



Brindley Place Blooming Trail

A step-free, small circular along canals and through local green spaces with plenty of refreshment options along the way.

Distance 1.9 kilometers / 1.2 miles

Duration 50 minutes



Wildlife



Wheel friendly



Water feature



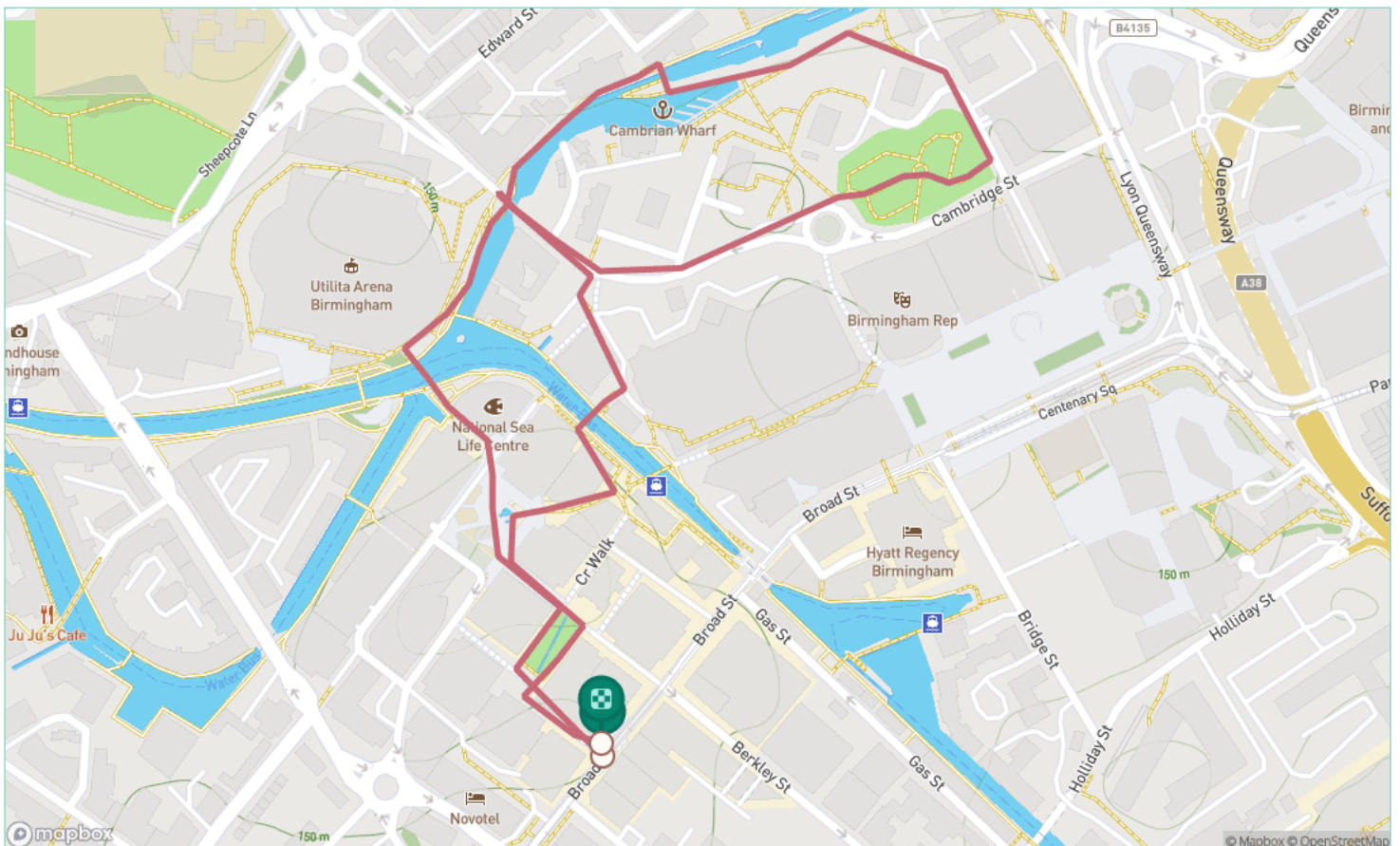
Public transport



History

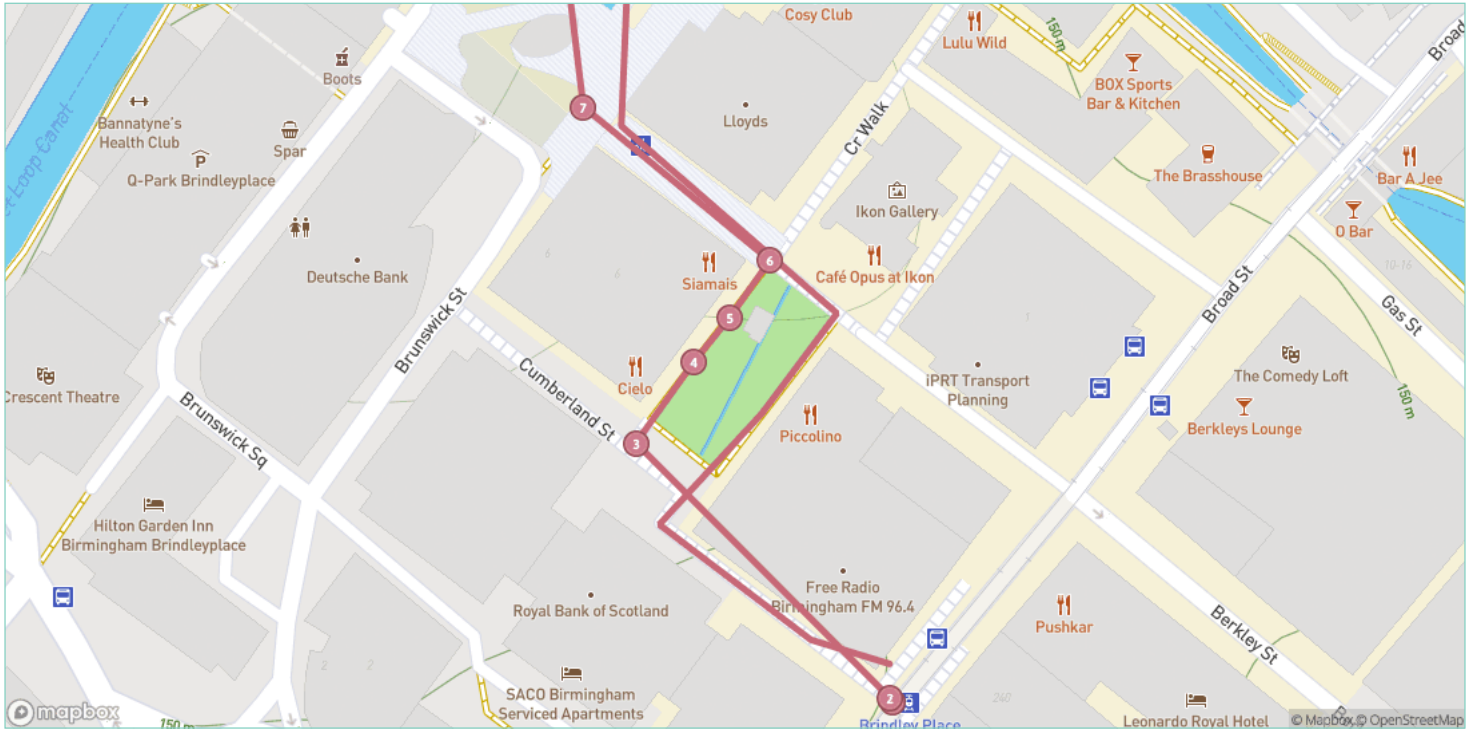


Child friendly



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Step 1: Welcome to the Big Blooming Walks. We've teamed up with the National Trust to bring you a series of special spring walks celebrating the most beautiful time of year. Get ready to stop and smell the blooms! Let's go.

Step 2: Welcome to Brindley Place! This walk starts at Brindley Place tram stop on Broad Street. Head up Cumberland Street.

Step 3: Turn right into Oozells Square where you can enjoy the beautiful cherry blossoms in early spring.

Step 4: Take your time and enjoy wandering under the trees. There are benches in the square if you'd like a seat.

Step 5: What's your favourite angle? 🌸 Perhaps you'd like to listen to a blossom meditation here? Tap the "Read More" button below. 🖱️

Take a breather in blossom

Take a seat on a bench or sit on the grass and enjoy a little breather amidst the blossom. Grab your headphones and try this short guided 5 minute blossom meditation.

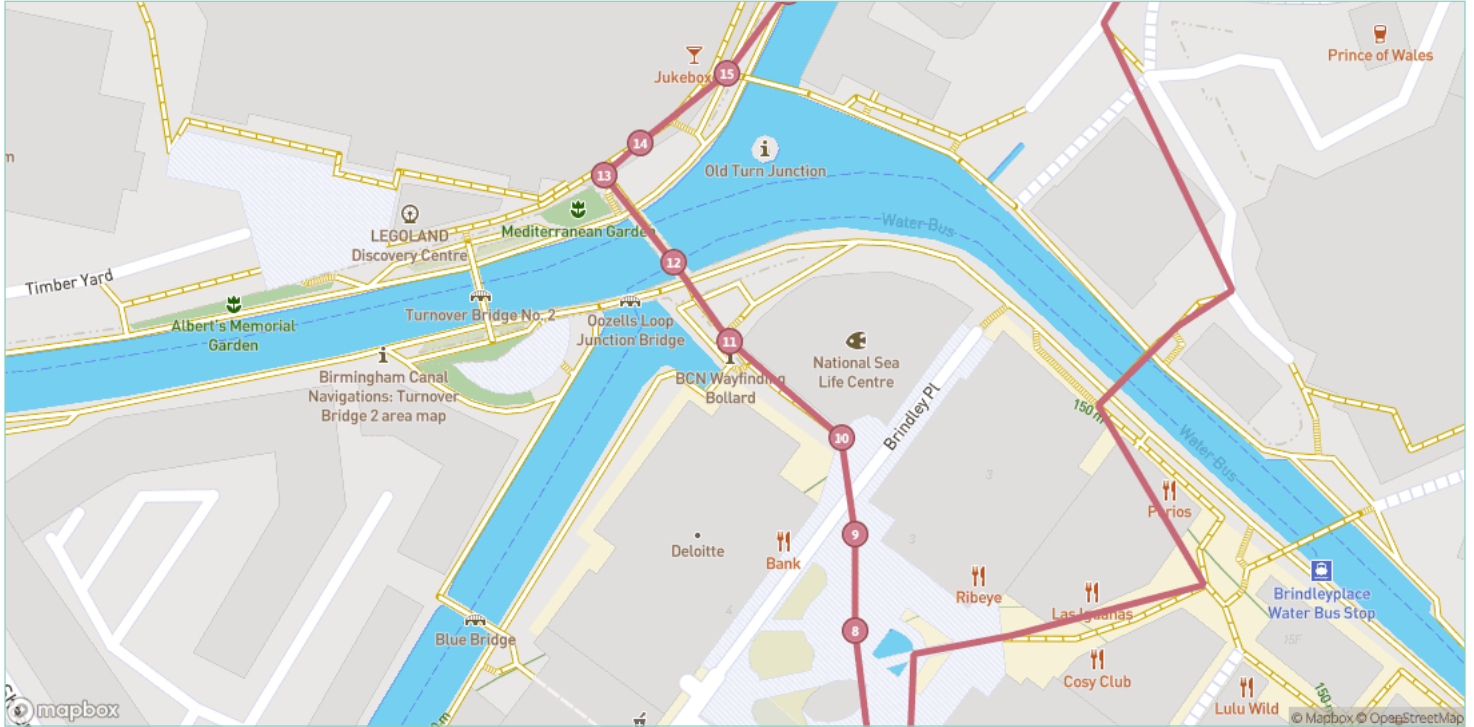
If you've never tried meditation before, this is the perfect way to start. Adding just 5 minutes of mindfulness to your day can help slow things down and boost your mood.

Blossom Meditation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=shared&v=fKmb7a4YNEU>

Step 6: Turn left in front of the Ikon Gallery or pop in to explore the internationally acclaimed contemporary art venue - entry is free.

Step 7: Enter Brindley Place, an open area with planting, fountains, seating and refreshment options. Head diagonally right through the space.



Step 8: Why not enjoy some ping-pong here too.

Step 15: Then take the ramp down to the canal. Look out for more blossom here in spring!

Step 9: Cross Atlas Way here at the zebra crossing and turn right on the opposite side for a few steps towards the Sea Life Centre.

Step 10: Turn left by the Sea Life Centre and follow the path to the canal ahead.

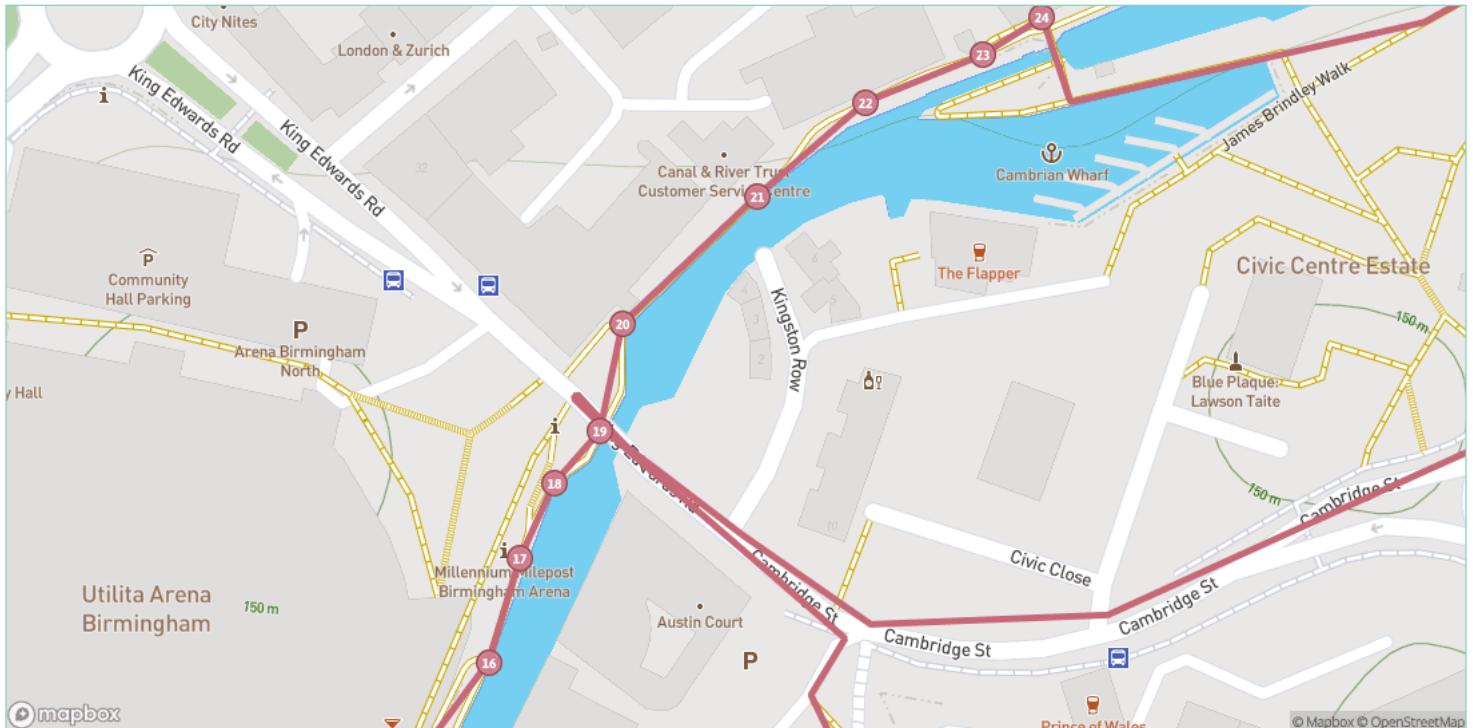
Step 11: Use the bridge to cross the Birmingham New Main Line Canal.

Step 12: To the right is Old Turn Junction. Can you imagine it being a hub of industry and transportation along the canal here in the 19th century?

Step 13: To keep this walk step-free, continue to the end of the walkway then turn right.

Step 14: Follow the path round by the shops and cafes.





Step 16: Catch a closer look at the blossom by the water of the Birmingham and Fazeley Canal.

Step 17: We're also on the National Cycle Network - spot the Millennium Milepost as you go past.

Step 18: There are some lovely little corners of planting to look out for.

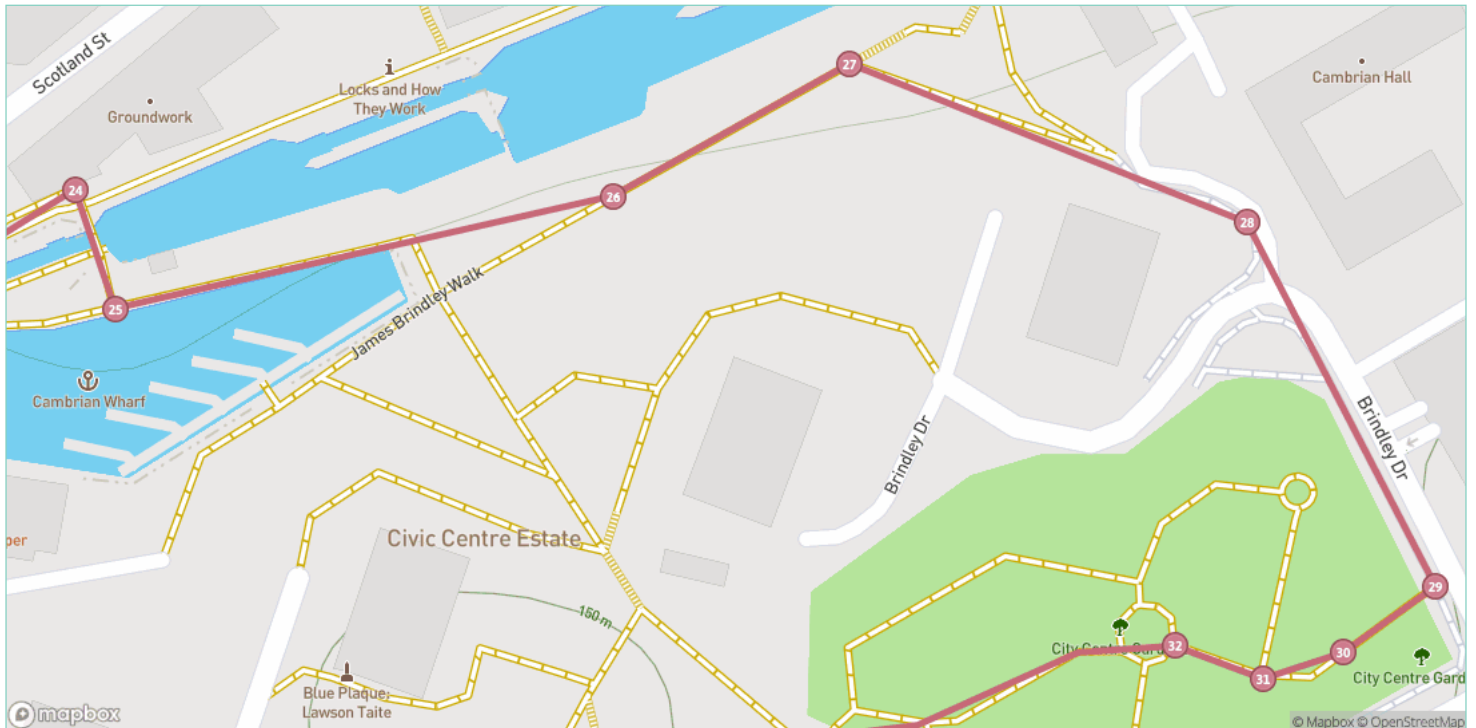
Step 19: Follow the towpath under the bridge.

Step 20: Continue straight along the towpath. How does the calm water make you feel?

Step 21: Pass the lovely folk at The Canal and River Trust. There is an interpretation board here to learn more about the history of the canals.

Step 22: As we approach Lock 1 of the Farmers Bridge Locks, look out for a ramp on the left.

Step 23: Head up the ramp.



Step 24: Cross the canal via the bridge. It's a good stop to pause and notice nature along the water, towpath and in the sky.

Step 25: Turn left on the opposite side. You'll have the canal to your left and a wharf to your right.

Step 26: Continue ahead, slight left onto the paved James Brindley Walk.

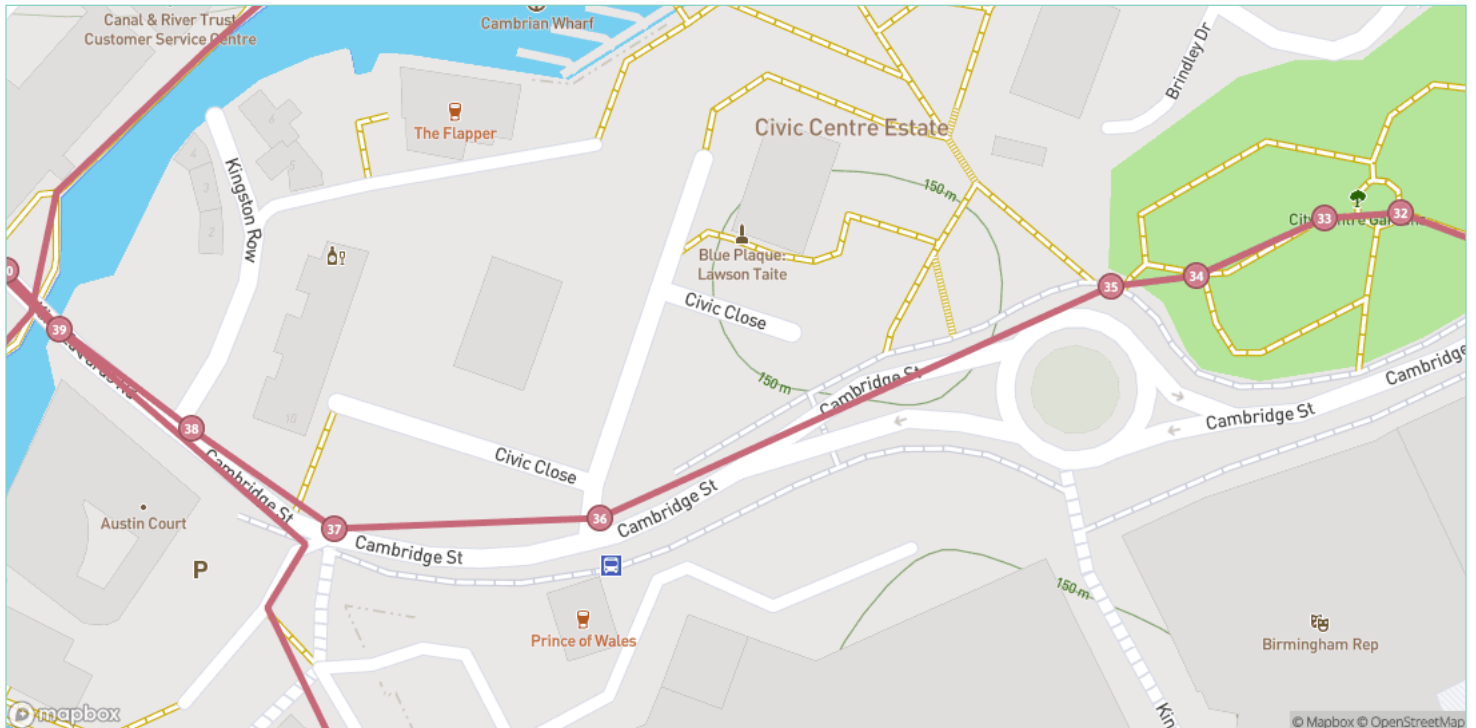
Step 27: Take a right onto the first path on the right to walk downhill past a tall apartment block.

Step 28: Follow the path and cross Brindley Drive at the dropped kerbs. Continue ahead.

Step 29: Turn right to enter City Centre Gardens.

Step 30: On your left, admire very fancy architecture of the Library of Birmingham, opened in 2013 and the largest regional library in Europe. 📖

Step 31: Follow the path that winds through the green space. Take time to explore the gardens as you wish.



Step 32: There are benches in the central circle if you fancy taking a seat to stop and tune into the nature around you.

Step 39: Use the bridge and enjoy another glimpse of the canal. Remember this section from earlier?

Step 33: Depending on the season, you may wish to stop and smell the flowers. 🌸

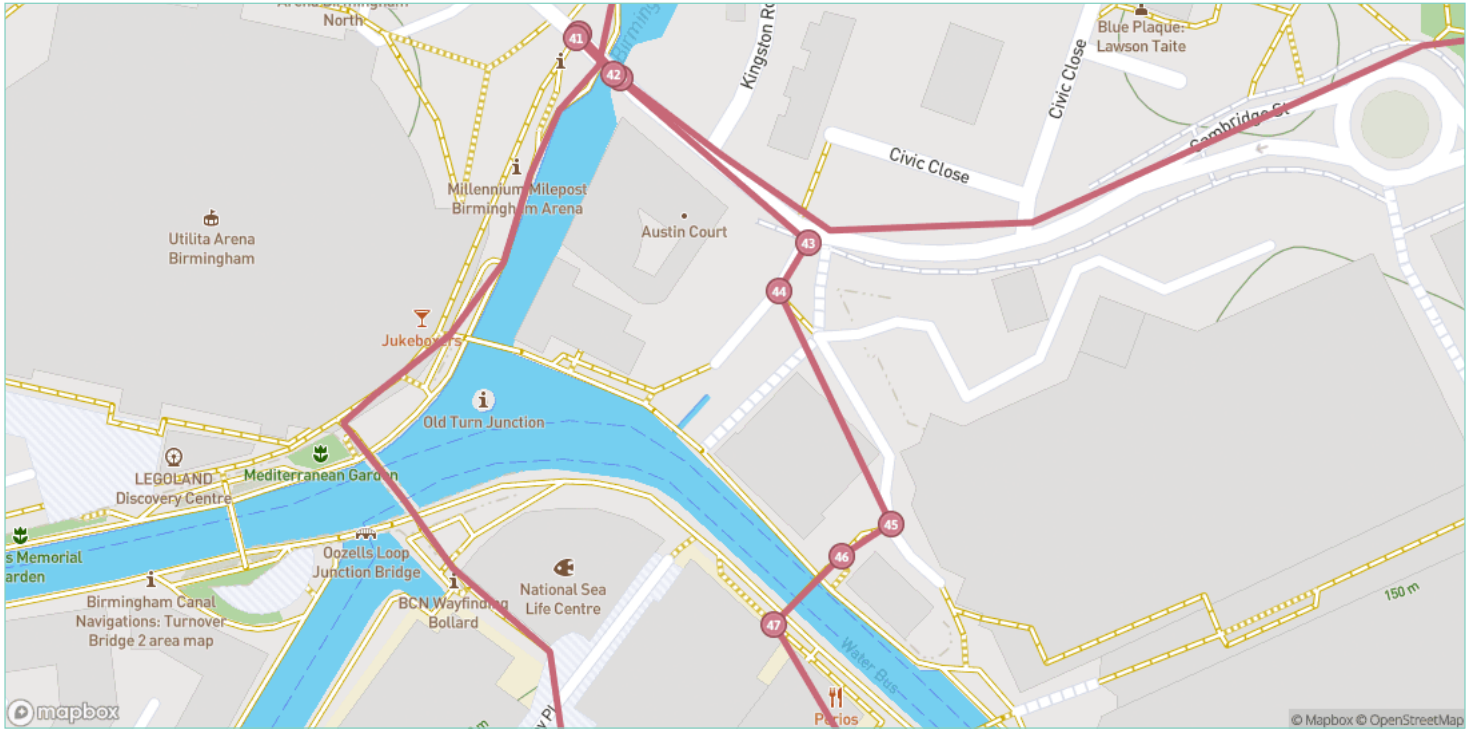
Step 34: Follow the central path out of the gardens and take your time to notice more blossom before you go. 🌸

Step 35: Exit the gardens by the roundabout and follow Cambridge Street straight ahead.

Step 36: Cross Civic Close via the drop kerbs and continue ahead.

Step 37: At this point we need to turn left and cross the road, but there are no drop kerbs. To stay on a step-free route, continue on Cambridge St.

Step 38: Cross Kingston Row and head back towards the canal.



Step 40: On the opposite side you'll find a dropped kerb. Cross the road here when safe to do so.

Step 41: Turn left on the opposite side to head back up the road.

Step 42: Cross the bridge once again. A great place for a photo stop. 📷

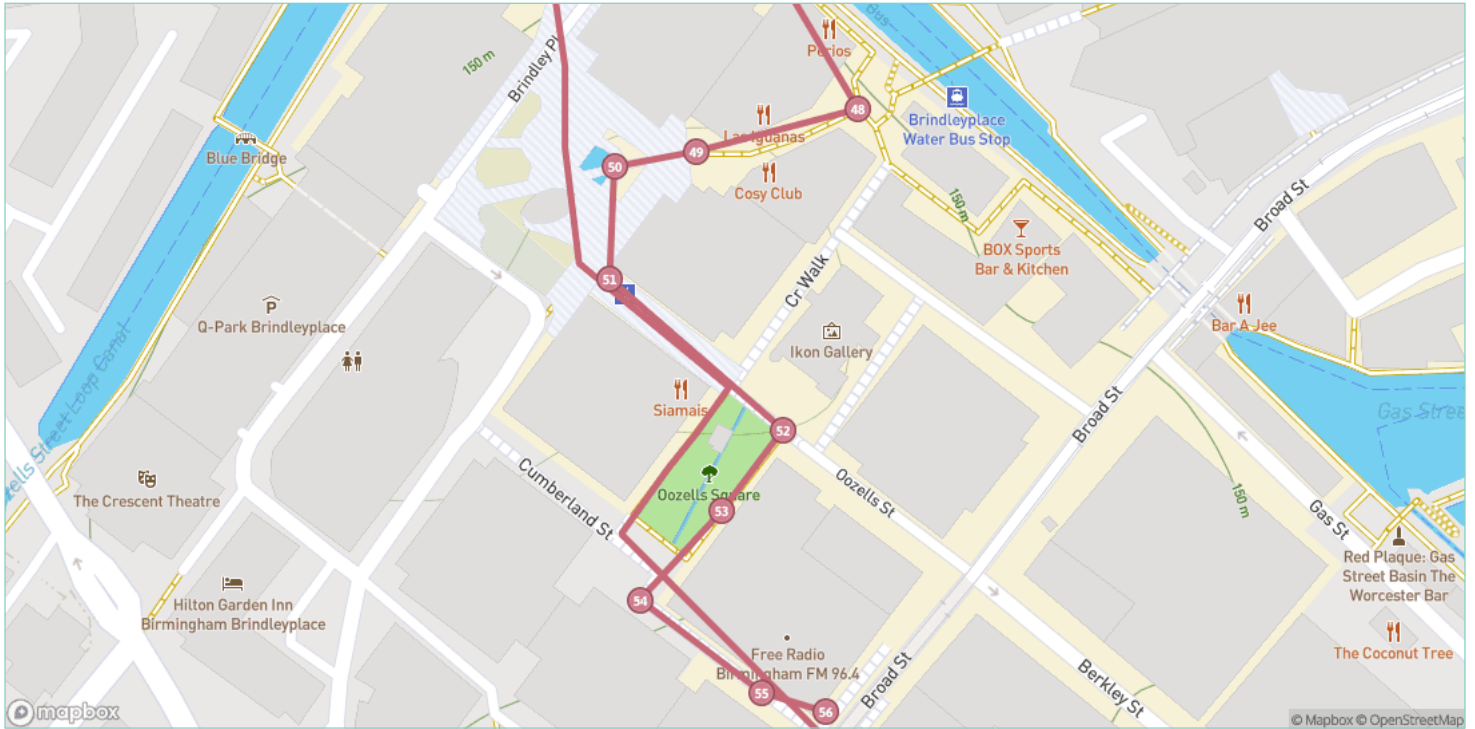
Step 43: Turn right on the first access road.

Step 44: Turn left and head carefully across a car park.

Step 45: Emerge by a bench around a tree and bear right towards the bridge.

Step 46: Cross the bridge over the Birmingham New Main Line Canal.

Step 47: Turn left on the opposite side.



Step 48: Take the first path on the right, heading back towards Brindley Place.

Step 49: We're back at Brindley Place! A good spot for refreshments.

Step 50: Enjoy the water feature!

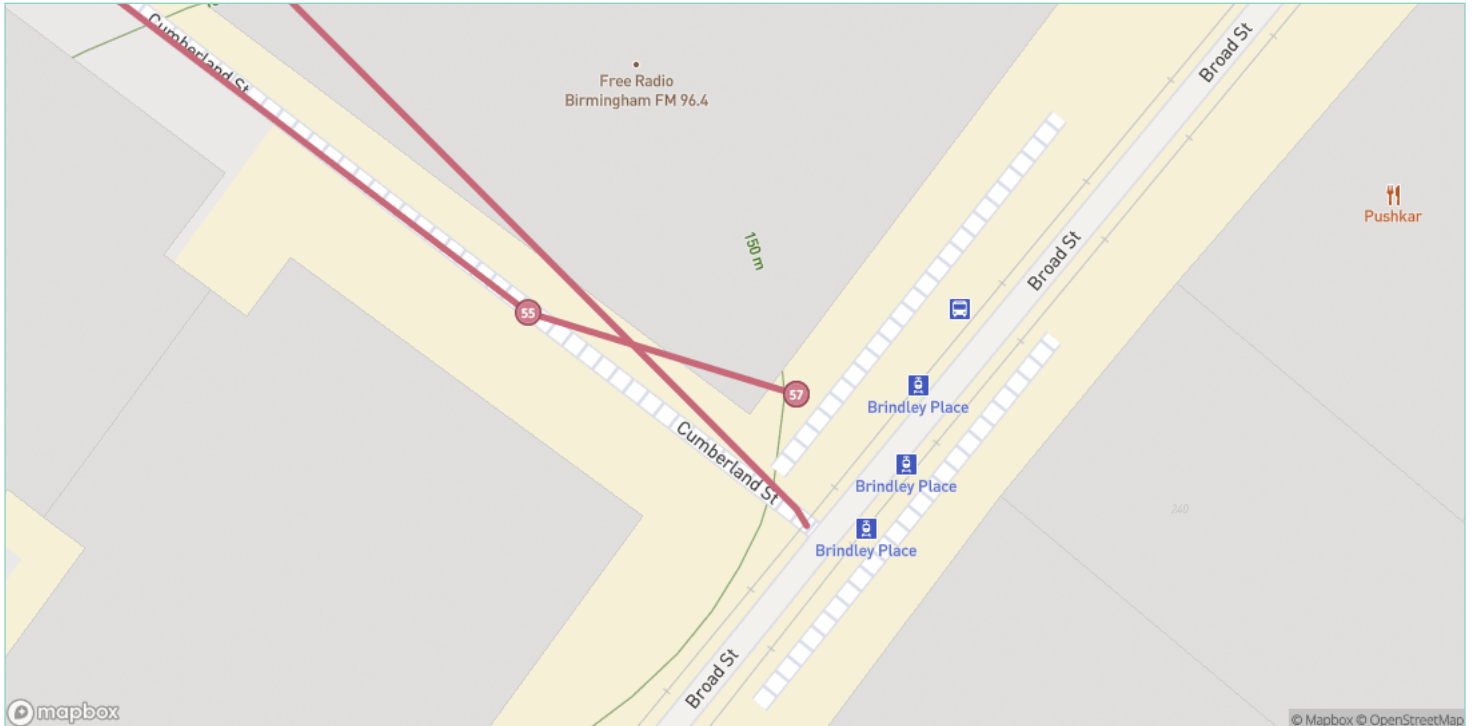
Step 51: Then turn left onto Oozells Street to head back to the cherry trees and pink blossom in spring.

Step 52: Enjoy the blooms if you're here in season. Turn right into the square.

Step 53: You may want to have a seat to enjoy the blossom and the architecture of the Ikon Gallery.

Step 54: When you've soaked up the trees, turn left onto Cumberland Place.

Step 55: And reach Broad Street once again where you can access the tram network.



Step 56: The walk ends here. We hope you enjoyed this mini tour around local green spaces and the canals, whatever the season.

Step 57: If you enjoyed this walk, you can discover more Birmingham-based walks in the app. Or why not tap the 3 dots below to share with someone else who would love to walk or wheel this route too? 🌸