1712. The hospital closed in 1869. Between 1873 and 1998 it was the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

Step 92: This section ends at the Royal Steps.

Step 93: You've now completed section 6 of The Jubilee Greenway. How about moving on to section 7, which continues from this point?