Battersea & Thames Path Step-free

A step free section of the Thames Path featuring Battersea Power Station, Battersea Park with lovely gardens and the London Peace Pagoda.

Distance 3.4 kilometers / 2.1 miles
Duration 1 hour and 10 minutes

Wildlife | Wheel friendly | Water feature | Public loos | Public transport | Dog friendly

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Step 1: Exit Battersea Power Station tube station and immediately turn right towards the bollards ahead. The station is accessible.

Step 2: Turn right onto Prospect Way.

Step 3: Continue along Prospect Way, admiring the views of Battersea Power Station.

Step 4: You'll pass a playground on the right. A good fun stop if you're with kids or save for the end of the walk.

Step 5: After the playground, turn right onto Circus Road and use the zebra crossing to continue onto the other side.

Step 6: Continue along Circus Road with the power station to your left.

Step 7: Look out for these information boards along the way to learn about Battersea Power Station's fascinating history.

Step 8: As you near the river, cross the road to turn right on this footpath towards the big glass building.

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Step 9: Turn left once you reach the building, heading towards the River Thames.

Step 10: Turn left onto Riverside Walk with the Thames on your right.

Step 11: Keep going forward towards a bridge, with views of the power station to your left.

Step 12: Continue under the rail bridge.

Step 13: Follow Riverside Walk with Chelsea Bridge ahead of you.

Step 14: Continue under Chelsea Bridge along the curved footbridge.

Step 15: Follow the path as it bends left to enter Battersea Park.

Step 16: Keep right as you enter the park to join the Thames Path National Trail, with the river on your right.

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Step 17: Continue onwards with the Thames on your right and the majestic plane trees on your left.

Step 18: Keep going until you reach the pagoda. Can you see the beautiful Albert Bridge over the Thames ahead?

Step 19: The London Peace pagoda is a 33.5 metre high Buddhist monument built in 1985 to promote peace and harmony.

Step 20: Now turn left by the pagoda into the park, heading towards Carriage Drive with the river behind you.

Step 21: Turn left onto Carriage Drive. Be aware of cyclists.

Step 22: After a few metres turn right on this wide path towards the topiary of Russel Page Garden. Go straight ahead.

Step 23: You'll soon reach the manicured gardens and topiary hedges. There are steps to the right so we continue ahead on this step-free route.

Step 24: With the hedges on your right, continue ahead along the same path.

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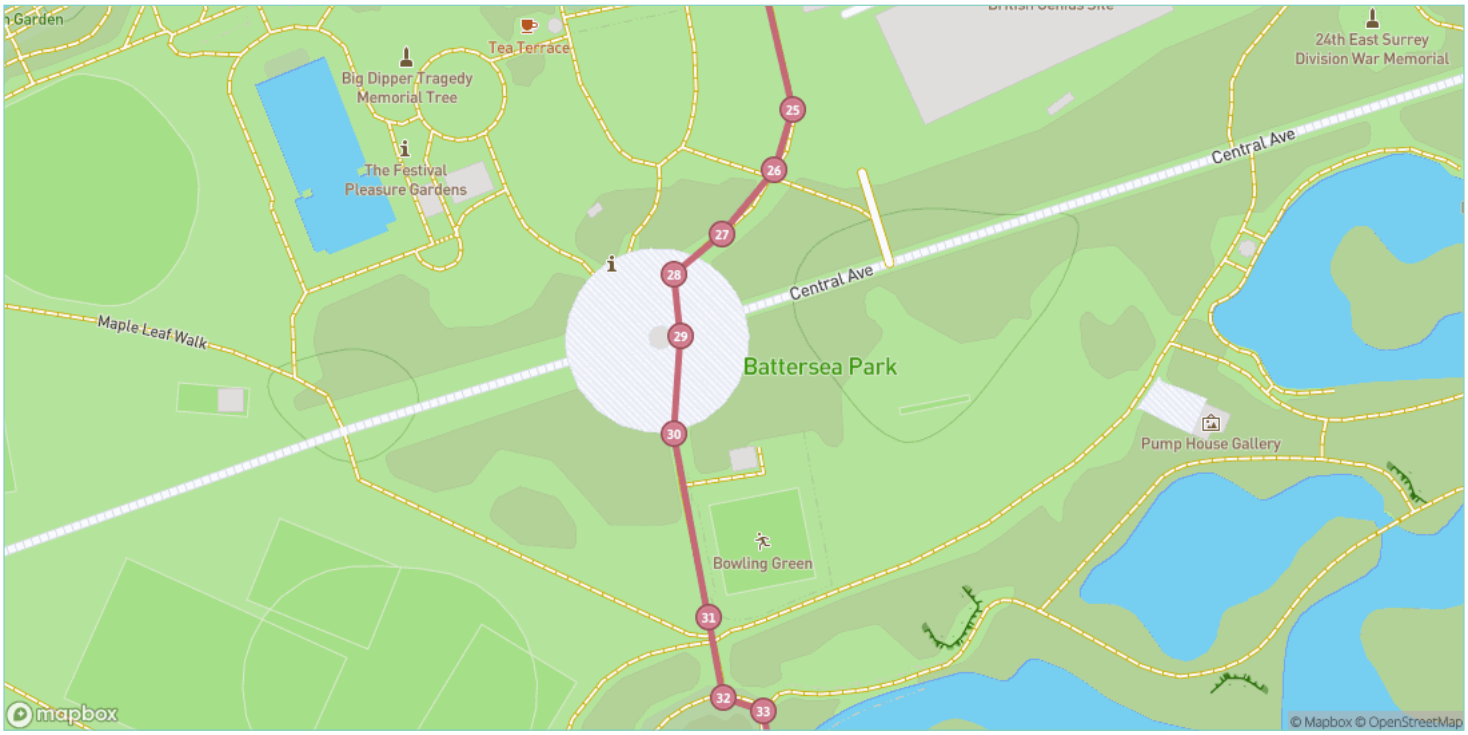

Step 25: Follow the footpath as it bends to the right.

Step 26: Don't forget to enjoy the sights and smells of the trees throughout the seasons.

Step 27: Continue ahead towards the bandstand.

Step 28: This traditional Victorian bandstand plays host to summer music events, weddings and civil partnerships.

Step 29: With the bandstand in front of you turn left towards the path with the information sign, opposite where you entered the bandstand junction.

Step 30: Continue onto the path ahead.

Step 31: Keep going straight, crossing another path.

Step 32: Here you'll enter the sub-tropical garden. You can read about the plants here on the information boards. Turn left here.

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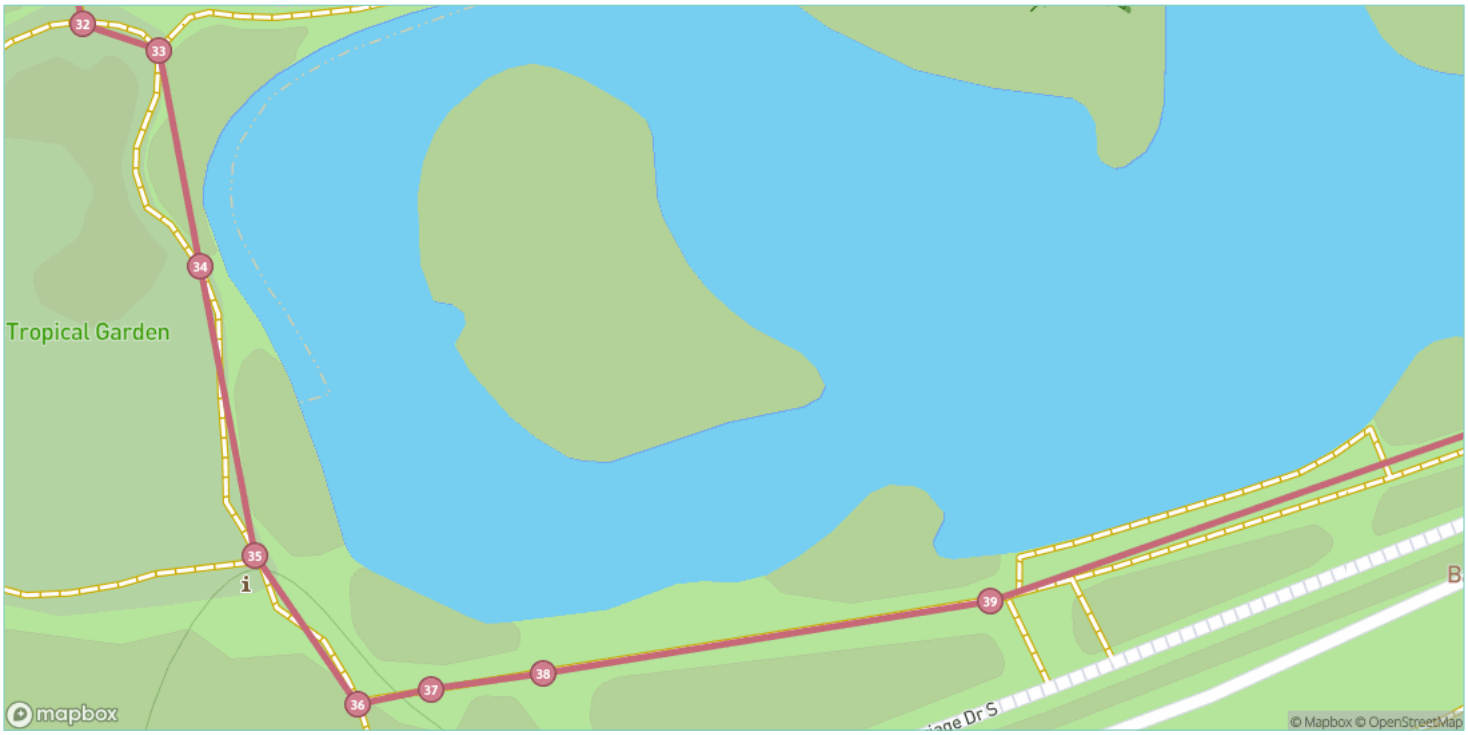

Step 33: Follow the path as it bends around to the right through the gardens. Ignore the path to the left.

Step 34: Enjoy views of the boating lake to your left.

Step 35: Continue forward, ignoring the right turn.

Step 36: Turn left at this junction, with the boating lake on your left.

Step 37: Follow the straight path ahead.

Step 38: There are plenty of benches here for a rest or picnic stop.

Step 39: This is a great spot to tune into nature - what can you notice in the lake? In the sky? Any patterns in the trees?

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Step 40: Look out for this Barbara Hepworth sculpture.

Step 41: Continue walking ahead towards the bollards.

Step 42: Turn right when you reach the rose gardens. The roses look beautiful in the summer blooming season. 🌹

Step 43: Continue straight toward the park exit.

Step 44: Head towards the exit, be careful of cars and bikes here and use the drop kerbs.

Step 45: Exit the park through the gateway on the left.

Step 46: Turn left and head towards the petrol station ahead of you. You're back on the Thames Path here 😊

Step 47: Cross Queenstown Road at the traffic lights.

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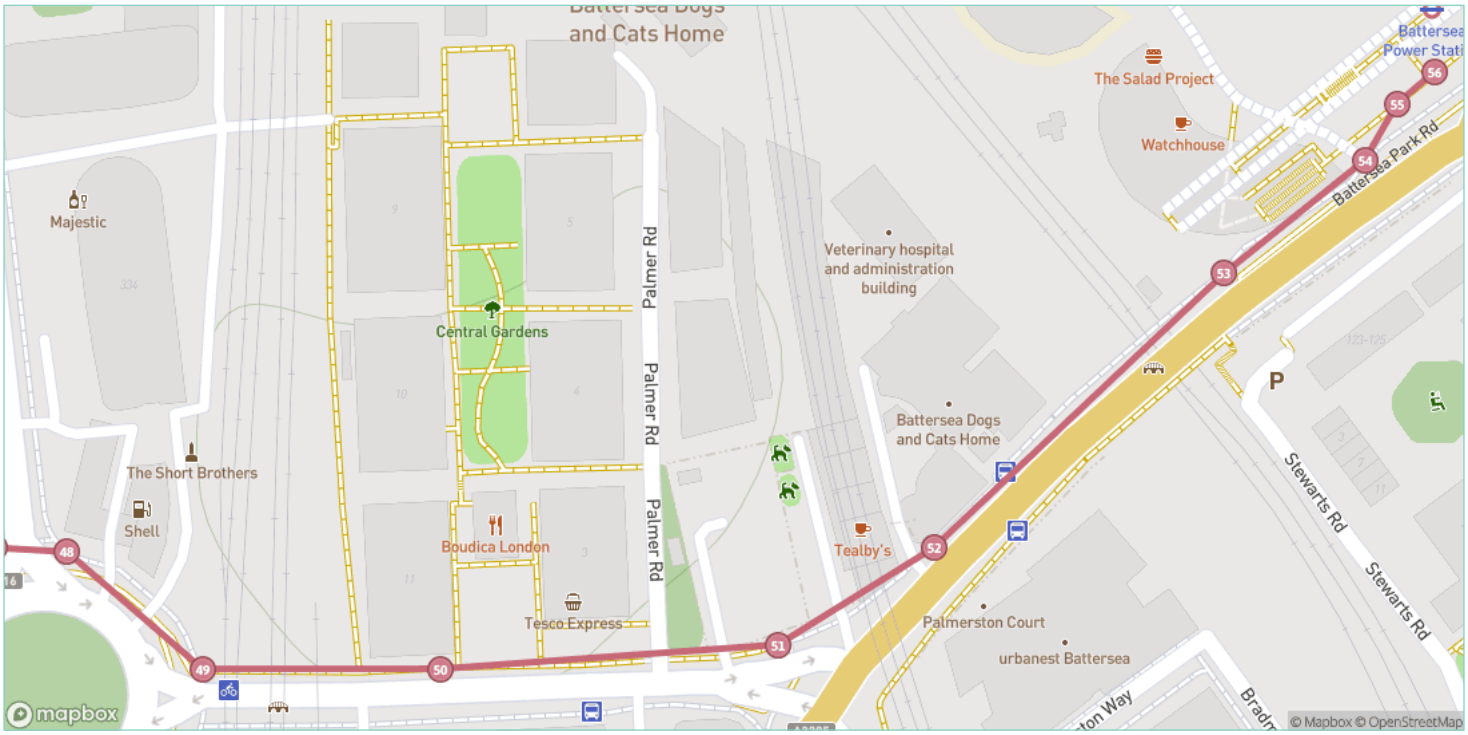

Step 48: Continue ahead and cross the next smaller access road.

Step 49: Head under the rail bridge to turn left onto Prince of Wales Drive.

Step 50: Continue straight on Prince of Wales Drive.

Step 51: Head under the next bridge as the road bends slightly to the left.

Step 52: You'll pass Battersea Dogs and Cats Home on your left.

Step 53: Continue straight until you reach Battersea Power Station where the walk ends.

Step 54: For the step free route to the station keep walking straight for a few more metres and turn left down the slope.

Step 55: Follow the slope down towards the station entrance.

Step 56: You have reached the station and the end of the walk. We hope you enjoyed this step-free Thames Path walk today!

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