



Erdington & Rookery Park Trail

A step-free urban nature walk around Erdington, including the Rookery park and a play area. Discover local nature and history as you go.

Distance 4 kilometers / 2.5 miles

Duration 1 hour and 15 minutes



Wheel friendly



Refreshments



Public transport



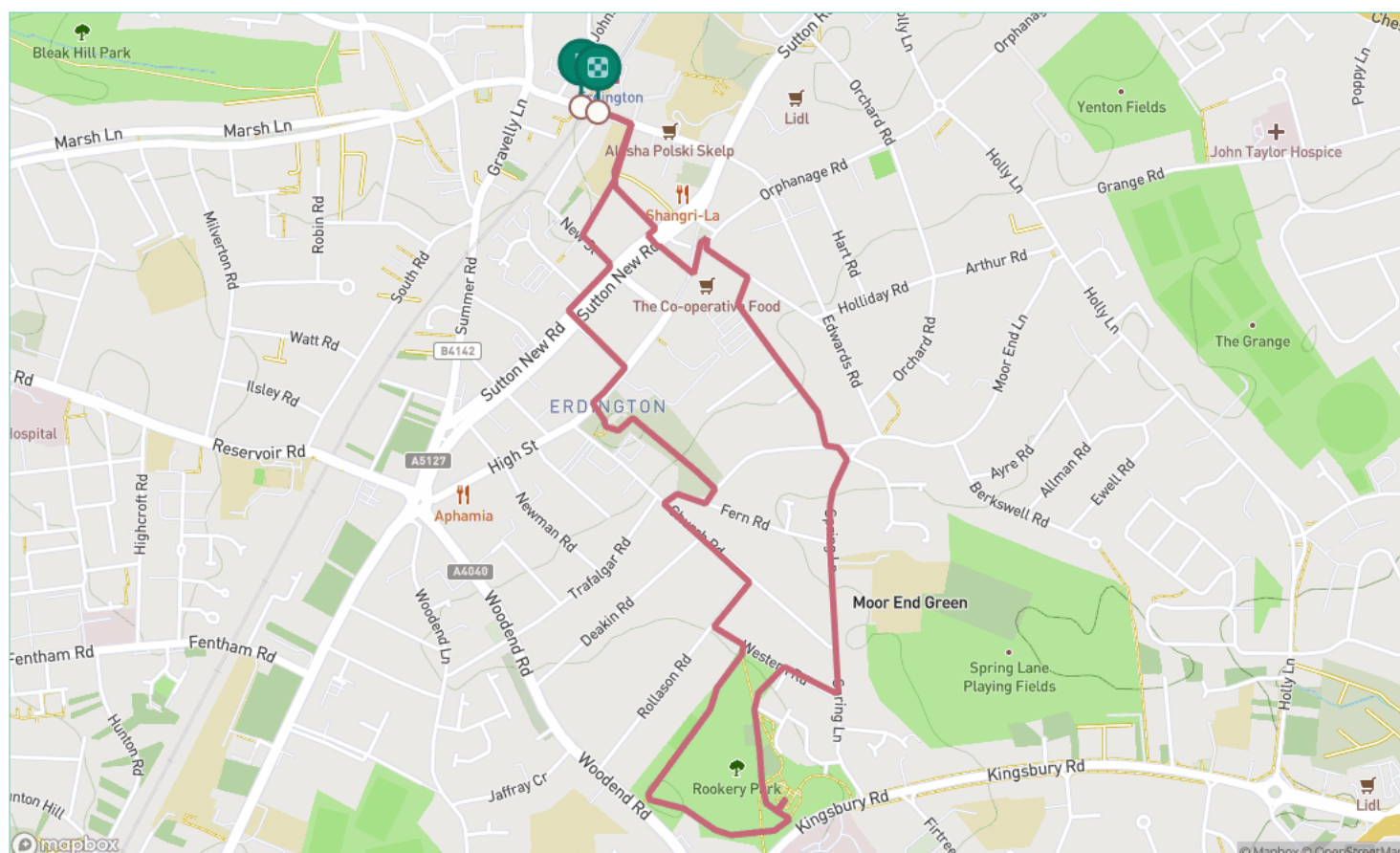
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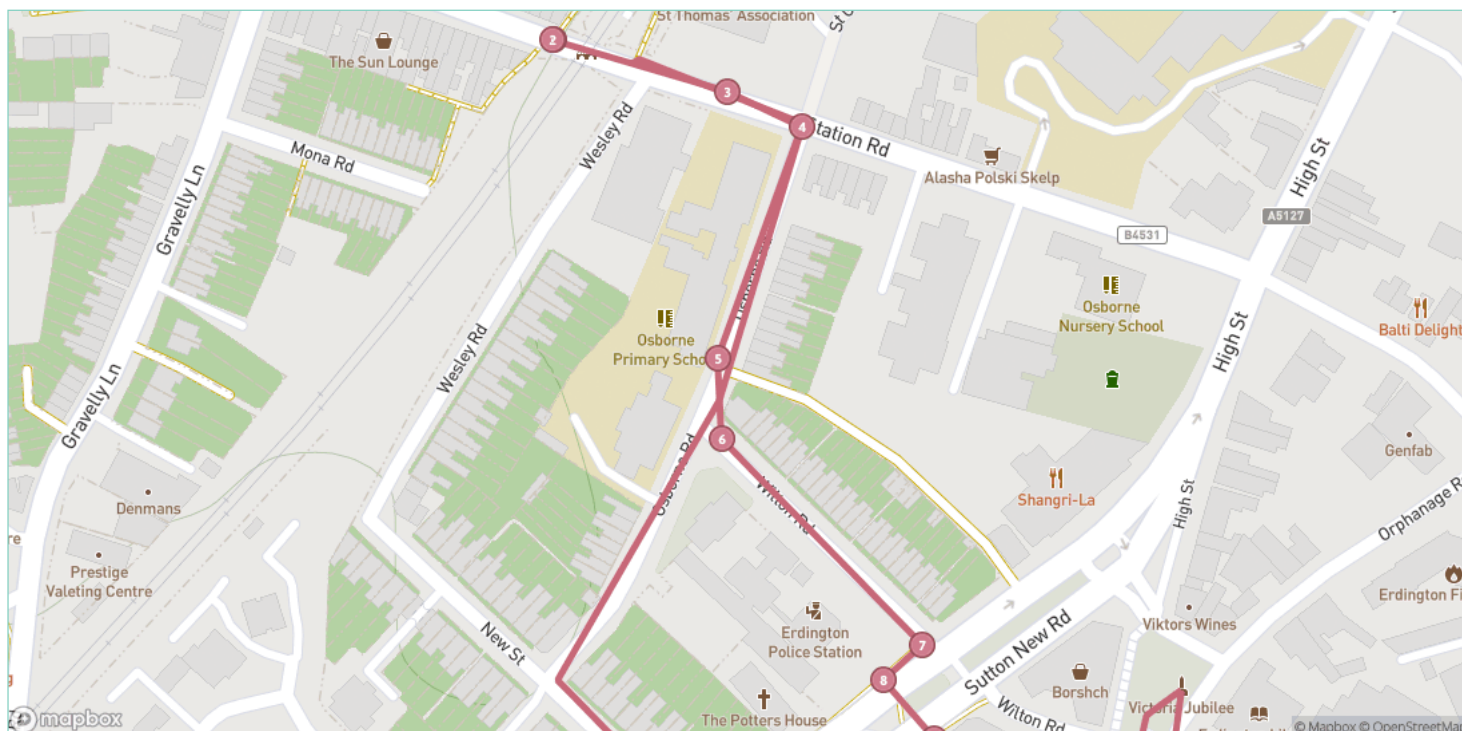
Dog friendly



Child friendly



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Please take care when crossing roads and avoid private land. Always follow local signage and use common sense.
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Step 1: This circular walk starts at Erdington station. You can take the train from Birmingham New Street to get here.

Step 2: Head under the bridge on Station Rd and walk towards the pedestrian crossing.

Step 3: Cross Station Rd at the pedestrian crossing and turn left.

Step 4: Take the first right onto Osborne Rd.

Step 5: Cross at the dropped kerb and turn right and then immediately left onto Wilton Rd.

Step 6: Continue along Wilton Rd.

Step 7: Turn right onto Sutton New Rd towards the crossing.

Step 8: Cross at the pedestrian crossing.



Step 9: Head straight into Wilton Market. It's open Mon-Sat, 9am-5pm and is the beating heart of the local high street.

Step 10: On Sundays or after hours, turn left and take the next right onto Wilton Rd and pick up this route at Step 13.

Step 11: Wilton Indoor Market or Old InShops Market has been a shopping staple on Erdington High Street for over 50 years! Pick up fresh fruit and veg, head to the cafe for breakie or browse other local shops.

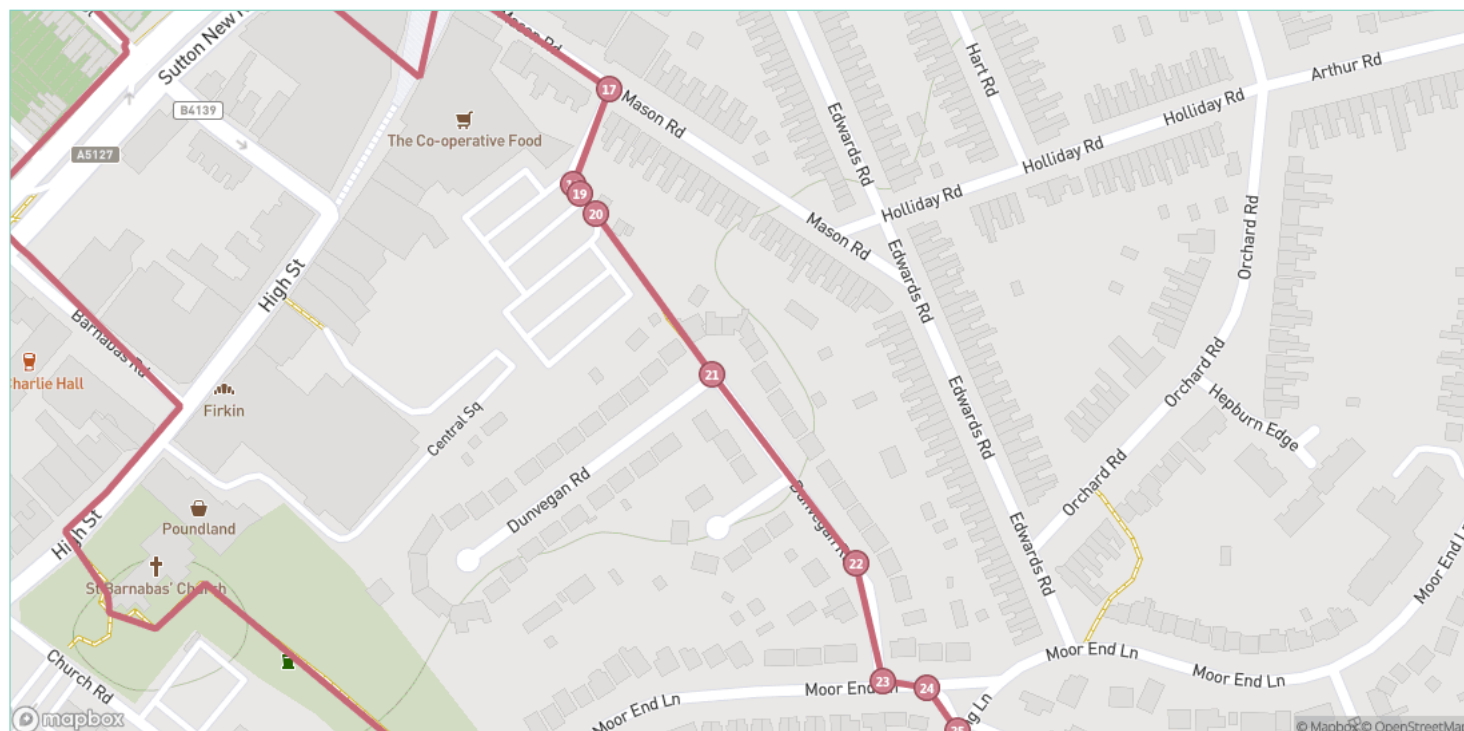
Step 12: When you're ready, exit at the opposite entrance to the one you entered and turn left onto High St.

Step 13: You'll soon reach Erdington Village Green. Check out the information sign to learn more about the village's history.

Step 14: Did you know that Erdington has a long history originating before 9th century Saxon times? It evolved from a small rural farming settlement into a 19th-century industrial suburb and now what you see here today.

Step 15: Can you spot the historical 1887 monument and plaque commemorating Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee?

Step 16: Cross High St and head onto Mason Rd.



Step 17: Take the first right towards B&M; car park.

Step 18: Stay to the left as the road curves left. You're looking for a pathway on the left,

Step 19: The pavement is a bit narrow here if you have wheels you may need to go into the road for a few metres.

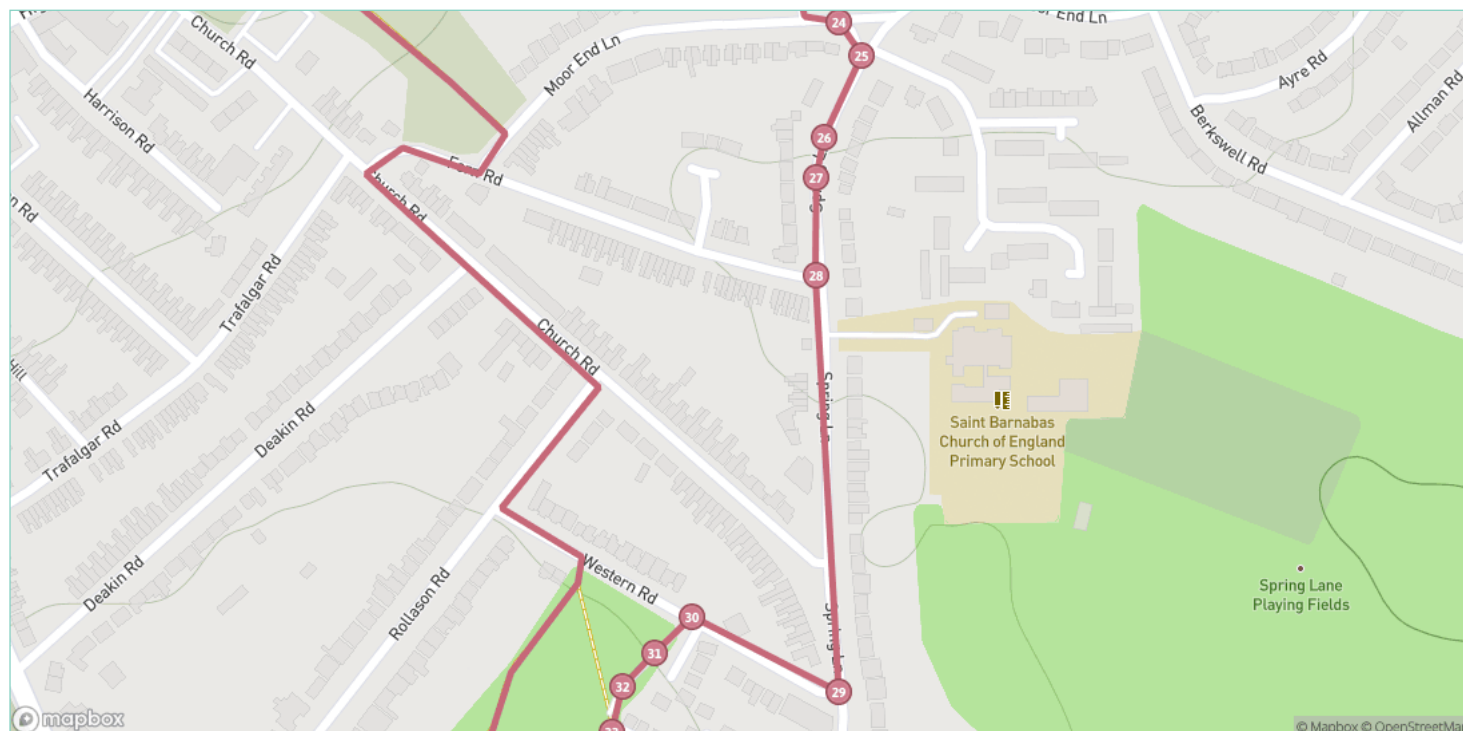
Step 20: At this pathway, turn left onto it.

Step 21: Follow the pathway until it becomes Dunvegan Rd and continue straight.

Step 22: Admire the majestic plane trees on this road. Plane trees shed their bark in scaly patches to get rid of urban pollution.

Step 23: Cross over Moor End Ln and turn left

Step 24: Turn right to stay on Moor End Ln.



Step 25: Continue along Spring Ln.

Step 26: What trees can you spot here? Look out for this ginkgo tree that turns bright yellow in autumn!

Step 27: Here's a fun fact for you, the ginkgo biloba is actually a "living fossil". It has survived virtually unchanged for over 200 million years. They were around with the dinosaurs.

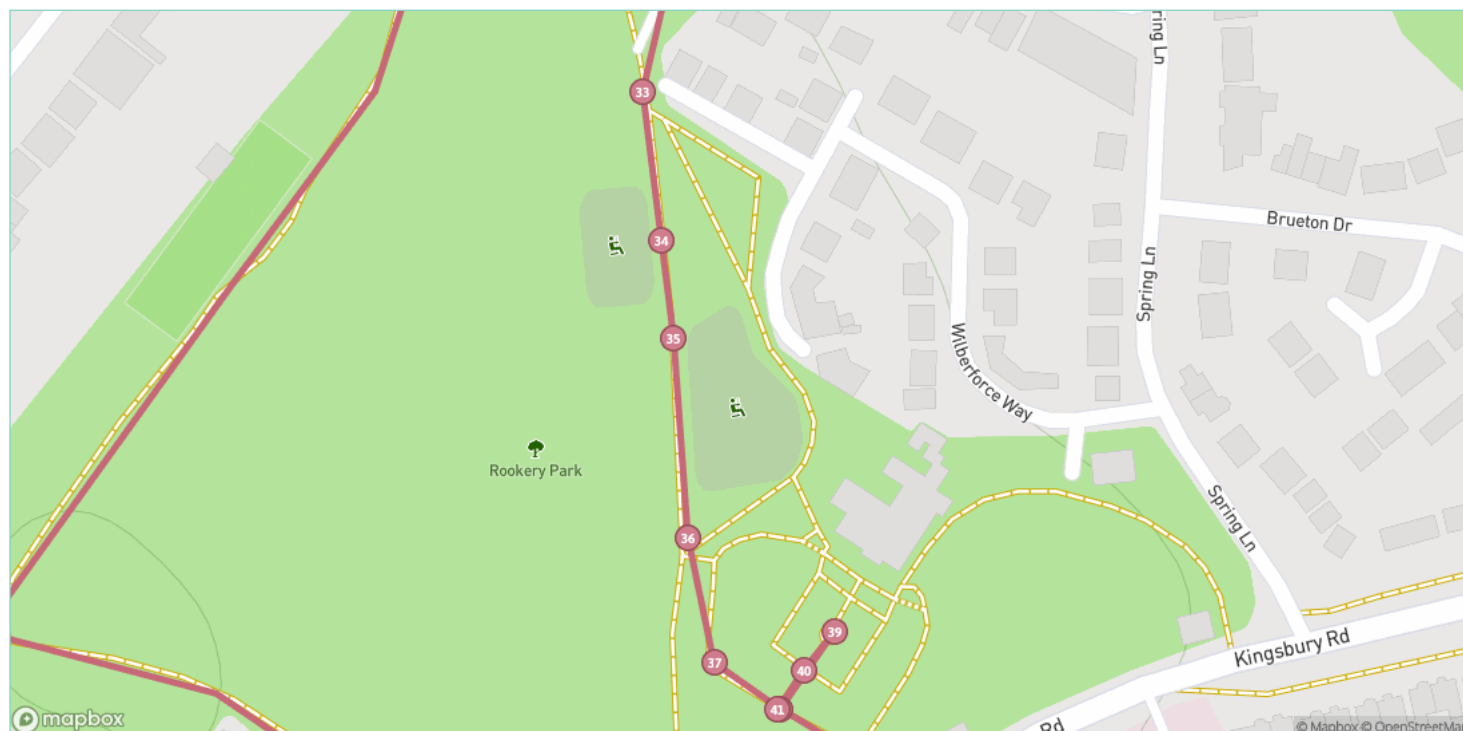
Step 28: Cross over Fern Rd to stay on Spring Ln.

Step 29: Turn right onto Western Rd.

Step 30: You'll soon reach the entrance to Rookery Park. Cross the road to enter.

Step 31: The park consists of land which formed the surrounding gardens of Rookery House. Anti-slavery politician William Wilberforce is believed to have planned his successful campaigns to end slavery here in the 19th century.

Step 32: Continue ahead on the road and go through a gap to reach the path and continue straight ahead.



Step 33: There are lots of interesting tree species in here that were planted when it was a house and gardens.

Step 40: Look out for lavender in summer, the bees love it! 🐝

Step 34: You'll soon reach a play area. If you are here with kids why not stop for a fun break?

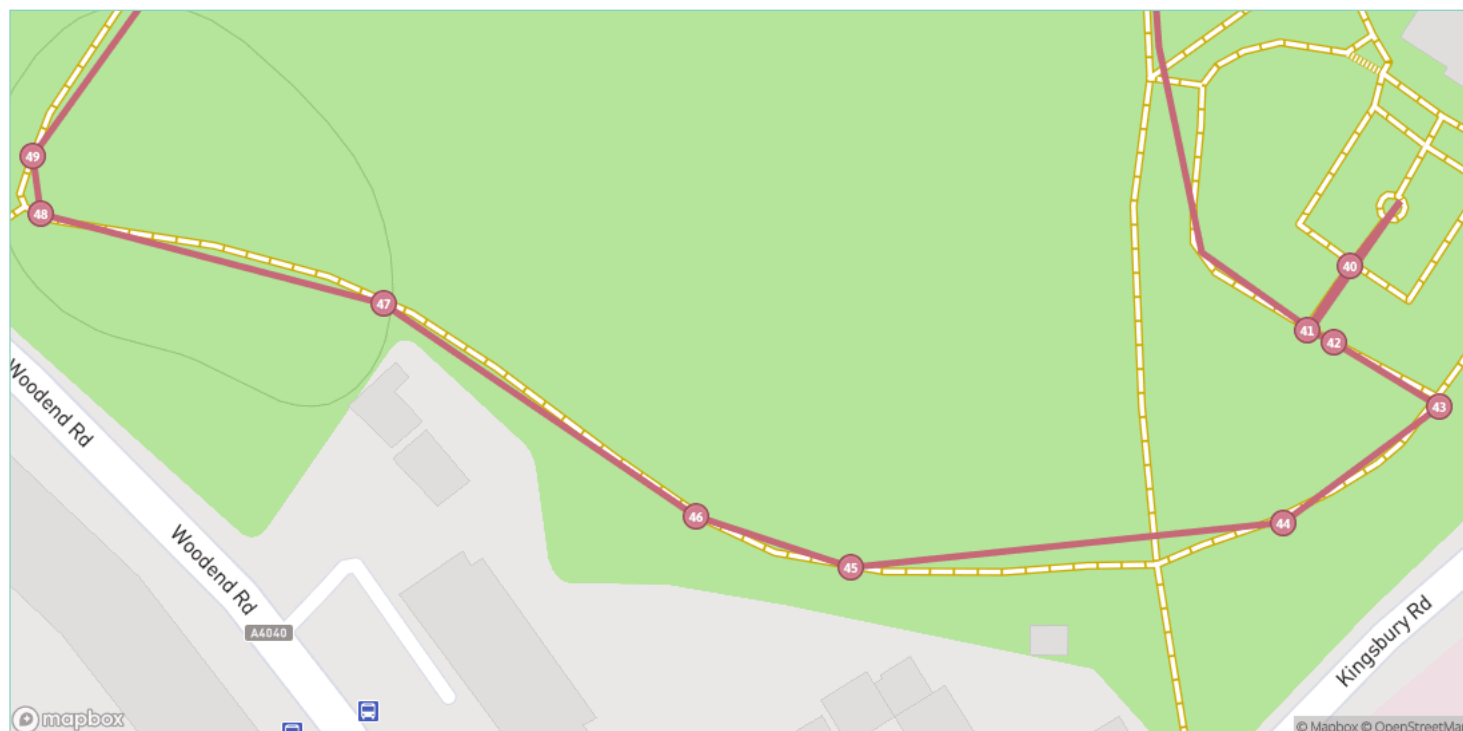
Step 35: There's second play area on the left too!

Step 36: After the playground, take the path left towards the Rookery House and Gardens.

Step 37: Enjoy the dappled light from the trees as you continue towards the house and gardens.

Step 38: You'll soon reach the house with a garden in front. If you can, take the steps down to explore the garden.

Step 39: What flowers can you see growing today? Or can you spot any signs of the upcoming season?



Step 41: Exit the garden and turn left. Check out these huge pine trees! Can you spot any pine cones on the ground?

Step 42: Continue along, there's a row of benches if you need a rest or a picnic spot 🍽️

Step 43: Follow the path as it turns right.

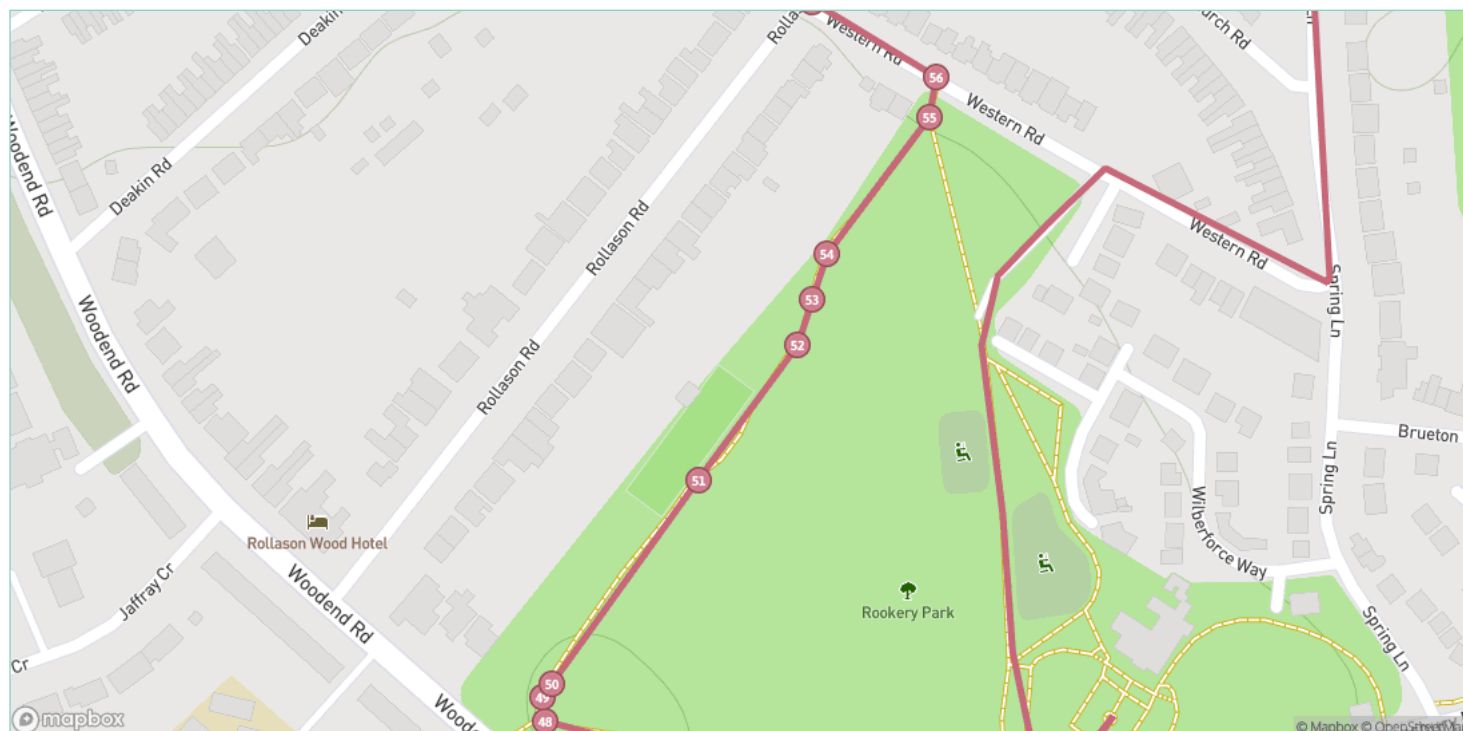
Step 44: Can you spot any wildlife in the park? 🐿️

Step 45: Continue on the same path around the edge of the park. Enjoy the dappled light from the trees as you go.

Step 46: Continue through an avenue of lime trees. Yellow-white summer blossoms produce a powerful, sweet fragrance that can scent an entire street!

Step 47: Why don't you touch the bark? How does it feel? Nobbly? Rough? Spongy even?

Step 48: Turn right when you reach an old hut to keep inside the park.



Step 49: Take a closer look at the hut if you like.

Step 50: Continue on the path towards the tennis courts.

Step 51: You'll pass an outdoor gym on the left if you fancy a workout 🏋️

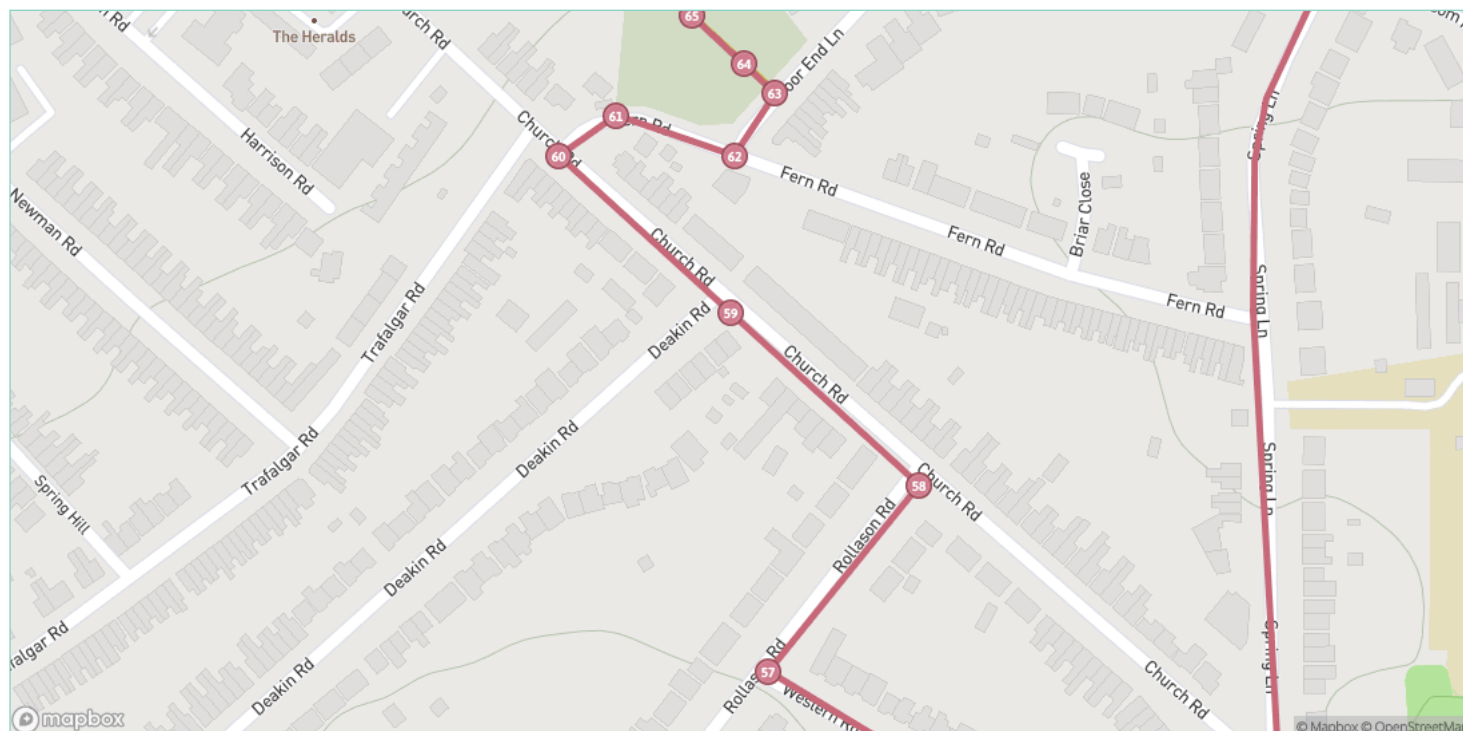
Step 52: Look out for these lovely giant redwoods. Lime tree bark isn't spongy but redwoods are - have a feel!

Step 53: Did you know that redwoods were first imported to the UK by Victorians in the 1850s as a high-society status symbol. There are an estimated 500,000 redwoods in the UK, more than their native home in California!

Step 54: Keep on straight towards the park exit.

Step 55: Exit onto Western Rd. Cross over and turn left.

Step 56: Head towards Rollason Rd up ahead.



Step 57: Turn right onto Rollason Rd.

Step 58: Turn left and crossover onto Church Rd.

Step 59: Continue onto Church Rd towards Fern Rd.

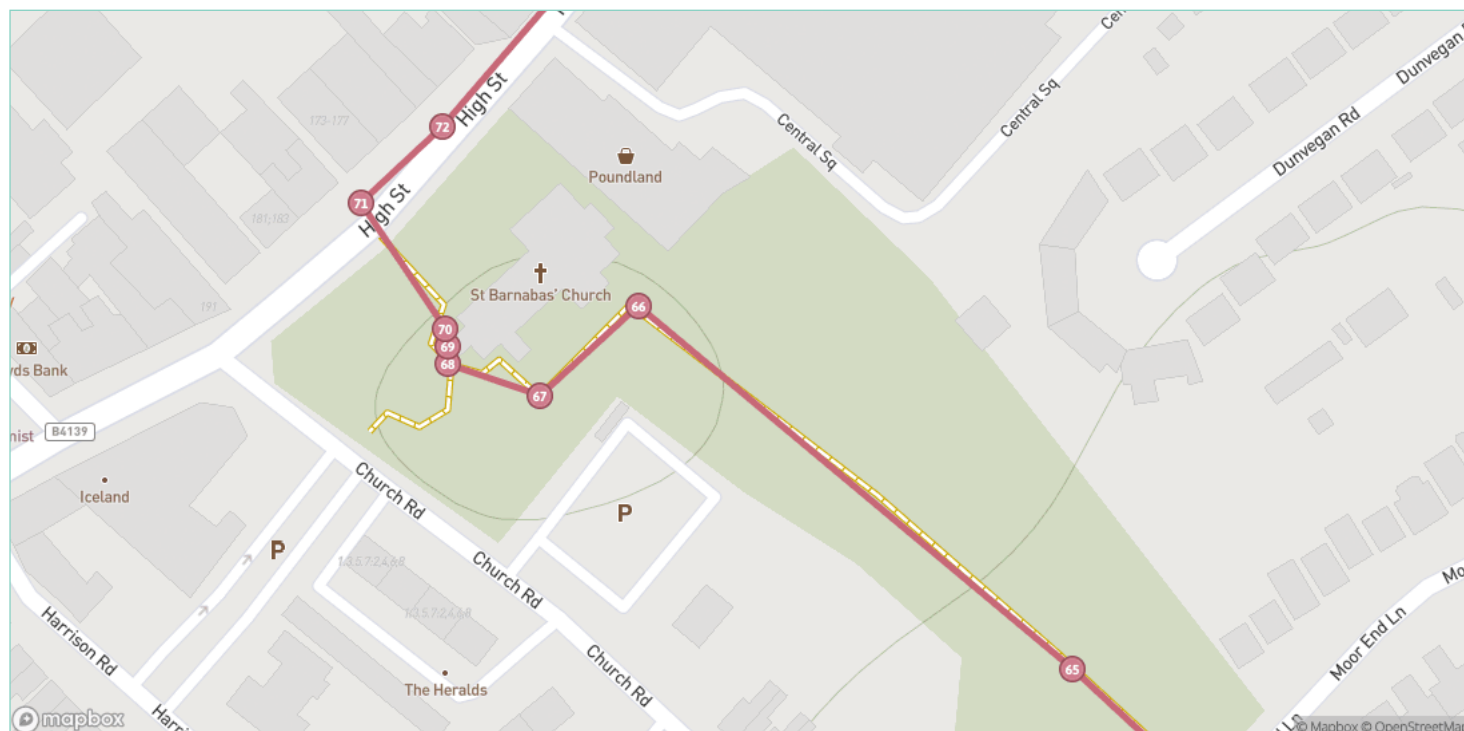
Step 60: Carefully cross and turn right onto Fern Ln.

Step 61: Keep to the pavement as you go.

Step 62: Take the first left onto Moor End Ln.

Step 63: Soon on your left you'll reach a path through a church graveyard. Take this path.

Step 64: Keep to the path here as the land is unstable.



Step 65: Check out the interesting graves as you wander through.

Step 72: Continue along High St and take the first left onto Barnabas Rd.

Step 66: You'll soon reach St Barnabas' Church. Turn left here.

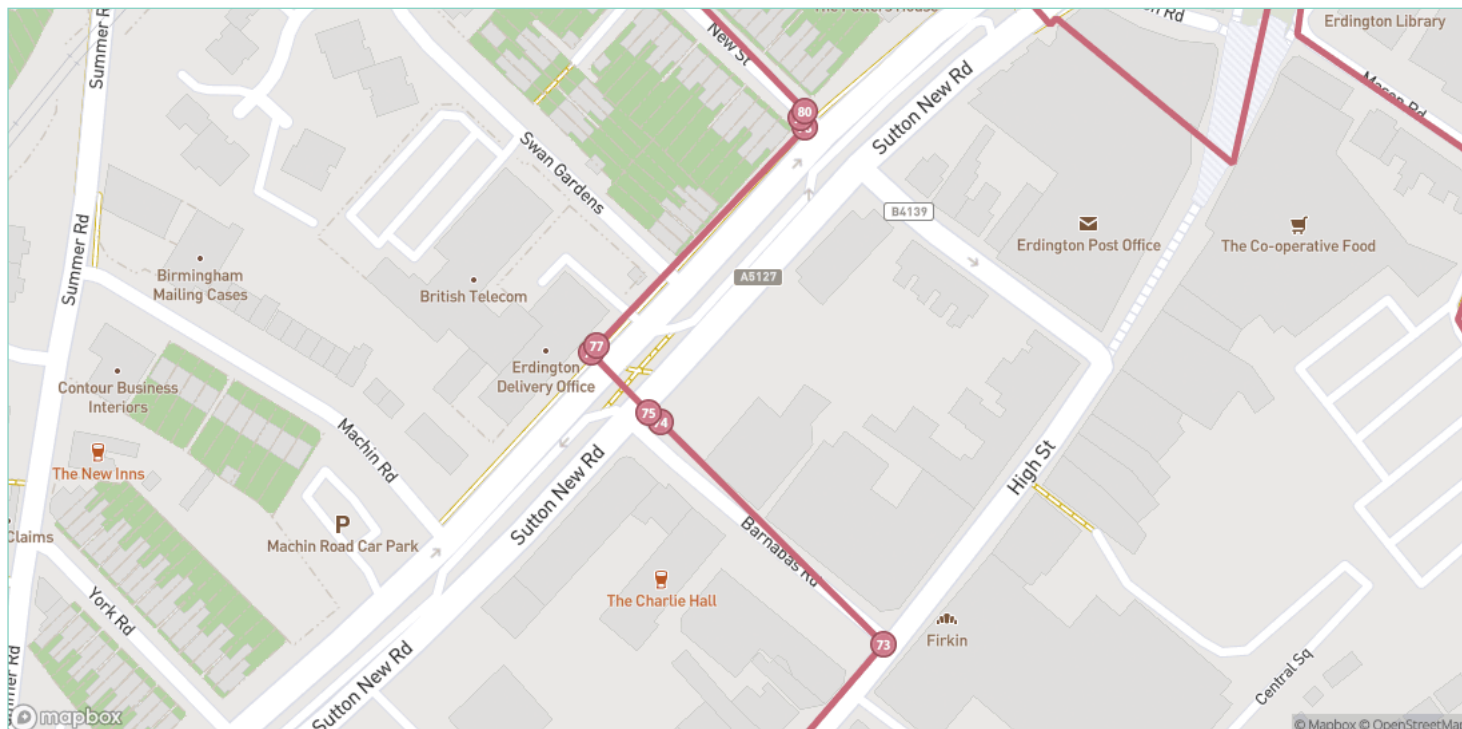
Step 67: Turn right with the church on your right.

Step 68: St Barnabas Church is a remarkable building with a rich history. It was originally designed by the famous architect Thomas Rickman.

Step 69: It opened in 1824 as a "chapel of ease" for local residents. In October 2007, an arson attack completely gutted the Grade II listed building. Rather than abandoning the ruins, the community rallied and it was rebuilt in 2012.

Step 70: Head towards the exit onto High St and turn right.

Step 71: There are some nice historic buildings as well as plenty of shops.



Step 73: Turn left onto Barnabas Rd and continue toward Sutton New Rd.

Step 74: Continue slight right towards the crossing on Sutton New Rd.

Step 75: Cross over and turn right.

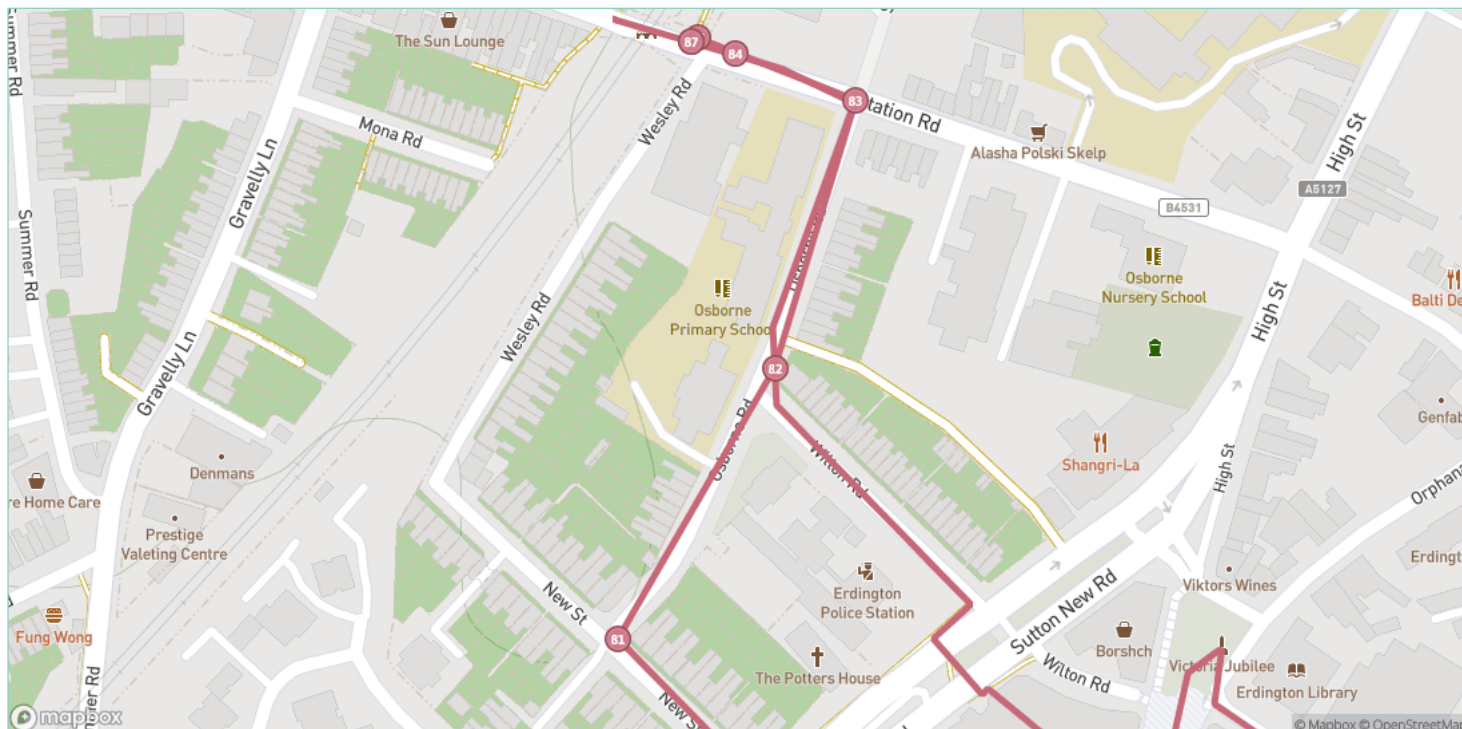
Step 76: Check out this grand Royal Mail building.

Step 77: Continue along Sutton New Rd.

Step 78: Take the first left onto New St.

Step 79: Cross over at the dropped curb.

Step 80: Continue on New St and take the first right onto Osborne Rd.



Step 81: Turn right onto Osborne Rd.

Step 82: Continue on Osborne Rd with the school to your left.

Step 83: Turn left onto Station Rd.

Step 84: Cross the road and head towards the station.

Step 85: Don't miss this 'Celtic Cross' granite hand-carved sculpture by Ronald Rae.

Step 86: Granite is one of the hardest stones on Earth, which Rae frequently uses to symbolise enduring spirit and strength. The Erdington cross mirrors his other famous faith-based monuments found across the UK.

Step 87: We hope you enjoyed this jaunt. For more walks like this, come back to the app and explore more of our local walks and wheels.