



Green Chain Walk Section 9B

An alternative route from 9A, starting in Chislehurst and wandering through lush woodlands to Beckenham Place Park.

Distance 7.5 kilometers / 4.7 miles

Duration 1 hour and 45 minutes



Wildlife



Refreshments



Public transport



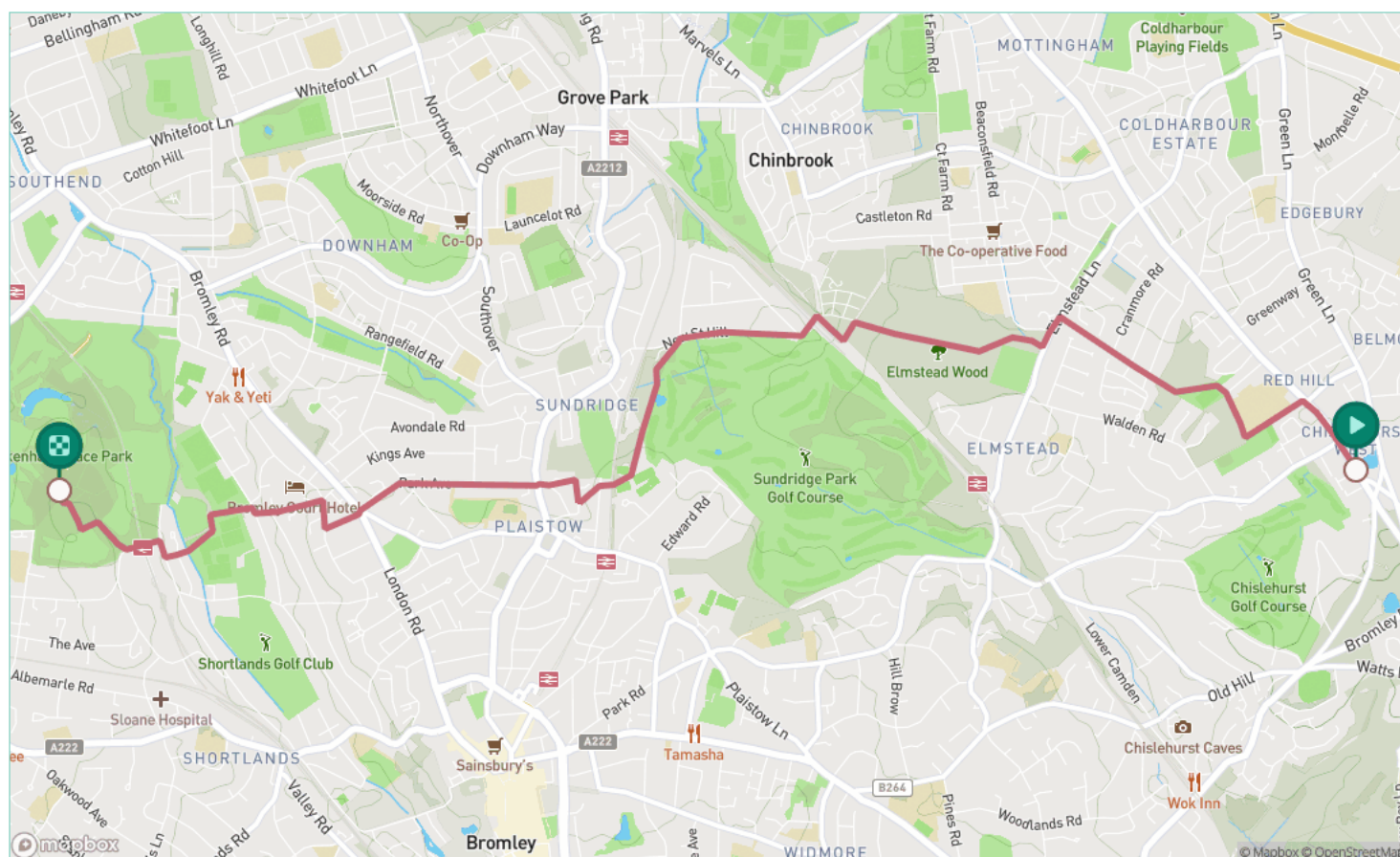
Picnic spot



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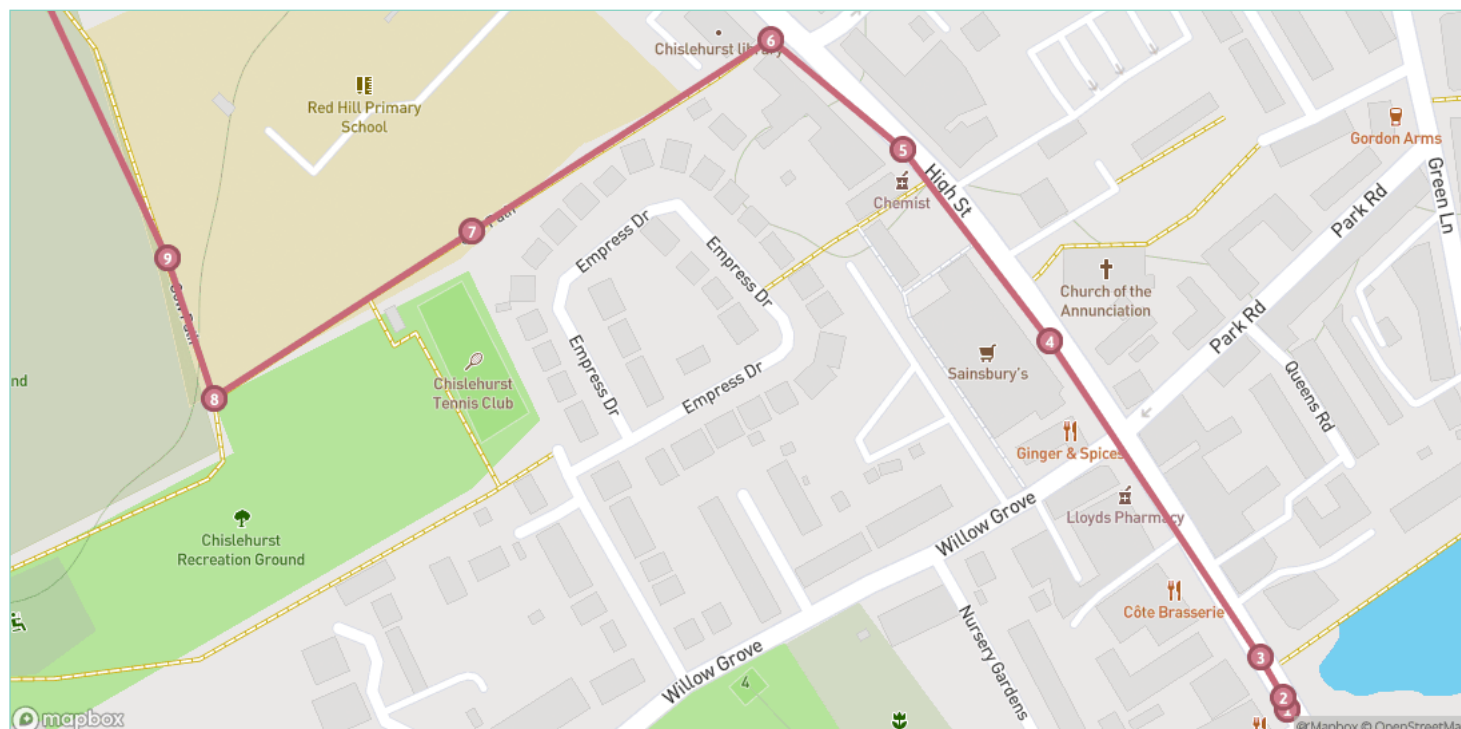


Dog friendly



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Step 1: Welcome to Section 9B of the Green Chain. This section starts by Prickend Pond at the south end of Chislehurst High Street, which is a one mile walk or a quick bus journey from Chislehurst rail station.

Step 2: Start with Prickend Pond on your right.

Did you know?

Prickend Pond was formed from an old gravel pit, used to make the roads in the area. Indeed Chislehurst gets its name from the Saxon words 'cisel' and 'hyrst' meaning 'gravel' and 'wooded hill' respectively.

Step 3: Walk along Chislehurst High Street, passing the Queen's Head pub on your right.

Step 4: Pass the Church of the Anunciation on your right.

Did you know?

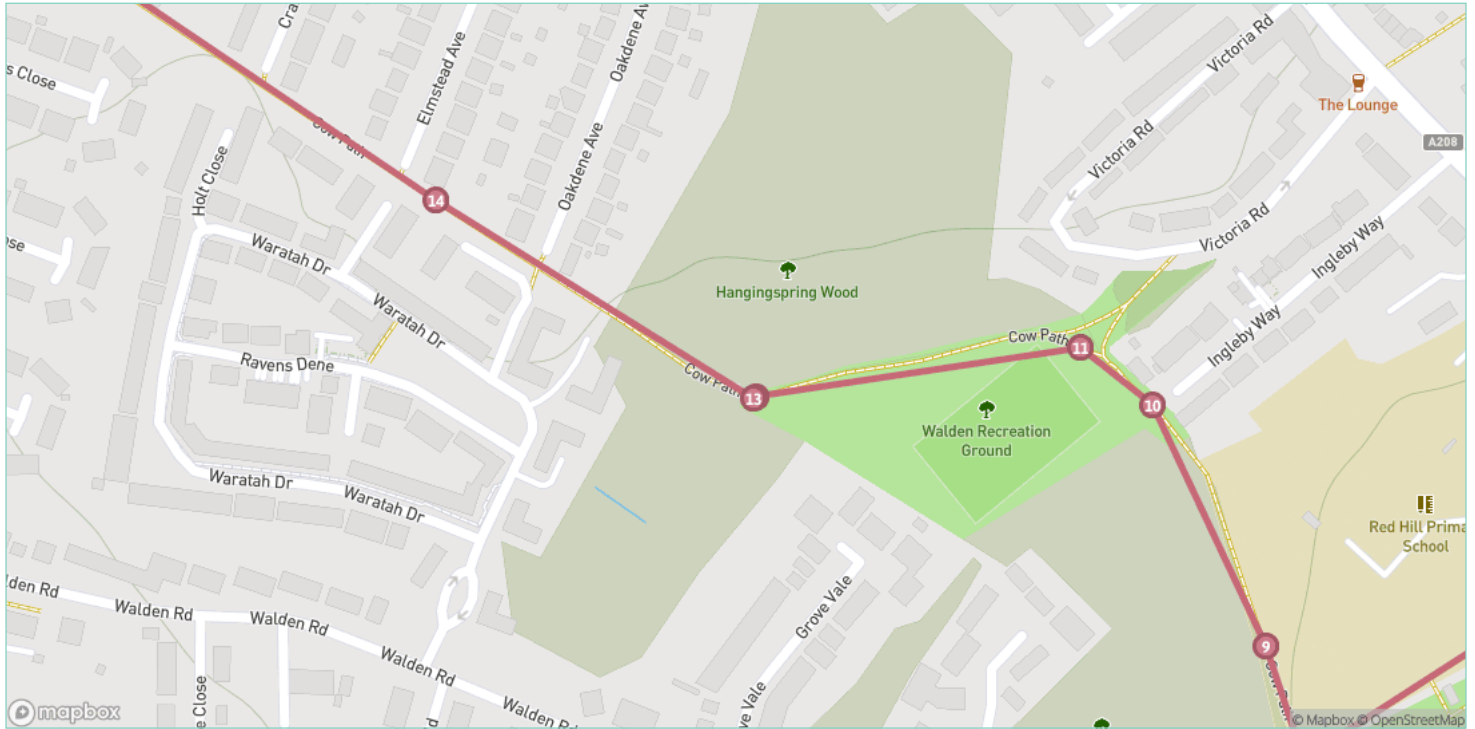
There are Commonwealth War Graves from the First World War in this churchyard. Commonwealth War Graves - found in over 23,000 burial sites across the world - are all the same size and dimensions, regardless of rank.

Step 5: After the supermarket, cross the road and continue to follow the Green Chain markers along the High Street.

Step 6: Turn left just before the library by the major Green Chain signpost.

Step 7: Follow this path with the school playing fields to your right.

Step 8: When you come to Chislehurst Recreation Ground, follow the path into Whytes Woodland on your right.



Step 9: Continue along the muddy path through the woods with the school on your right.

Step 10: You will emerge at Walden Recreation Ground.

Step 11: Follow the tarmac path as it bends round to the left.

Step 12: The path will then bend right and take you into more woodland.

Step 13: You will pass this bear - one of the 25 bears on the Chislehurst Bear Trail. There are two more on Walden Recreation Ground hiding in trees.

Step 14: Continue straight ahead along the path for 400 metres.



Step 15: You will emerge on Elmstead Heights Close. Continue along this road.

Step 16: When you come to Elmstead Lane, turn left, cross over Elmstead Lane at the pedestrian island and continue along the road.

Step 17: Take the path on your right which briefly runs alongside the road. But be sure to stick to the right hand side as the left is a cycle lane.

Step 18: Turn right into Elmstead Wood when you come to the Green Chain signpost.

Step 19: Follow the path through the woods, looking out for Green Chain marker posts.

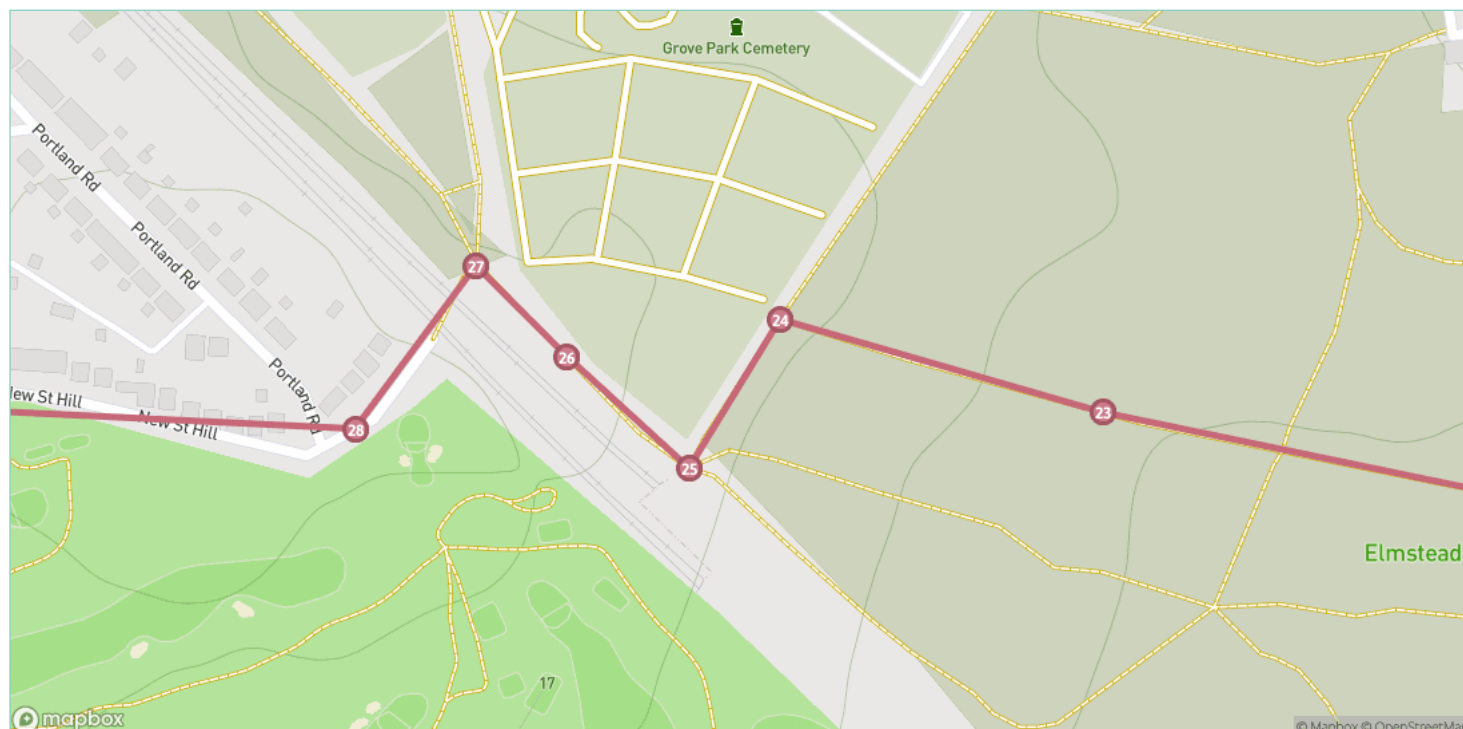
Did you know?

Elmstead Woods is an area of oak and sweet chestnut coppice. While most oaks are around 100 years old, there is one which has been here for at least 200 years.

Step 20: The path bears slightly left ...

Step 21: ... before bearing slightly right ...

Step 22: ... and right again.



Step 23: Continue along this path for 500 metres enjoying the mixed oak woodland.

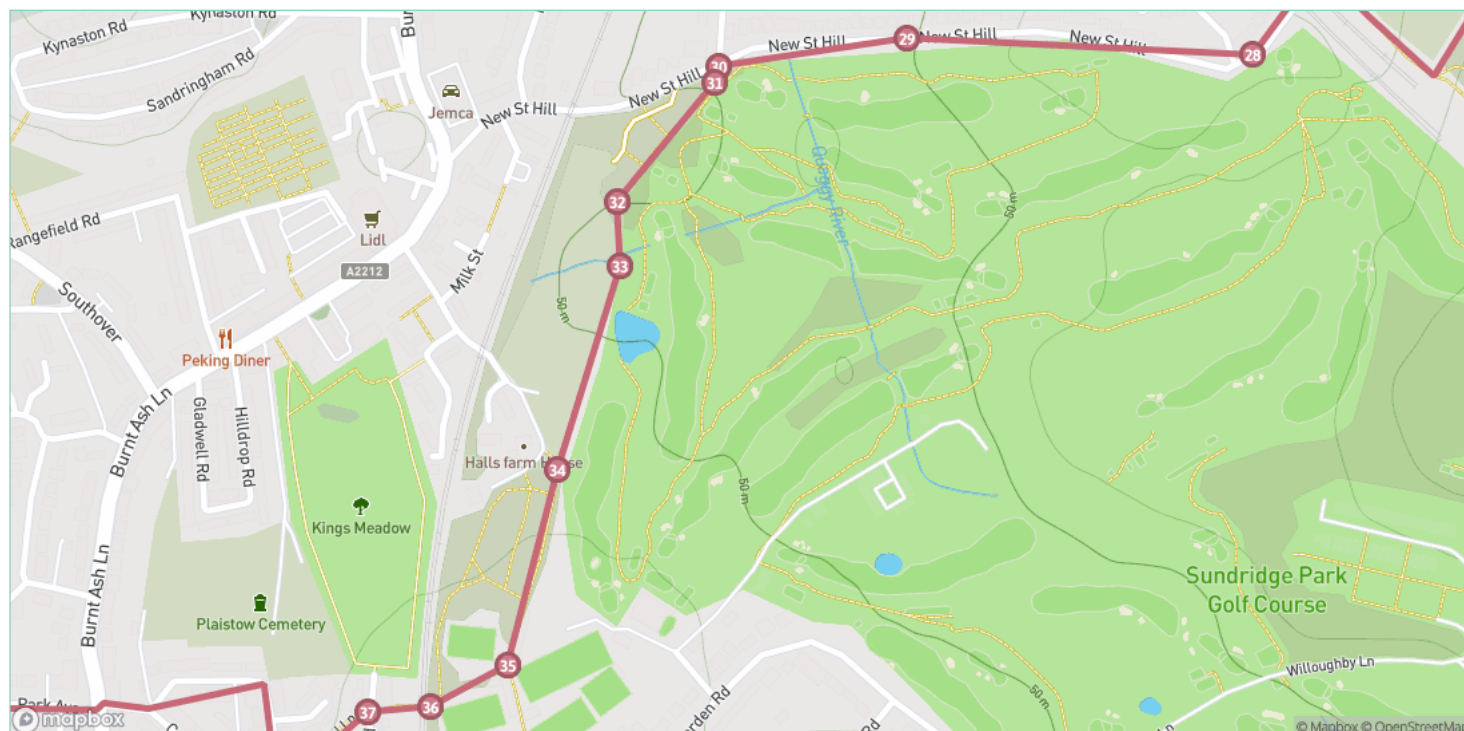
Step 24: You will come to a signpost with Grove Park Cemetery beyond the railings. Turn left here & follow the path with the railings on your right.

Step 25: Turn right to follow the path as it runs alongside the railway cutting.

Step 26: Continue along the path with the cemetery on your right and the railway cutting on your left.

Step 27: Turn left and cross the railway bridge.

Step 28: You will come off the bridge on to New Street Hill. Continue straight to walk along it.



Step 29: Continue along New Street Hill, passing Portland Road on your right...

Step 30: ... until you come to the footpath on your left opposite Oak Street Gardens.

Step 31: Follow this footpath through the woods with the fencing on your left.

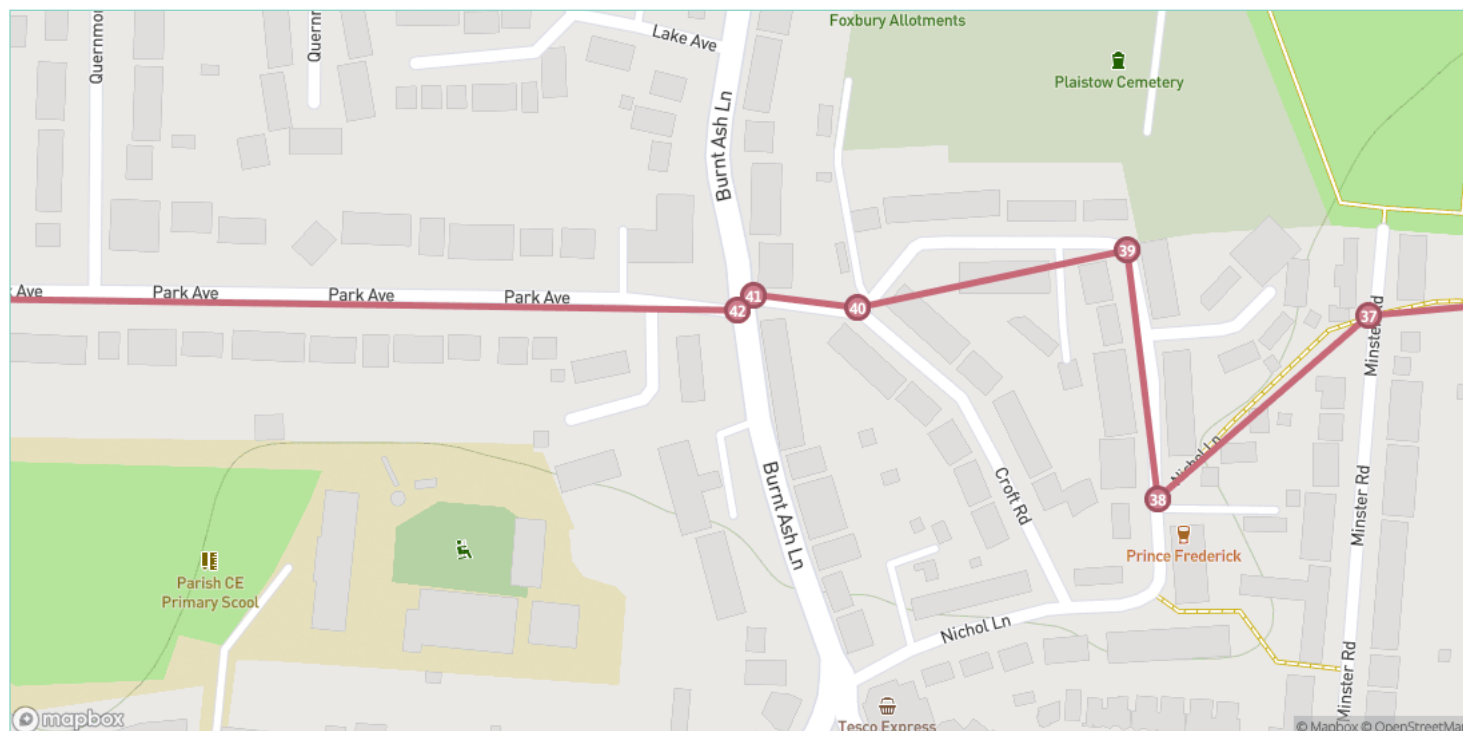
Step 32: The path will bend left...

Step 33: ... and take you past a golf course on your left and allotments on your right.

Step 34: When you come to the end of the allotments, keep going straight, being careful not to miss the partially covered marker post.

Step 35: Follow the path to the tennis club, turning right after the red tennis courts.

Step 36: Follow the path to cross the footbridge over the railway.



Step 37: You will emerge on to Minster Road. Cross the road to the Green Chain signpost and follow the footpath ahead.

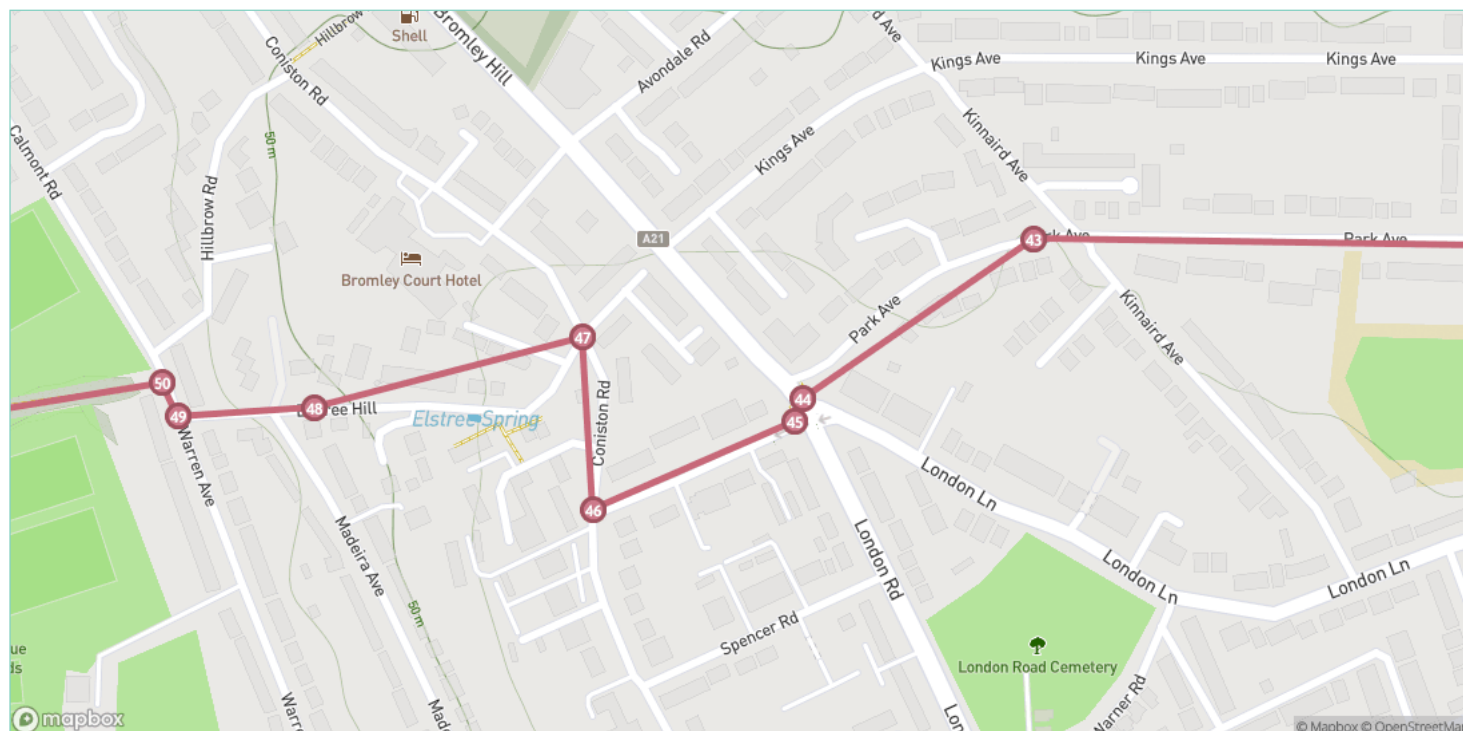
Step 38: When you come to Foxbury Road, turn right to walk along it.

Step 39: Follow Foxbury Road as it bends left.

Step 40: At the end of Foxbury Road, cross Croft Road and turn right along it.

Step 41: Cross Burnt Ash Lane at the pedestrian crossing ...

Step 42: ... to reach Park Avenue opposite. Walk along Park Avenue.



Step 43: Continue on Park Avenue as it bends left beyond Kinnaird Avenue.

Step 44: This will bring you to the junction with London Road and Bromley Hill which has a major Green Chain signpost.

Step 45: Cross Bromley Hill using the pedestrian island and then go up Oaklands Road.

Step 46: As the road bends left, turn right into Coniston Road.

Step 47: Just after the Green Chain finger post, turn left down Elstree Hill.

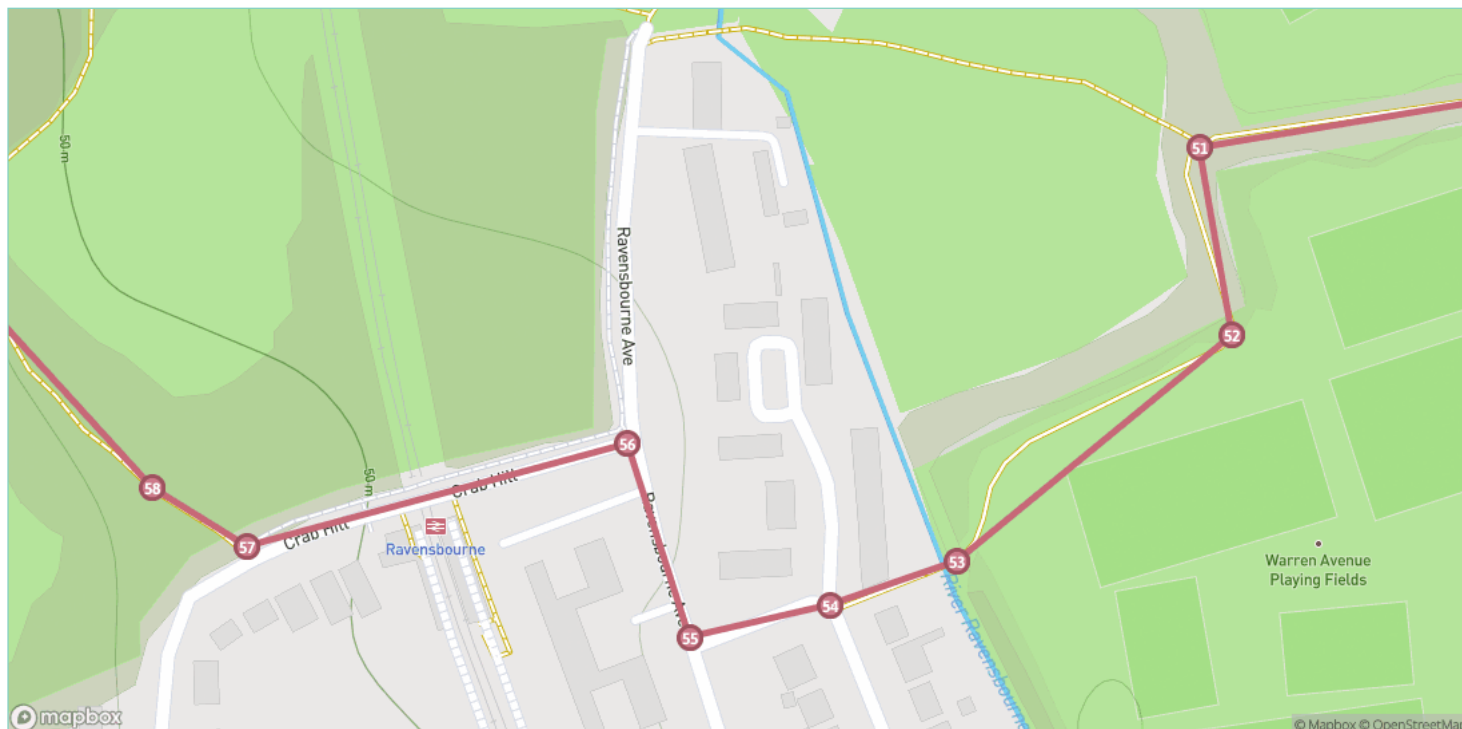
Step 48: As you go down Elstree Hill, you will pass this rather grand porchway on your right which once belonged to the London School Board offices.

Did you know?

The London School Board ran London's schools from 1870-1902 and its offices were actually located on the Victoria Embankment but after they were demolished in 1929 this porchway was re-erected here.

Step 49: At the bottom of Elstree Hill, ignore this misleading signpost and turn right on to Calmont Road.

Step 50: Almost immediately, turn left and follow the footpath into Warren Avenue open space.



Step 51: Follow the path as it bends left under the trees...

Step 52: ... and then right as you reach the open space.

Step 53: Cross the footbridge over the River Ravensbourne.

Did you know?

The Ravensbourne was once called 'Randesbourne' and is thought to mean 'boundary stream' from the Old English 'rand' and 'burna' as it forms the boundary of several parishes over its 10 mile course.

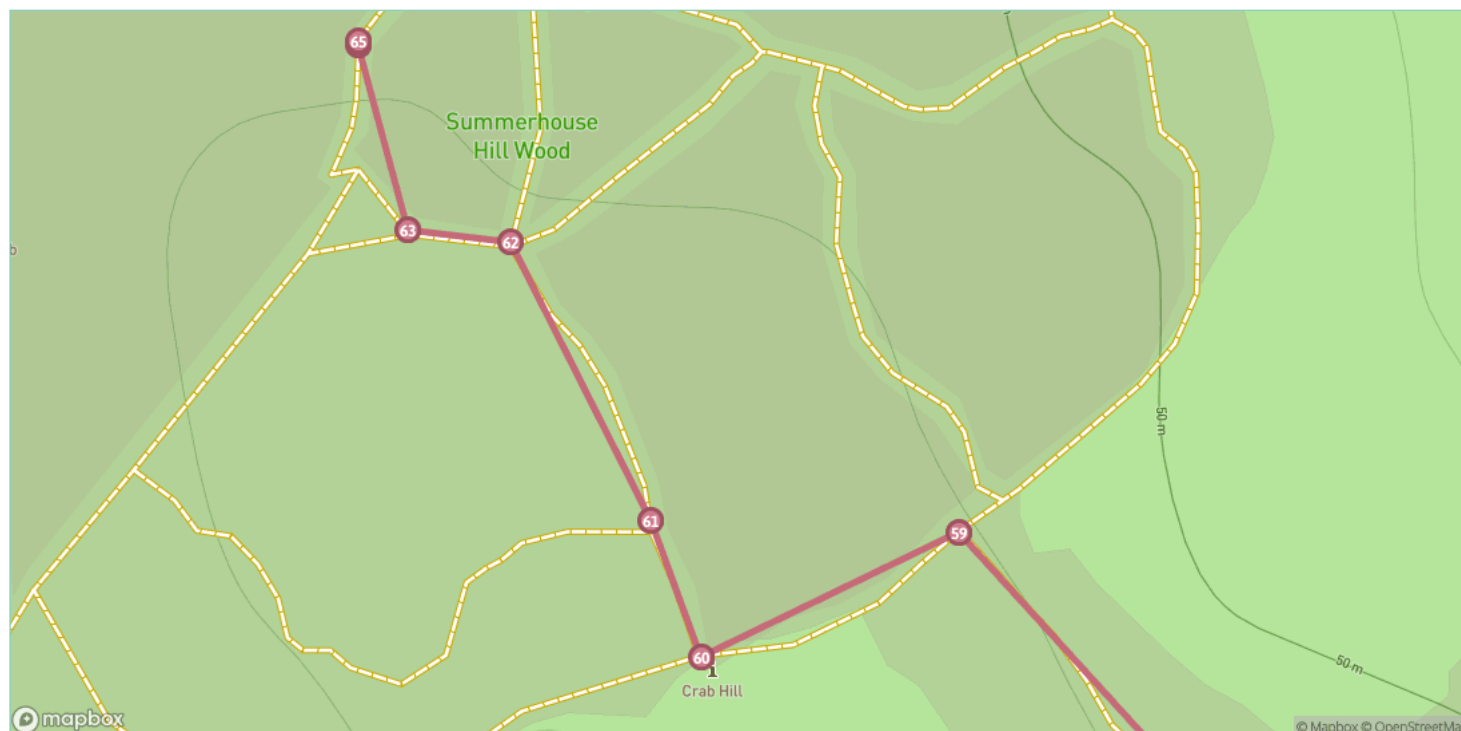
Step 54: You will emerge on Ravensmead Road. Continue straight up the hill here.

Step 55: When you come to Ravensbourne Avenue, turn right and cross over on to the other side.

Step 56: Then turn left into Crab Hill and walk past Ravensbourne Rail Station.

Step 57: Just past Ravensbourne rail station, you will see the entrance to Beckenham Place Park on your right. Enter the park here.

Step 58: Follow the path into the park under the oak and ash trees



Step 59: When you come to the T junction in paths, turn left - in the direction of 'Foxgrove' on the signpost here.

Step 60: Turn right at the next path by the bench to follow the path as it heads into the woodland.

Did you know?

Crab Hill on your left here is the park's most extensive area of meadow, and is cut once a year for hay. The hill was used in the Second World War for growing potatoes. It also housed a prisoner of war camp.

Step 61: Continue along the path - you will pass old parish boundary markers on your right.

Step 62: Follow the path as it bends left at the next path junction.

Step 63: Then follow it as it bends right.

Did you know?

You are now standing in ancient woodland. It has been continuously wooded since at least 1600. Indicator species here that are less common in newer woodland include native bluebell, wild garlic and wood anemone.

Step 64: You will come to a major Green Chain signpost, which marks the end of this section of the Green Chain! How about tackling Section 10 next?

Step 65: From here, you can either retrace your steps back to Ravensbourne station or continue through the park to Beckenham Hill station, perhaps stopping for refreshments at the park's excellent Homestead Cafe.