



Bristol Ring Section 3

From Briery Leaze head through an old airfield and nature filled corridors in this southern stretch of the ring. Bus stops at either end.

Distance 7.7 kilometers / 4.8 miles

Duration 3 hours



Wildlife



Water feature



Public transport



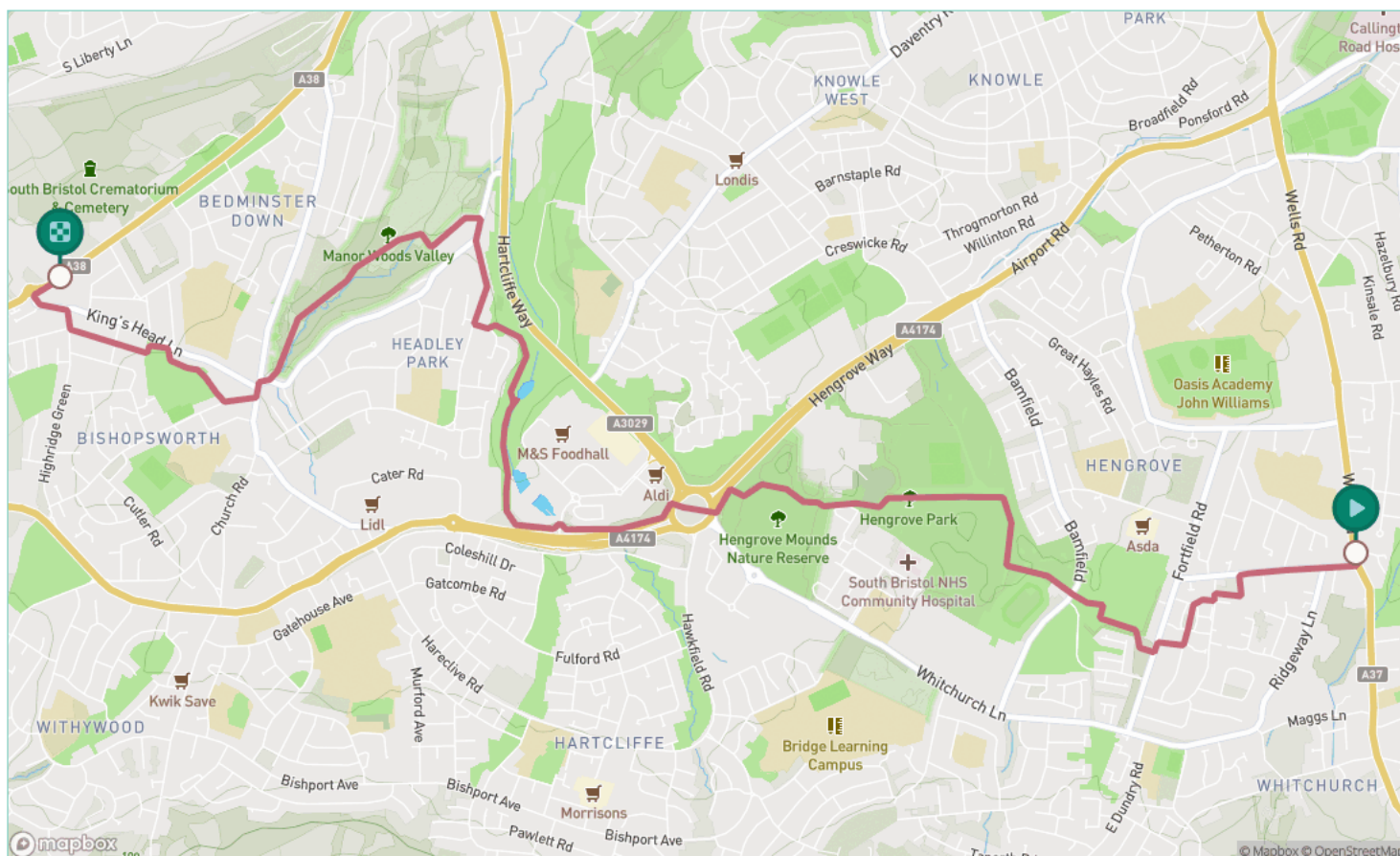
History



Hilly & steep

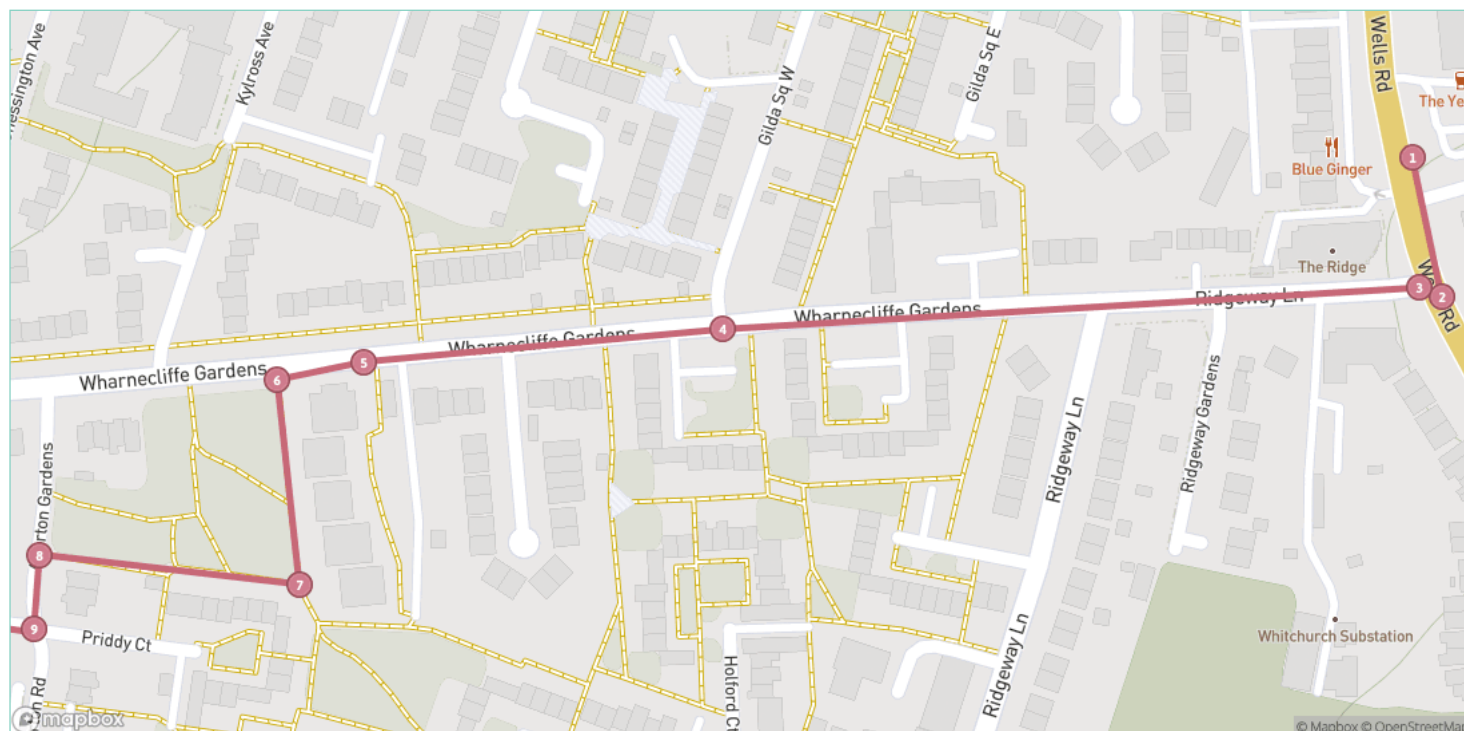


Dog friendly



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Step 1: Section 3 starts on step 3. From the city centre you can get buses 172, 374, 376 from Bristol Bus Station to the stop on Gilda Parade on Wells Road.

Step 8: Turn left on Allerton Gardens towards the trees.

Step 2: From the bus stop, head to the lights to cross Wells Road. Turn right on the opposite side for few steps...

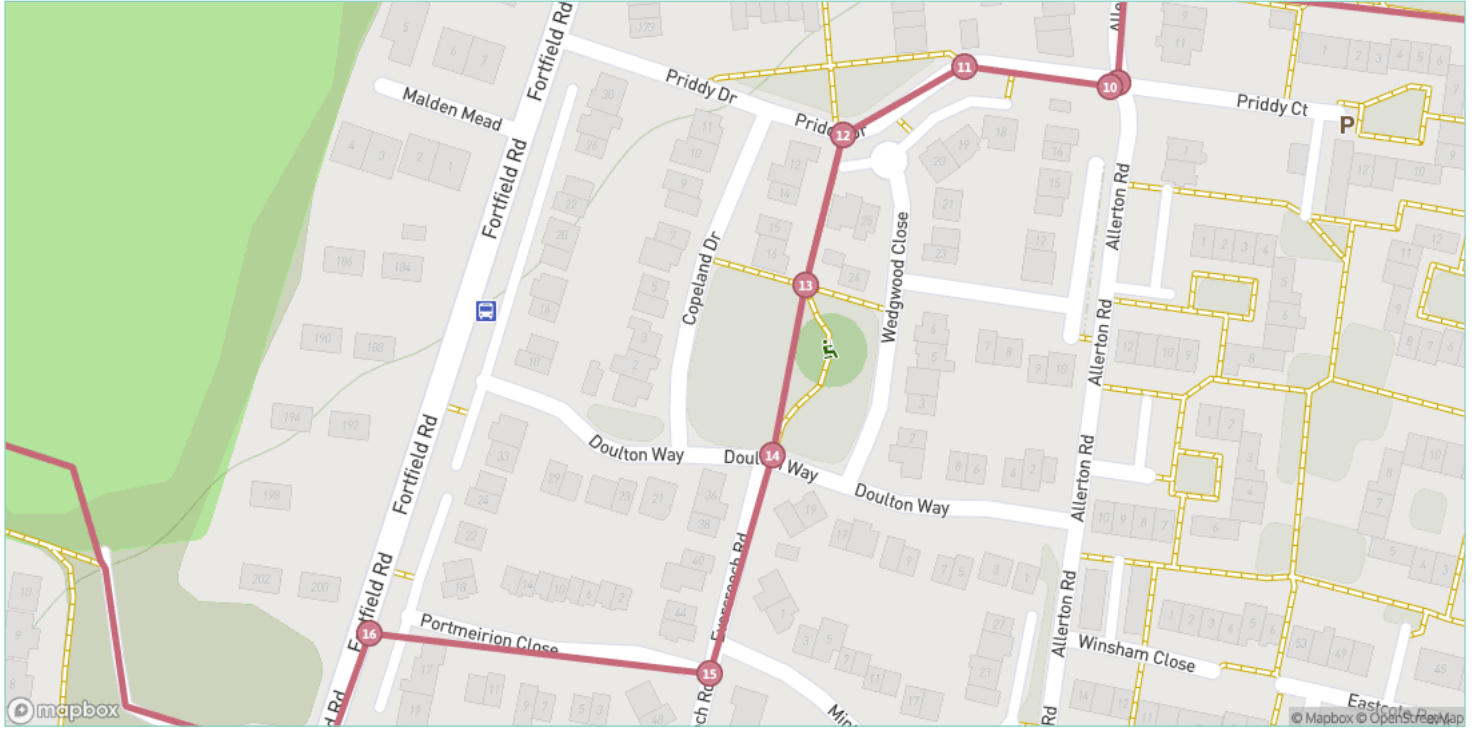
Step 3: ...then head left onto Ridgeway Lane where Section 3 begins!

Step 4: The road becomes Wharnecliffe Gardens. Continue ahead until you reach Parbrook Court.

Step 5: Look out for Parbrook Court on the left and the footpath just after it.

Step 6: Turn left onto the tarmac footpath.

Step 7: Turn right to continue with the small green space on your right which is dotted with ash trees.



Step 9: Turn right, cross the road and head along Priddy Drive.

Step 10: If you're here in autumn, grab an Apple snack on this corner! Only take one though to save some for others. 🍏

Step 11: Follow the road to the left.

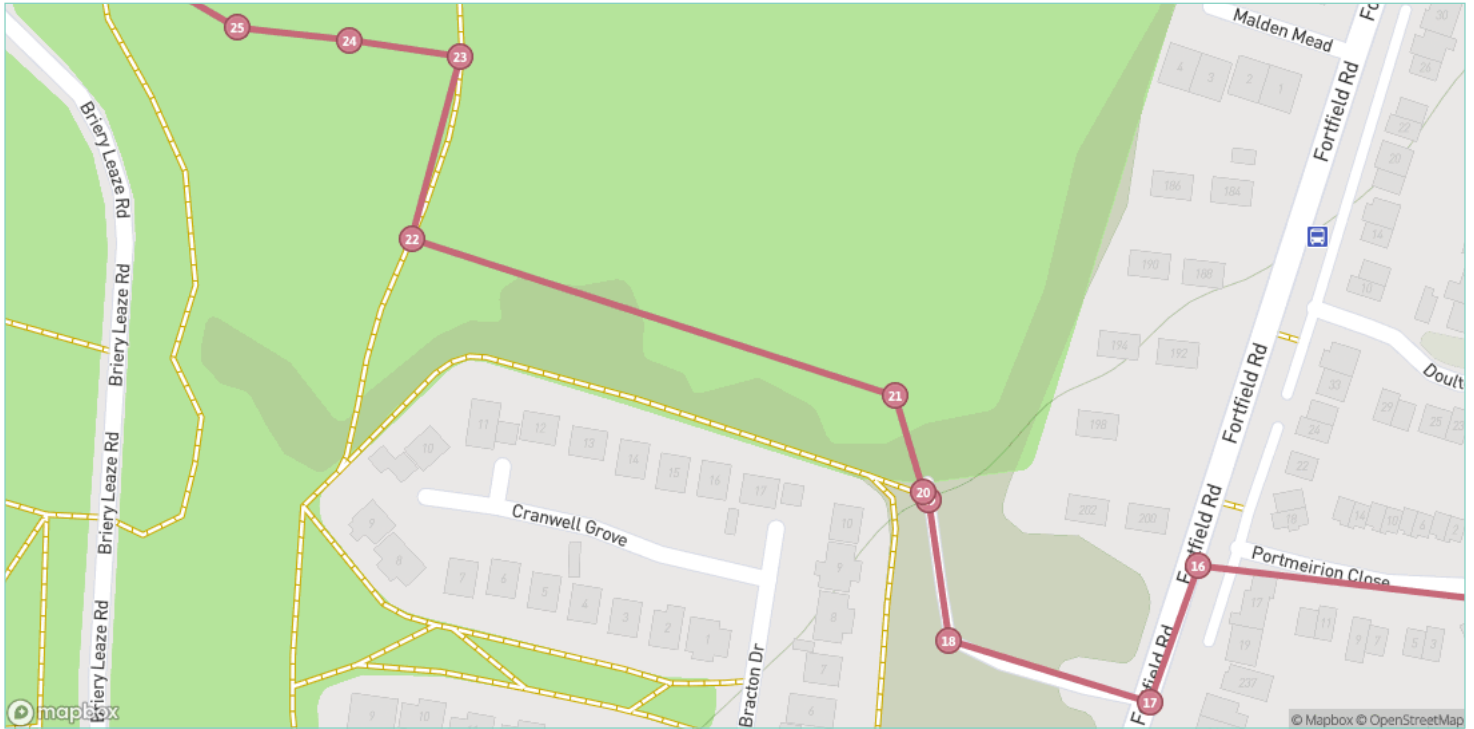
Step 12: As the road bends right, head left just after the bollards between housing.

Step 13: Cross Doulton Way Playground.

Step 14: Cross Doulton Way and go straight ahead on Evercreech Road.

Step 15: Turn right on Portmeirion Close and walk to the end of the road.

Step 16: Turn left on Fortfield Road. We're approaching our first big green space of this section!



Step 17: When you're opposite a track on the opposite side, cross the road when safe to do so and head straight along the track.

Step 24: Look left at the top for views across to the rolling hills of Maes Knoll and New Down.

Step 18: Follow the track to the right.

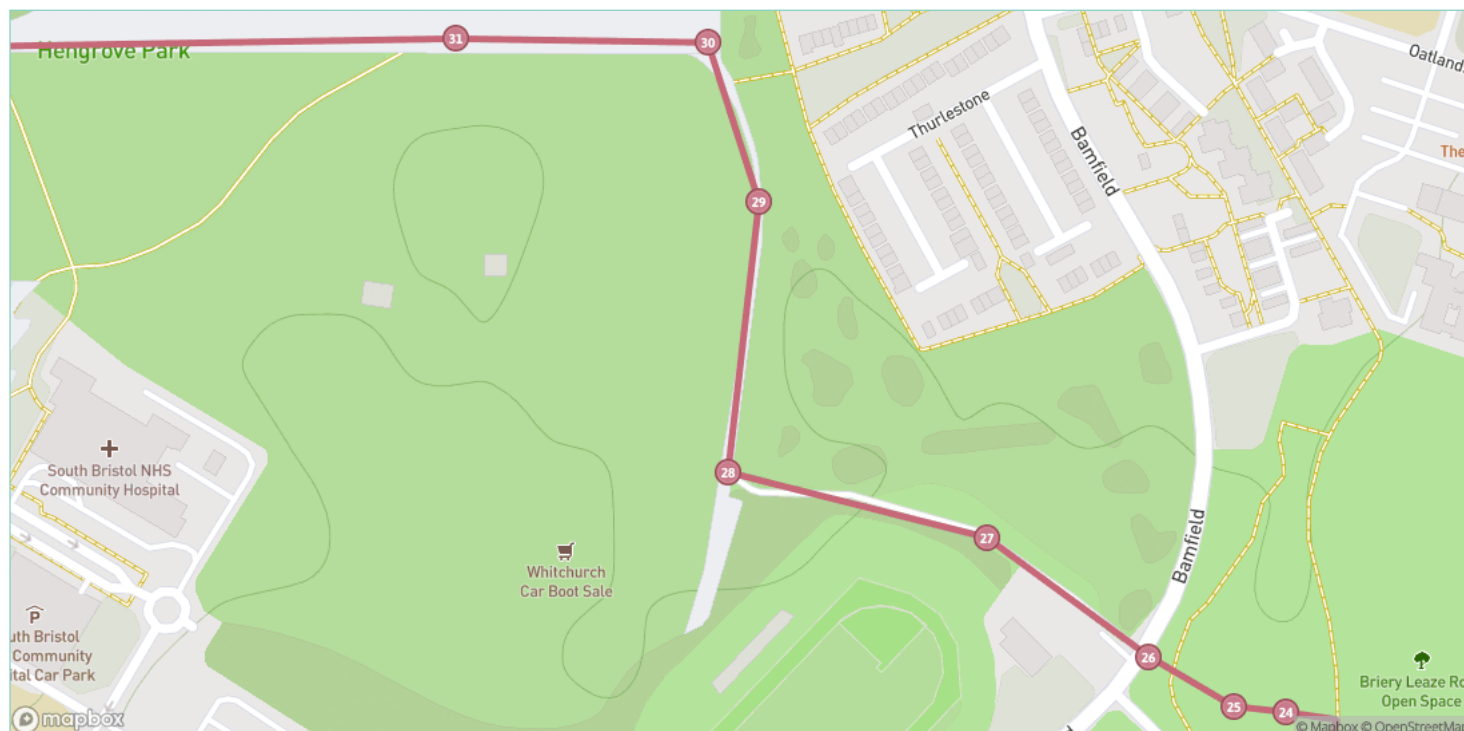
Step 19: In wet weather, you can turn left on the path in front of the houses and then head right when you reach the main path, rejoining at step 22.

Step 20: Otherwise continue ahead into Briery Leaze Road Open Space.

Step 21: Head left across the grass until you reach a tarmac path.

Step 22: Turn right on the path until just after the lamppost.

Step 23: Head left up the hill and cross through the community orchard.



Step 25: Follow the grass path down to the road.

Step 26: Cross Bamfield when safe to do so and head onto the track on the opposite side, with the rugby club on left.

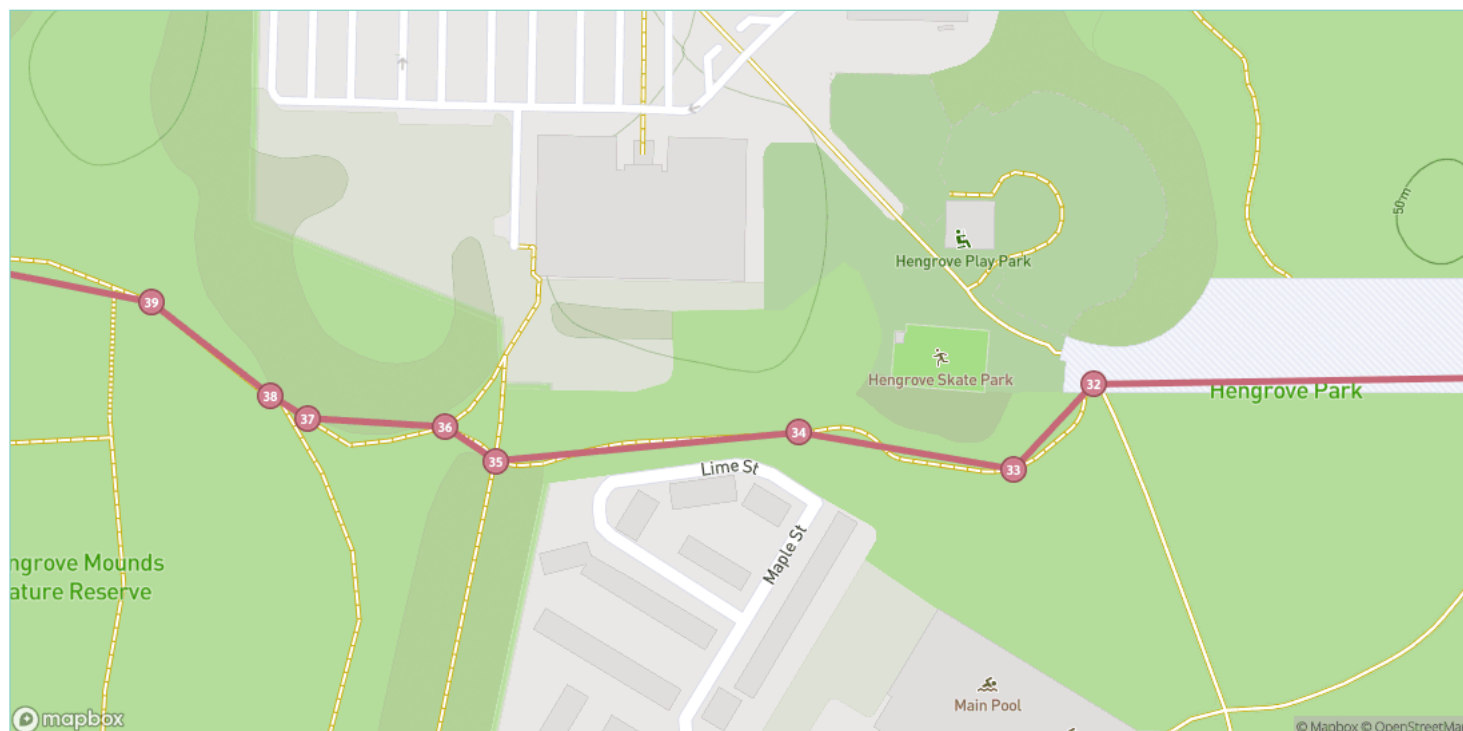
Step 27: Follow the wide track as it bends left and leads you to Hengrove Park.

Step 28: Turn right on the path.

Step 29: This is the site of Whitchurch Airport, which was operational from 1930 to 1957.

Step 30: Turn left onto what was the runway. Can you imagine it now?

Step 31: Look left as you head along the concrete for more views of the hills to the south.



Step 32: Just before the skate park, head left onto the small tarmac path.

Step 33: Follow the path round to the right.

Step 34: We're headed to Hengrove Mounds, a nature-rich hidden gem which has developed on an old landfill site.

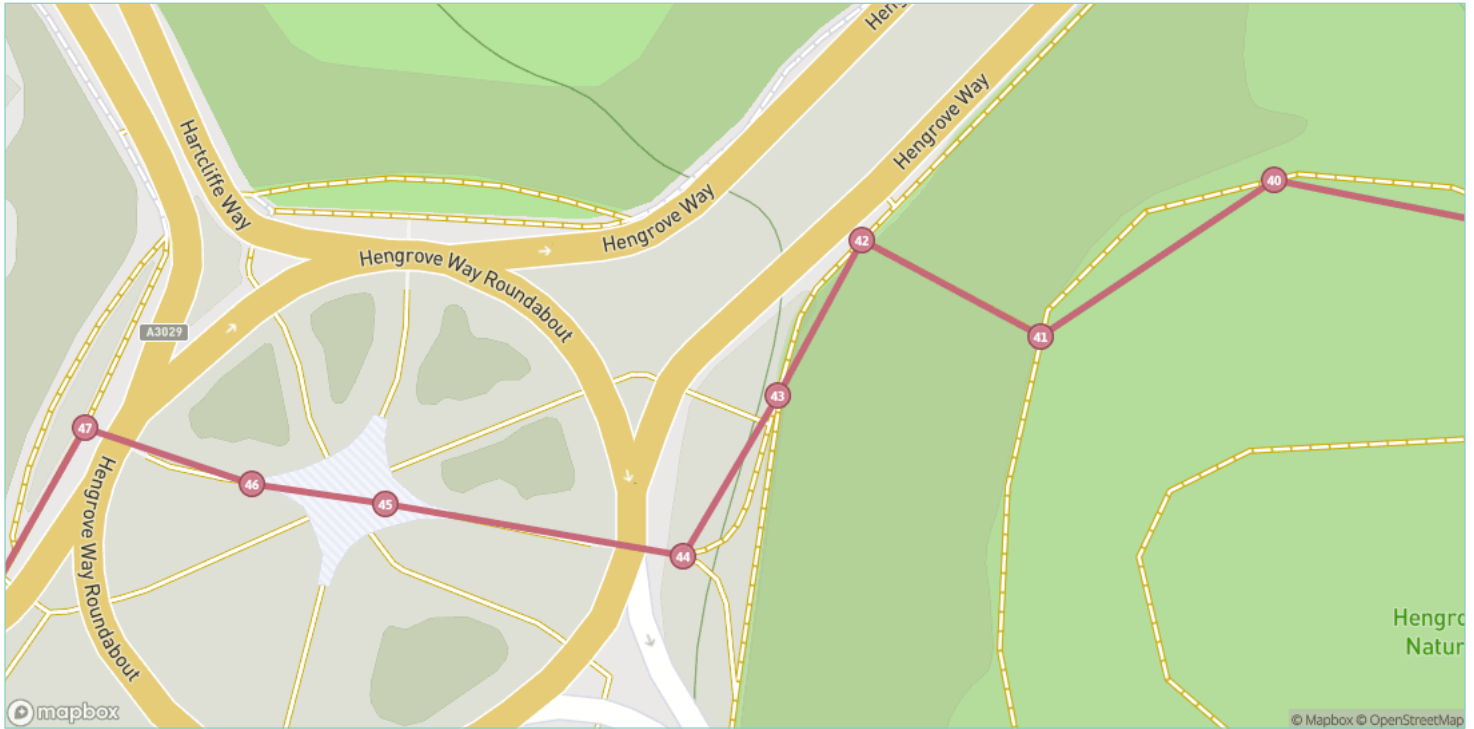
Step 35: As the main path heads left, bear slight right to head up some muddy steps.

Step 36: Keep following the path uphill, with slight bend to left.

Step 37: You'll reach this viewing area with a bench. A great spot to soak up the local sights and sounds of nature.

Step 38: Facing the view, head right.

Step 39: Continue ahead as we round this doughnut shape of the mounds. Can you spot any of the goats who help manage the scrub?



Step 40: Keep going until you reach another bench.

Step 41: Just before the next bench, turn right and head down the steps to the main road.

Step 42: Turn left on Hengrove Way towards the subway system under the roundabout.

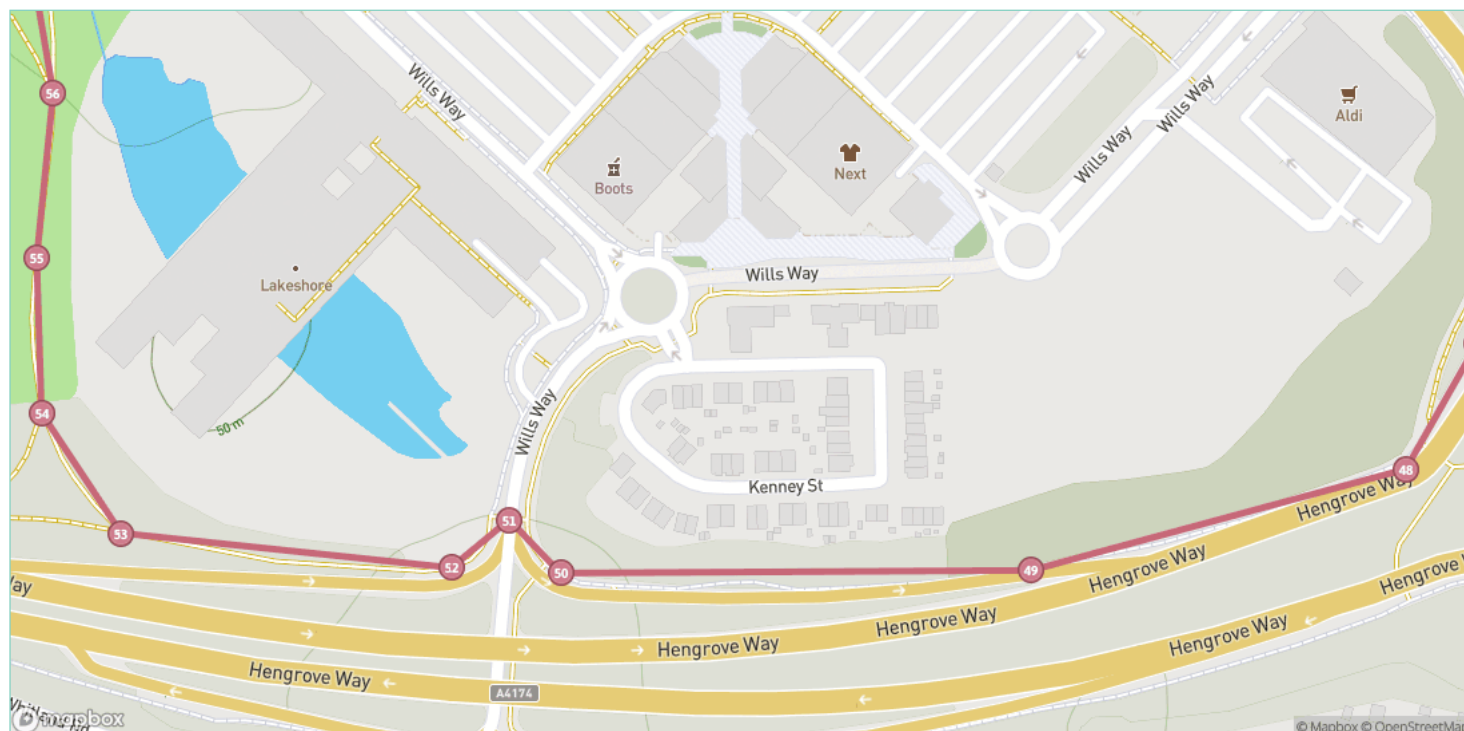
Step 43: Head down the ramp. If you would prefer to not use the underpass you can use the surface crossing on the right here.

Step 44: And through the tunnel.

Step 45: Once in the centre, go straight over. If counting, you're taking the 4th exit from either side.

Step 46: Head down the ramp and through the tunnel.

Step 47: Turn left to exit and walk up the ramp.



Step 48: Follow the pavement along the busy Hengrove Way.

Step 49: The footway bends slight right along a slip road.

Step 50: At the junction, follow the road to the right to a dropped kerb.

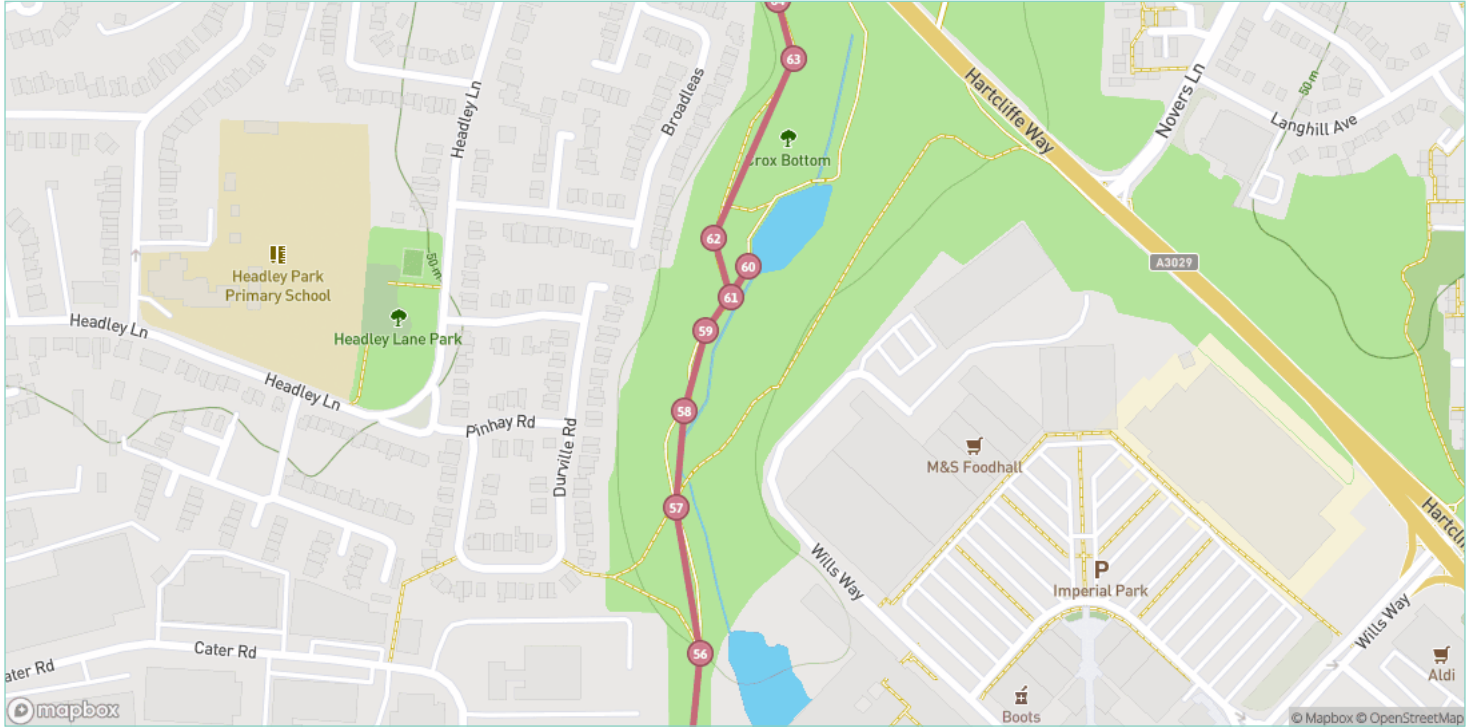
Step 51: Cross Wills Way. You can head right here to access a supermarket and a few fast food options.

Step 52: Otherwise continue along the slip road ahead until you reach a path on the right.

Step 53: Turn right onto the path by a triangular patch of grass.

Step 54: Pass around the barriers to enter Crox Bottom. We're heading back into some urban nature after that busy road.

Step 55: Head downhill on the tarmac path.



Step 56: At a fork, keep right and head under the lovely willow tree. We spotted a heron flying over the lake on the right. Keep your eyes peeled!

Step 63: The path curves to the left by a grassy area.

Step 57: At the path junction, go straight ahead.

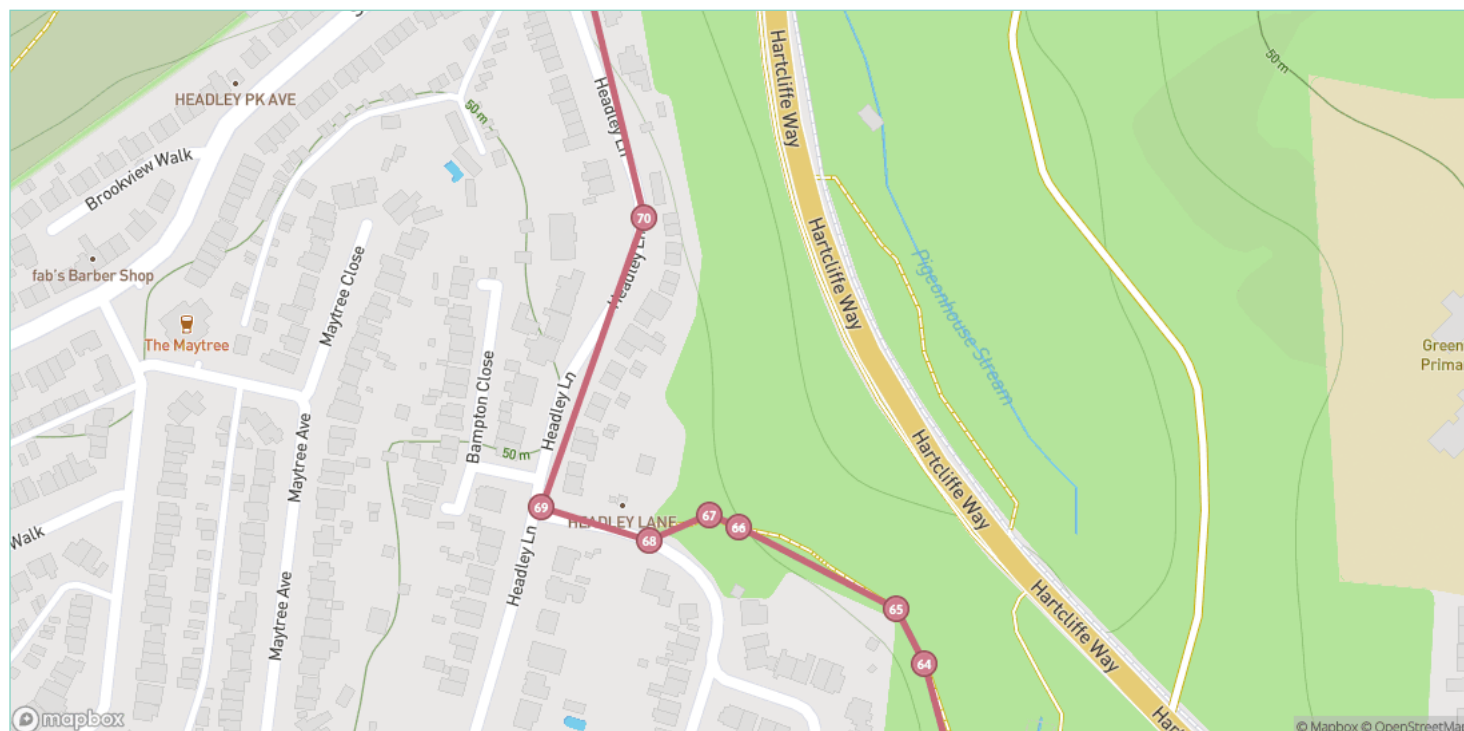
Step 58: Follow the path alongside Pigeonhouse Stream. Crox Bottom is a Site of Nature Conservation Interest because of its wildlife value.

Step 59: There are some wonderful trees along here creating dappled light. Over 70 species of birds have been recorded here. Can you see any today?

Step 60: We're going to head up the steps on the left. Before we do it's worth visiting the picnic space ahead for a short mindful pause.

Step 61: When you're ready, head up the steps with the handrails.

Step 62: Follow the surfaced path to the right.



Step 64: Follow the path to the right, away from the grass.

Step 65: Look right for views across to the city centre.

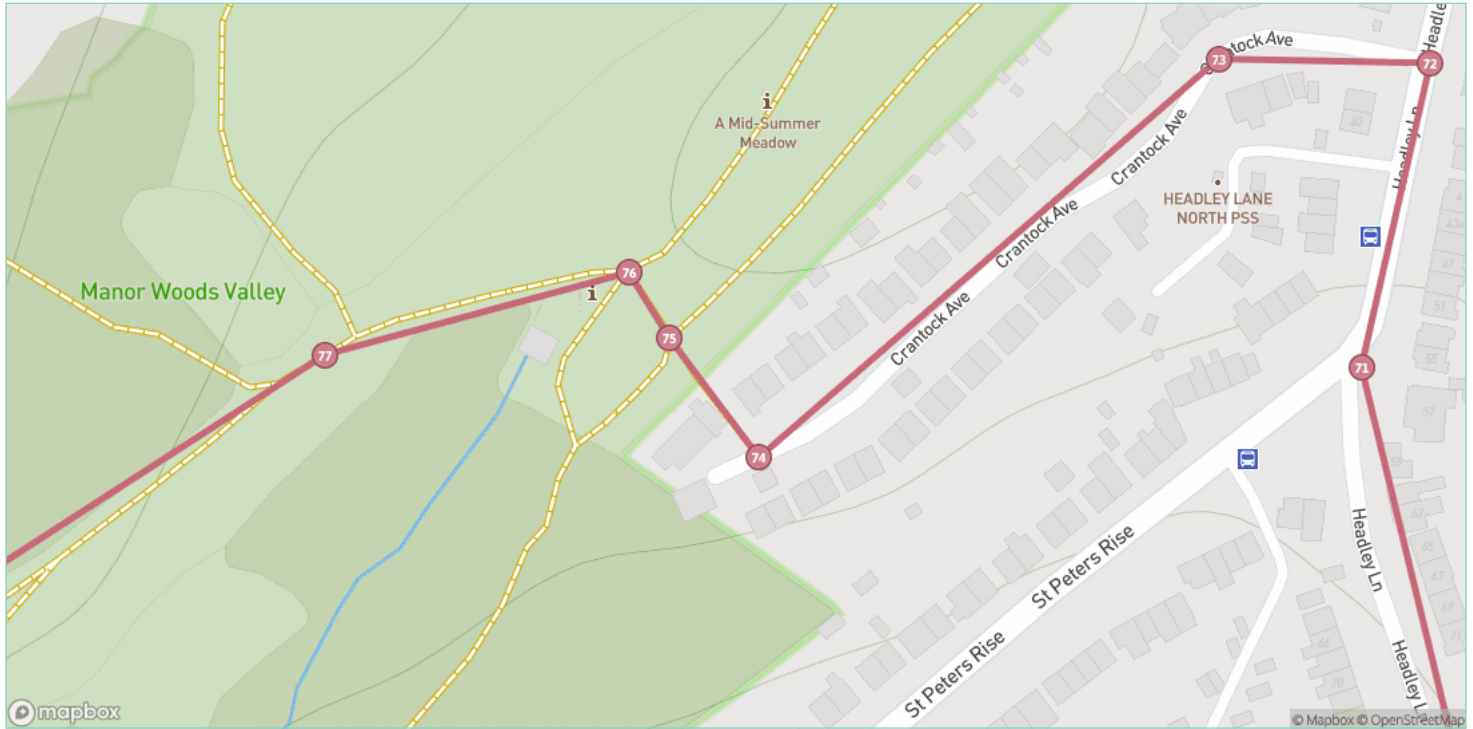
Step 66: Head up the steps.

Step 67: To the right here are views across to the Western Slopes. These areas together provide an important wildlife corridor.

Step 68: Exit through the gate and turn right on Broadleas.

Step 69: Turn right on Headley Lane and walk downhill to the end of the road.

Step 70: As you approach the bend in the road you'll enjoy more views over the houses to the city centre.



Step 71: At the junction, head right to stay on Headley Lane, continuing downhill.

Step 72: At the second left, cross the road when safe to do so and head down Crantock Avenue.

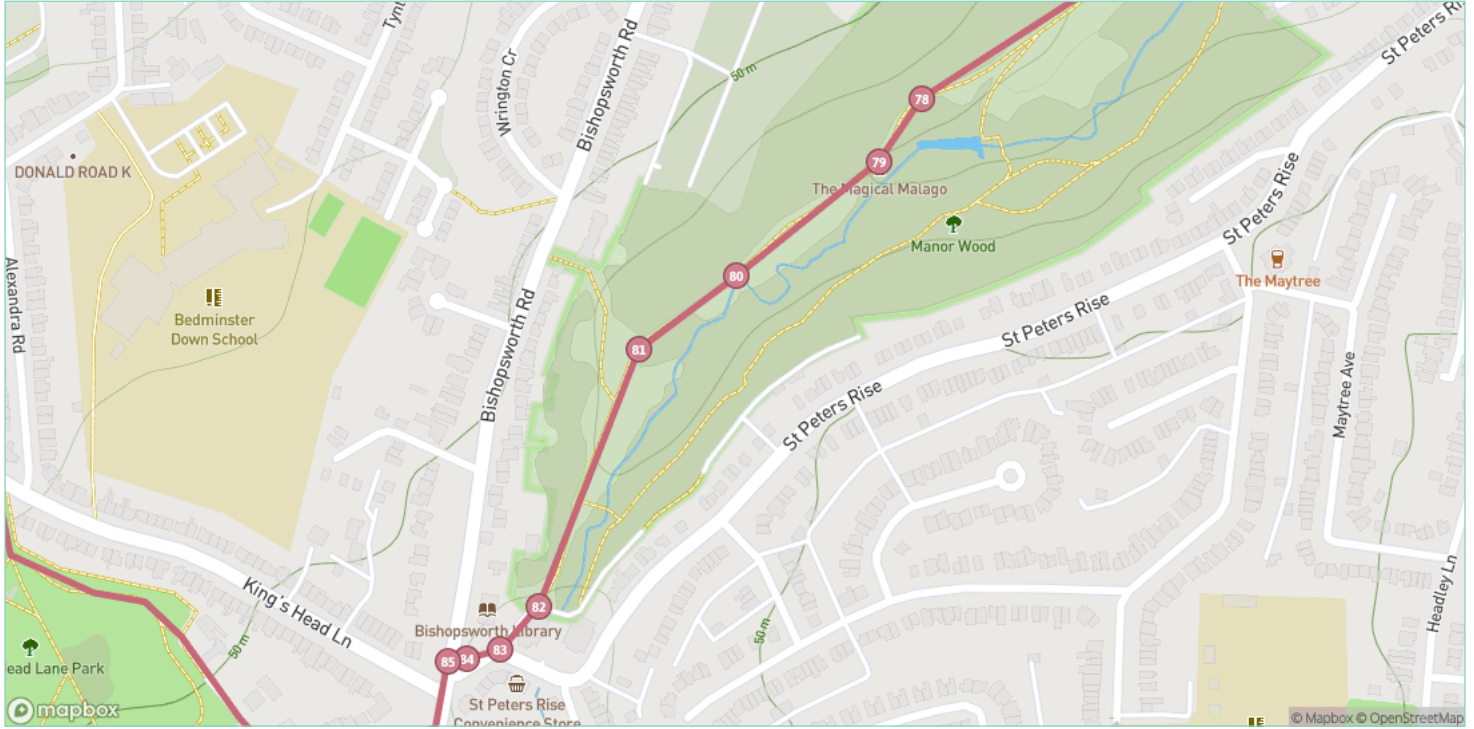
Step 73: Follow the road almost to the end.

Step 74: After house no.21 turn right down a narrow path between housing.

Step 75: Here you'll enter Manor Woods Valley. You're now in an old river channel. Go straight across the grass ridge to reach the tarmac path.

Step 76: Turn left at the fork. The structure on the left is the interceptor - it channels the River Malago underground due to floods in 1968.

Step 77: We'll be back alongside the heavily engineered river further along. There are benches along here if you need a rest.



Step 78: The path starts to bend downhill towards the river.

Step 85: Turn left on the opposite side and cross King's Head Lane.

Step 79: You'll pass an interpretation board about the Magical Malago, the species it supports and the engineering along its course.

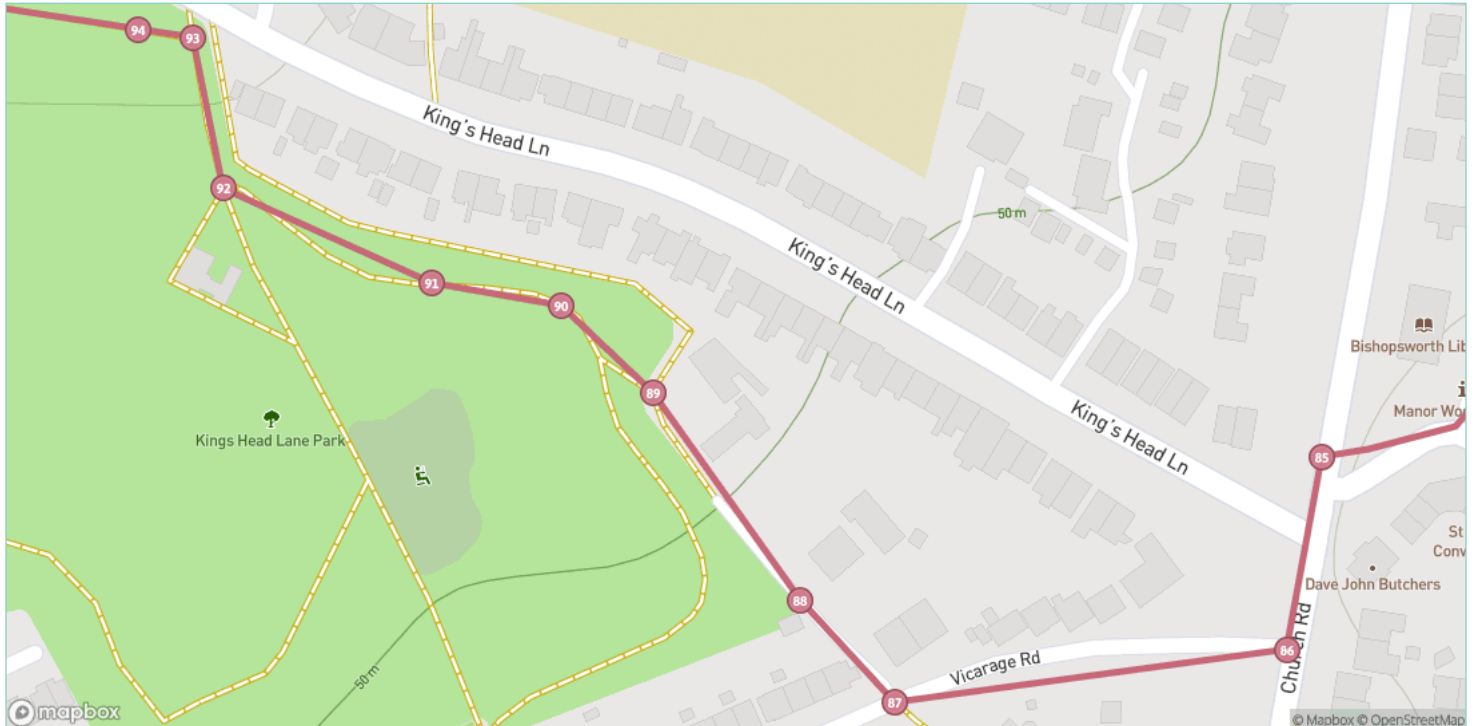
Step 80: Continue ahead on the path and stop to enjoy riverside moments.

Step 81: We're coming towards the end of Section 3. Just one more green space to go before we reach the bus stop.

Step 82: Exit Manor Woods Valley and walk straight ahead on the small track.

Step 83: Turn right on St Peters Rise. There is a convenience shop here if you need it.

Step 84: Cross Bishopsworth Road at the zebra crossing.



Step 86: Turn right to head uphill on Vicarage Road.

Step 87: Turn right after no.10 onto the public footpath by a sign for Home Farm.

Step 88: Walk to the end of the track. You can cut through on the left where the fence is damaged if you'd like to get into the park sooner.

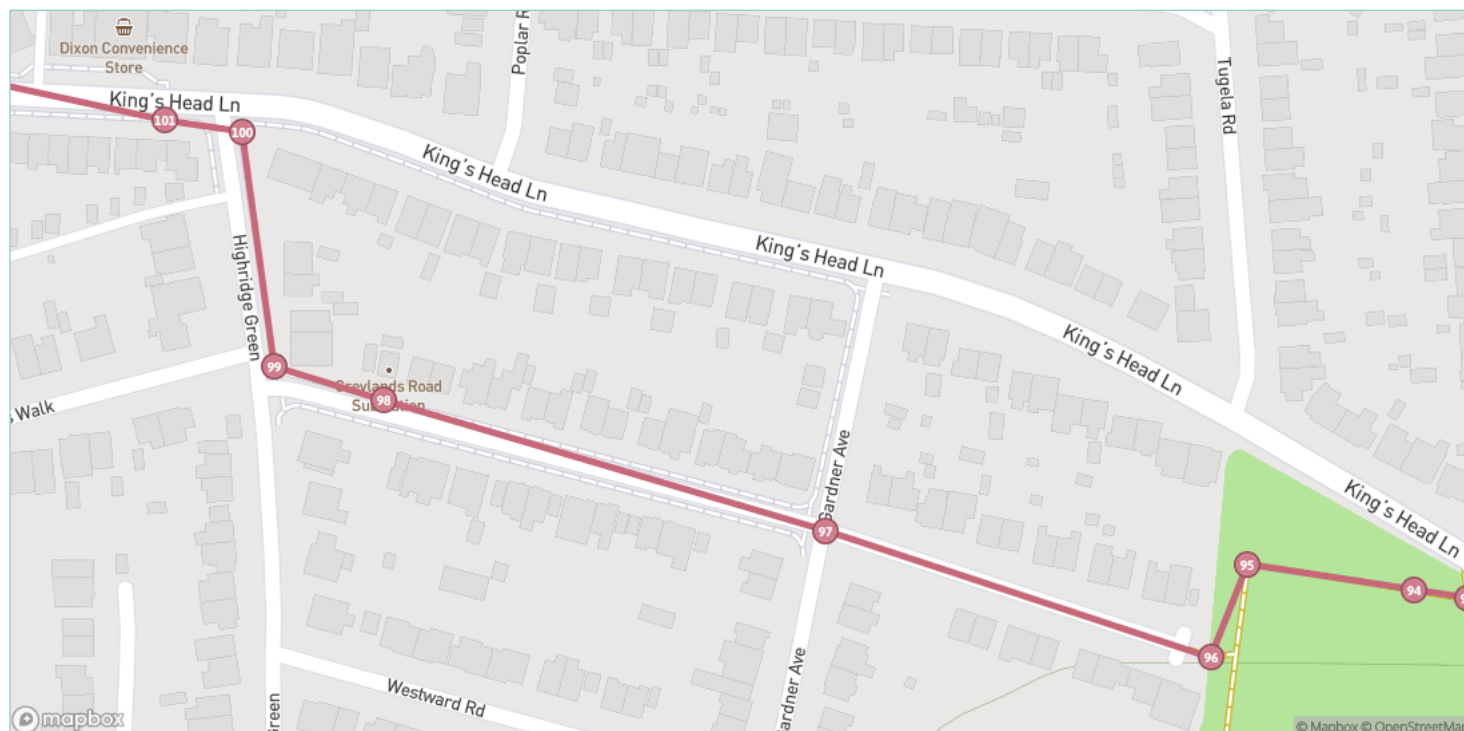
Step 89: Otherwise continue ahead onto the tarmac path of Kings Head Lane Park.

Step 90: Follow the path to a building towards the middle.

Step 91: There is a bench on the right with views across to Dundry Hill.

Step 92: Turn right onto the path after the building.

Step 93: Follow the perimeter path to the left.



Step 94: There's another bench with great views just here.

Step 95: Continue around the perimeter path towards an exit on the right.

Step 96: Exit the path and keep to the right side of Greylands Road.

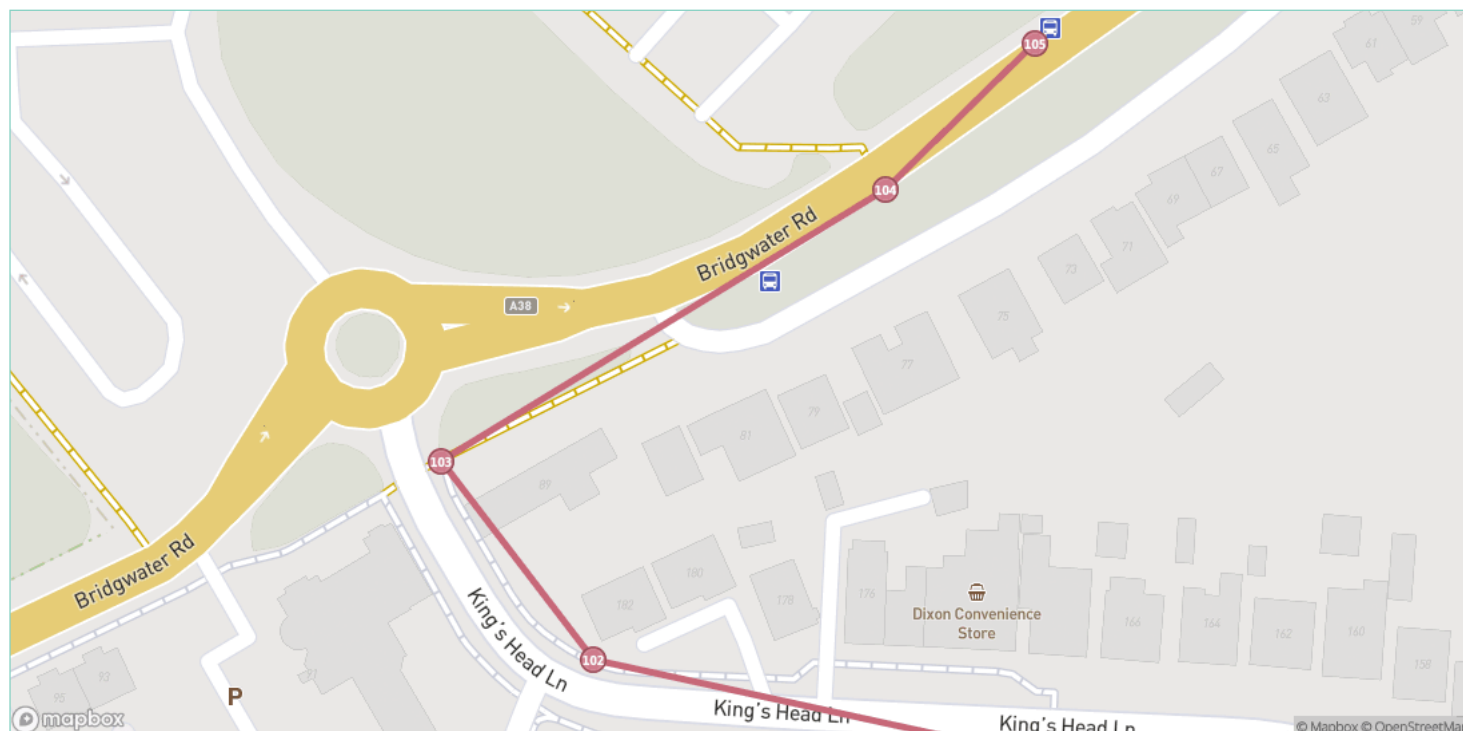
Step 97: Cross Gardner Avenue and walk to the end of Greylands Road.

Step 98: The substation had enjoyed a spruce up when we were walking by.

Step 99: Turn right onto Highridge Green.

Step 100: Turn left towards the zebra crossing on King's Head Lane.

Step 101: Use the zebra crossing and turn left on the opposite side.



Step 102: Follow the road to the roundabout.

Step 103: To continue to Section 4, turn left in front of the pub. Otherwise well done for finishing the walk today! Turn right on Bridgwater Road.

Step 104: Cross at the pedestrian crossing and head right.

Step 105: Here at The Pavillions bus stop you can catch the A1 back to the city centre and Temple Meads station.