



## Green Chain Walk Section 4a

Section 4a of the Green Chain Walk contains some of London's hidden treasures - Plumstead Common and Bostall Woods.

**Distance** 5.8 kilometers / 3.6 miles

**Duration** 2 hours and 5 minutes



Wildlife



Great views



Public transport



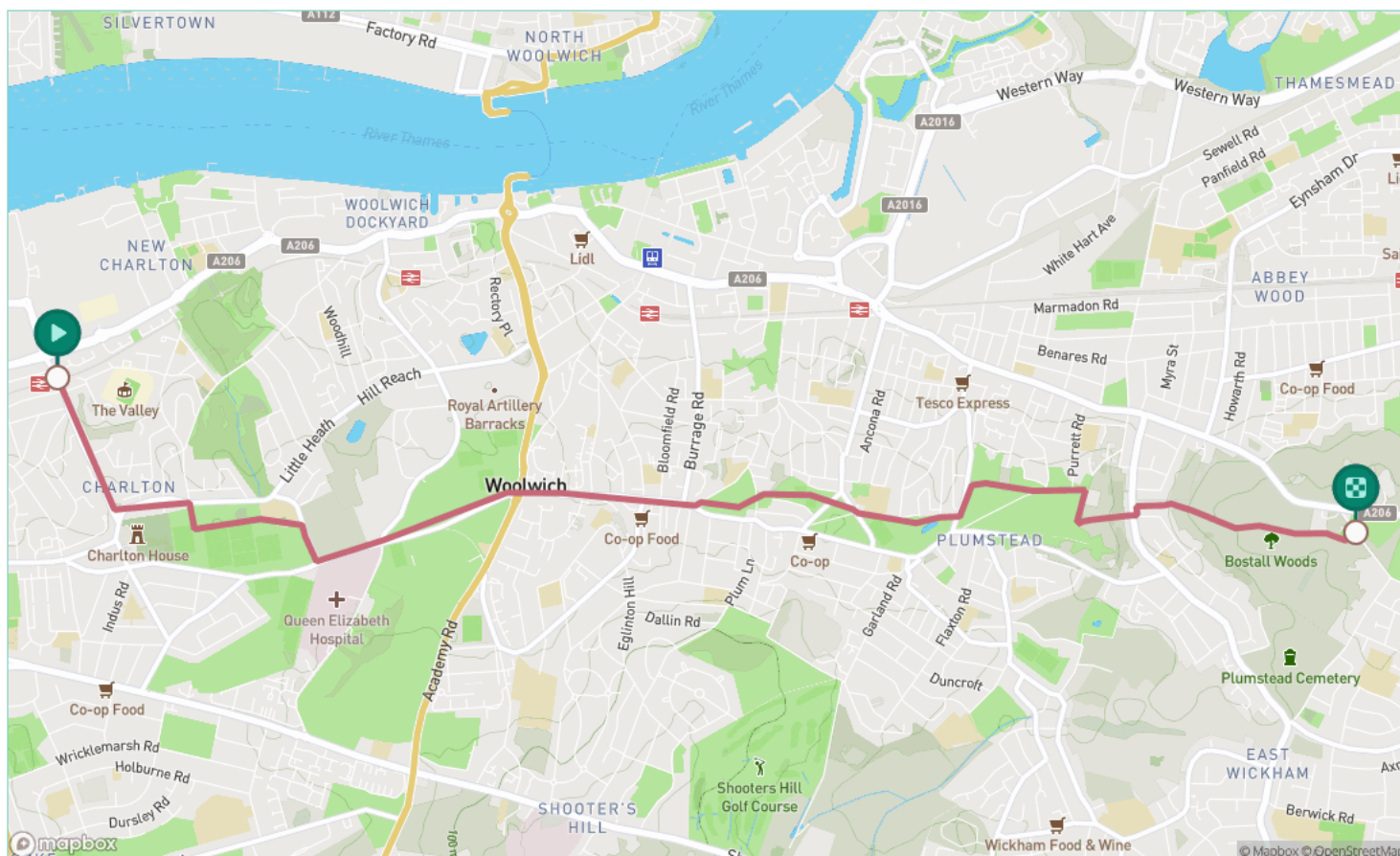
Picnic spot



Hilly & steep

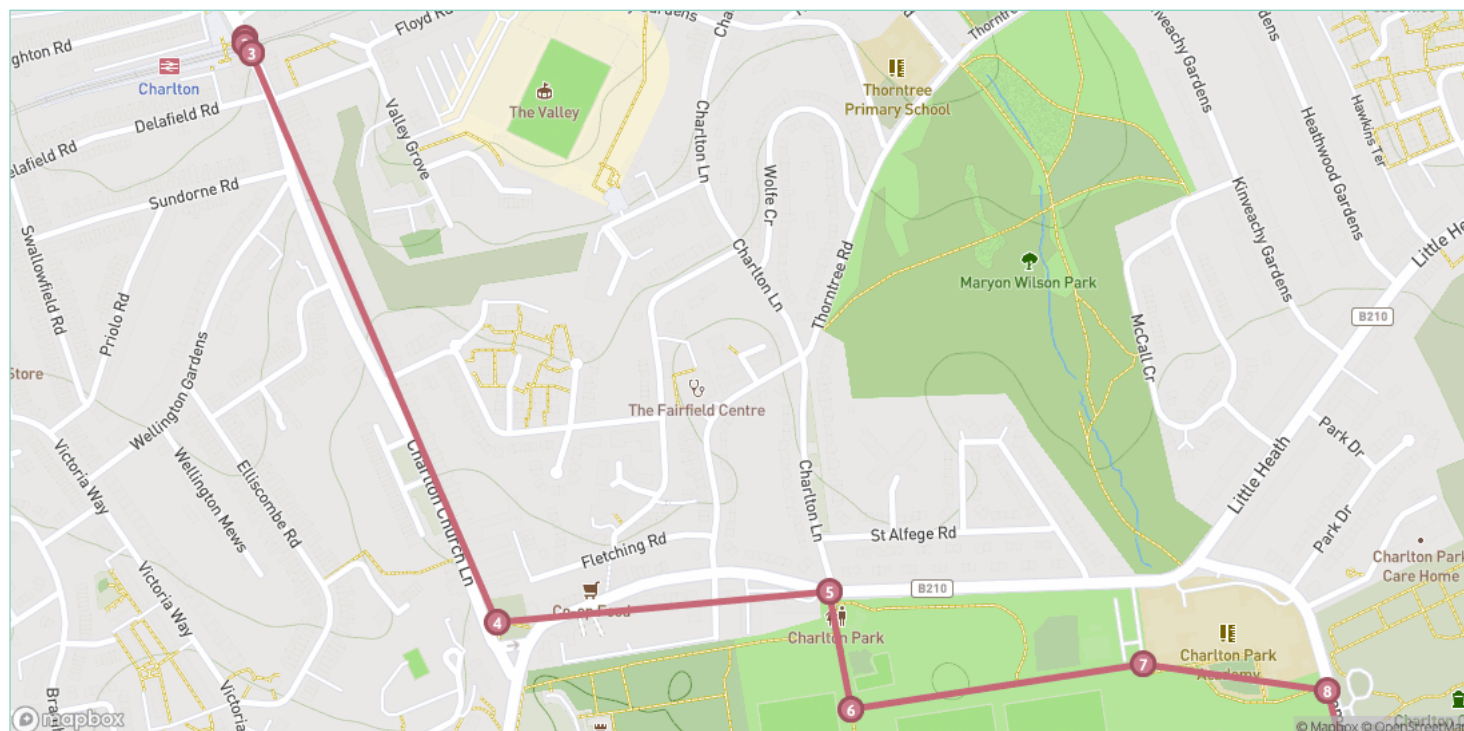


Dog friendly



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**Step 1:** Welcome to section 4a of the Green Chain Walk. This walk begins at Charlton Park and ends at Bostall Woods.

**Step 7:** This is the official start of section 4a of the Green Chain Walk.

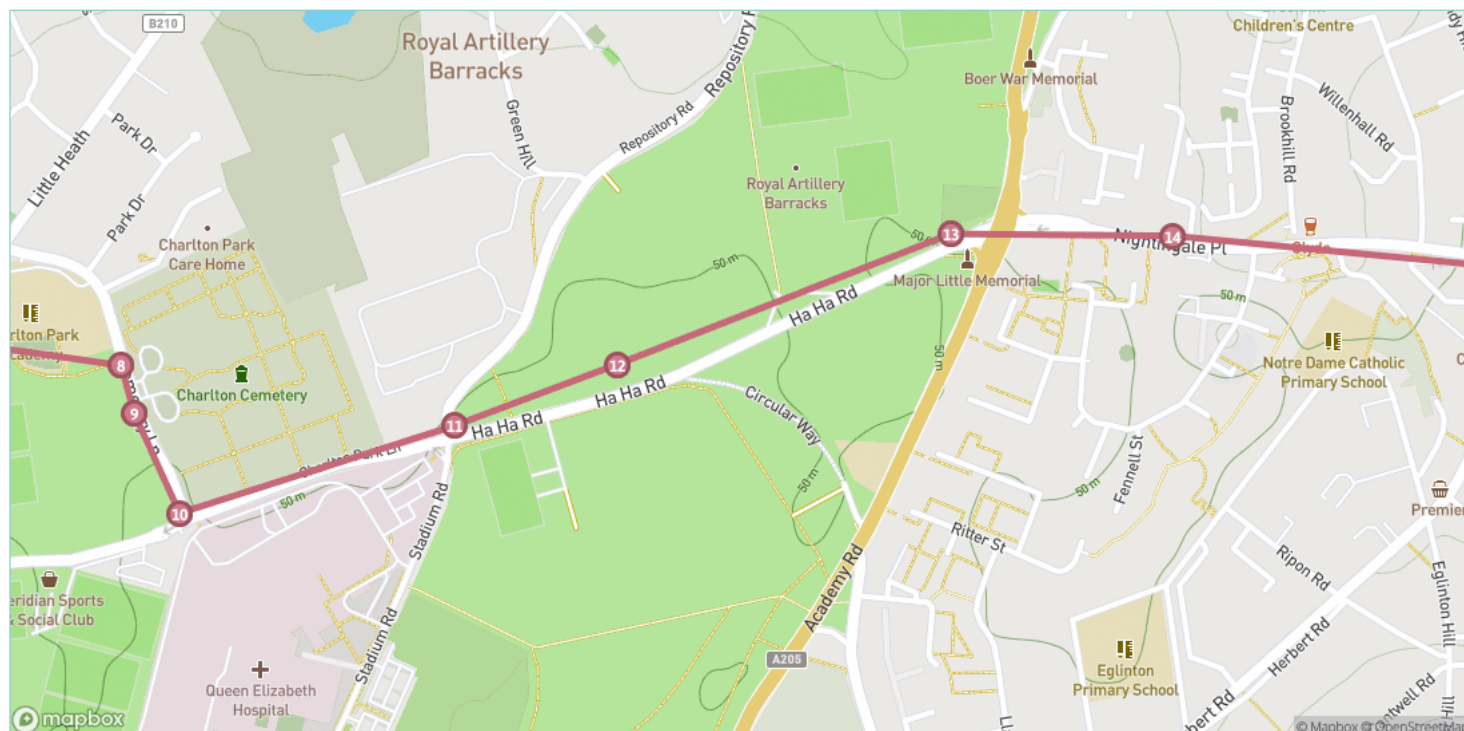
**Step 2:** The nearest train station to the start of the walk is Charlton. Bus 486 also runs from Charlton station (towards Bexleyheath) to Charlton Park Road.

**Step 3:** If you wish to walk from Charlton station, turn right out of the station and walk up Charlton Church Lane.

**Step 4:** This section of Charlton Church Lane is very steep. At the end, turn left after St. Luke's Church, and through The Village.

**Step 5:** Find the entrance to Charlton Park on the right. There are public toilets here.

**Step 6:** Follow the path into the park and after 100 metres turn right, continuing along this path towards the school.



**Step 8:** Turn right to exit the park and follow Cemetery Lane.

**Step 9:** Charlton Cemetery opened in 1855, covering 15 acres of ground in Charlton.

**Step 10:** Turn left along Charlton Park Lane to Repository Road.

**Step 11:** Cross Repository Road and follow the path parallel with Ha-Ha Road...

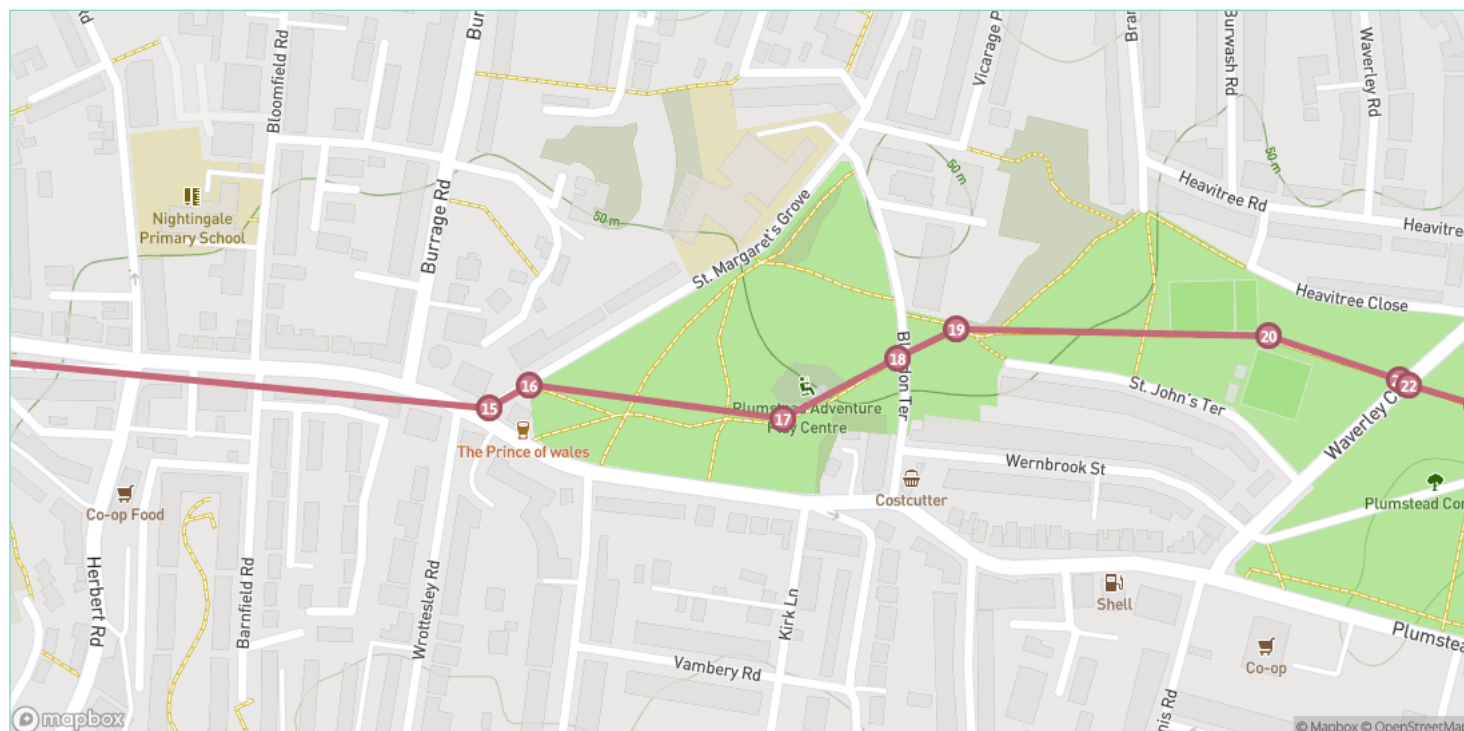
### Did you know?

A Ha-Ha is a sunken lane or wall built to prevent cattle wandering. The remains of the Ha-Ha, constructed to keep cattle out of the military areas when most of the area was common land, is now a grade listed structure.

**Step 12:** ... towards the junction with Woolwich New Road.

**Step 13:** Cross Woolwich New Road at the traffic lights.

**Step 14:** Go ahead down Nightingale Place and continue as it becomes Plumstead Common Road.



**Step 15:** Turn left into St. Margaret's Grove.

**Step 16:** Take the first path on the right to enter Plumstead Common.

### Did you know?

The name Plumstead comes from the large number of orchards which once covered this area. The land around Plumstead originally belonged to the Monks of Lesnes Abbey but it was taken from them by Henry VIII and changed hands a number of times before becoming part of Queens College, Oxford in 1736.

**Step 17:** Pass the war memorial and the children's playground.

**Step 18:** Cross Blendon Terrace.

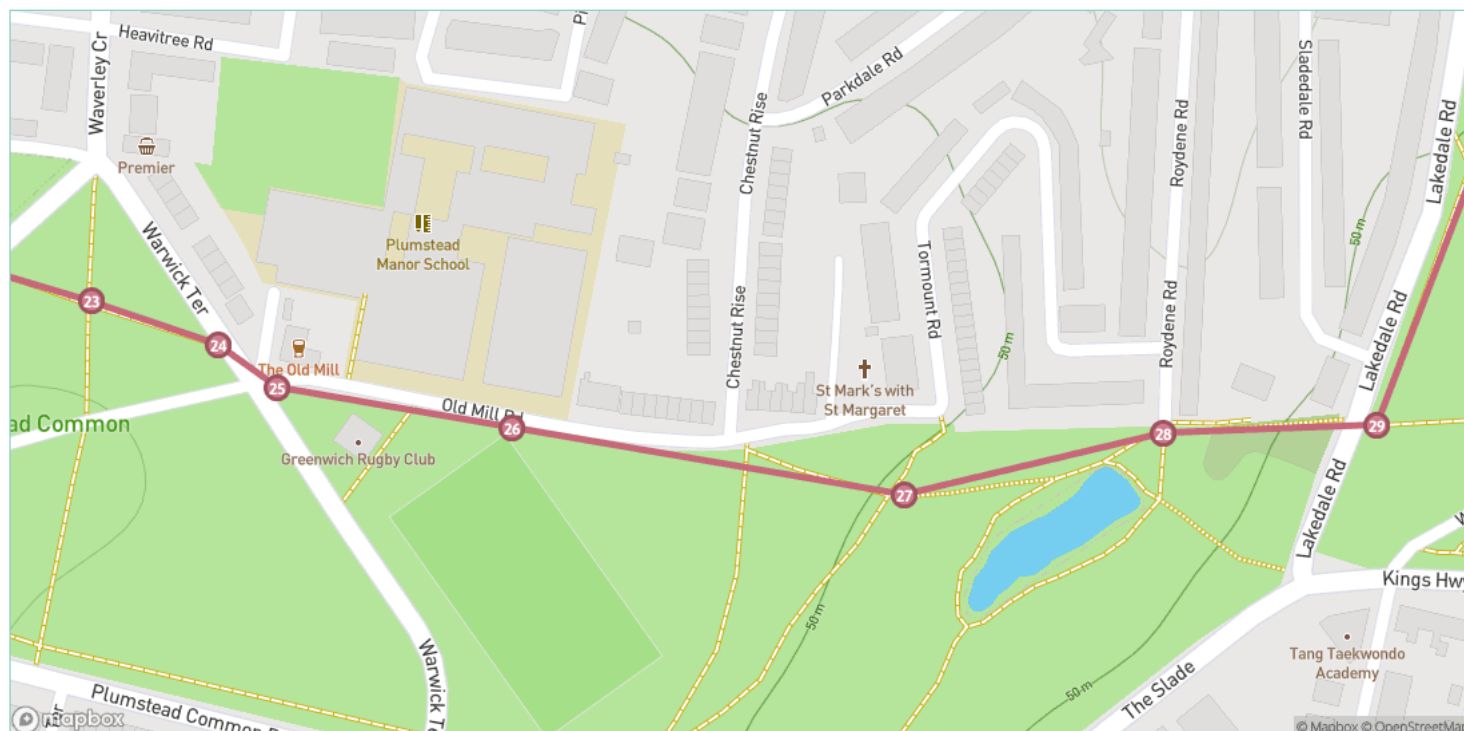
**Step 19:** Carry on along this path.

**Step 20:** Pass the tennis courts and bowling green to reach Waverley Crescent.

**Step 21:** To continue towards Bostall Woods cross Waverley Crescent to reach the Green Chain signpost.

**Step 22:** Alternatively turn right here to head south along Waverley Crescent to walk to Oxleas Meadows (see section 4B in-app).





**Step 23:** From Waverley Crescent cross the green to Warwick Terrace.

**Step 24:** You need to bear right, cross Old Mill Road then immediately left to cross Warwick Terrace.

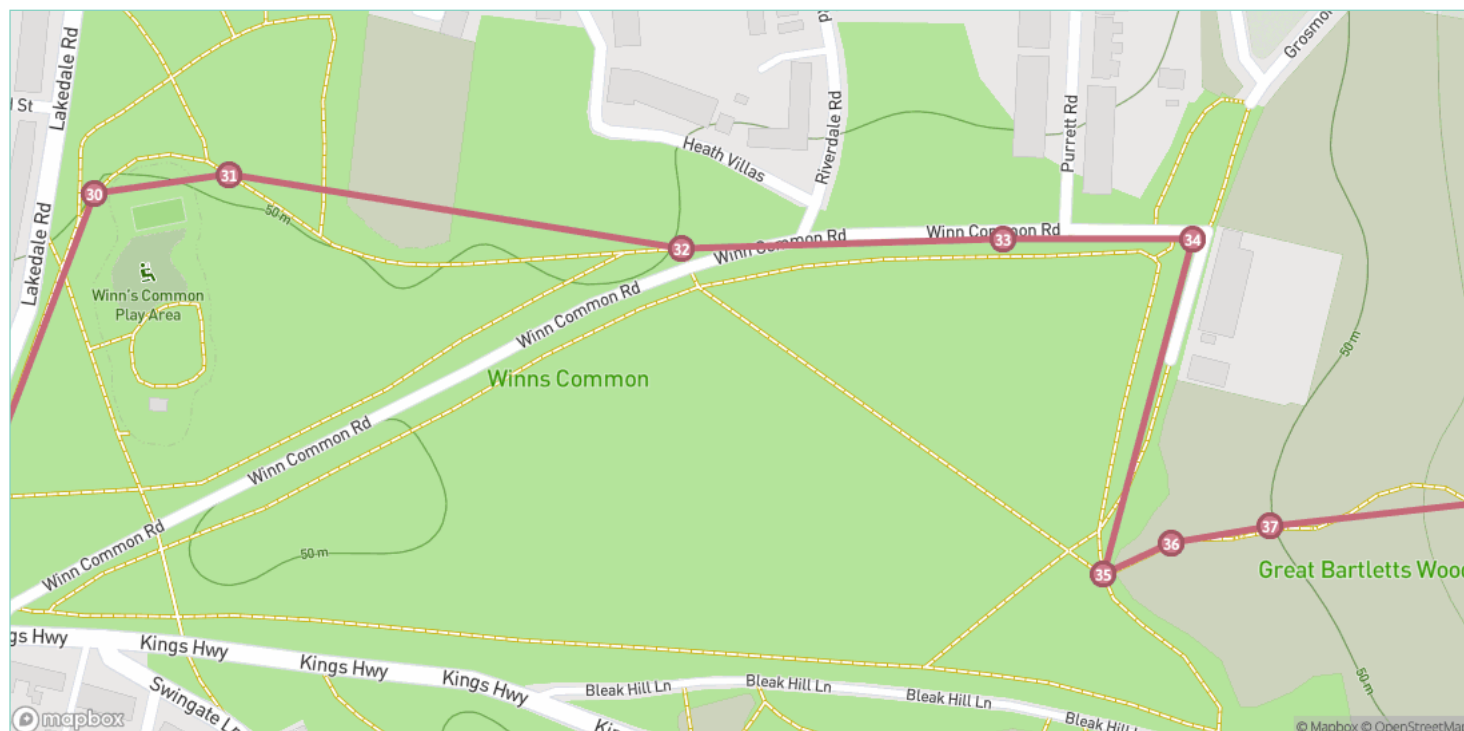
**Step 25:** Turn right and follow the marker posts parallel with Old Mill Road.

**Step 26:** Continue along this path.

**Step 27:** Descend the steps to the pond at 'The Slade' and up the other side.

**Step 28:** Head up the steps.

**Step 29:** Cross Lakedale Road and turn left.



**Step 30:** Bear right to follow the path around the children's playground.

**Step 31:** Cross the Common to reach Winn Common Road.

**Step 32:** Cross Winn Common Road and follow the signposts.

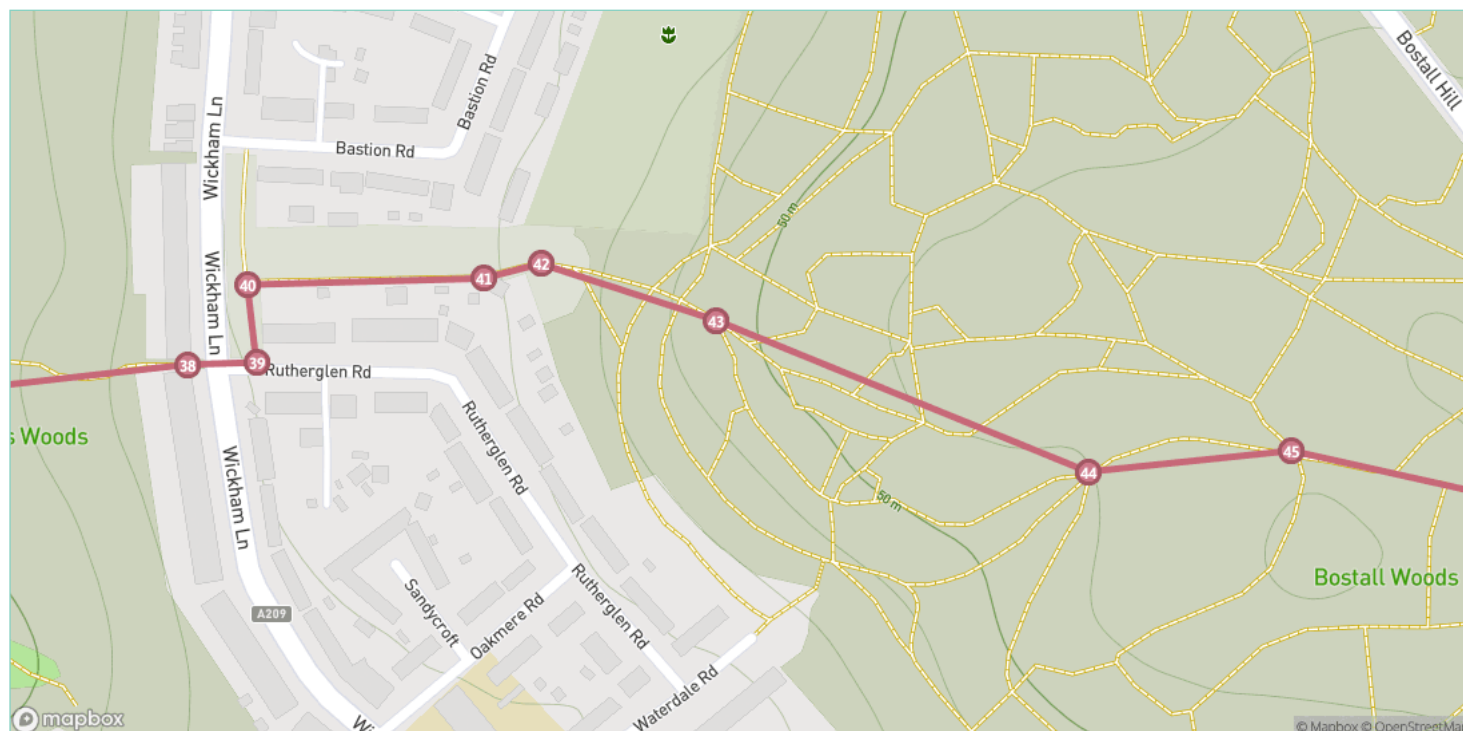
**Step 33:** Take time to admire the view.

**Step 34:** Turn right just past Purrett Road to the open grass and follow around the sports pitch.

**Step 35:** When you reach the Green Chain signpost at the top of the steps turn left.

**Step 36:** Descend the steps into Great Bartlett's Woods.

**Step 37:** The terrain can be steep and uneven at parts so do take care.



**Step 38:** Follow the path on to Wickham Lane.

**Step 39:** Once you have crossed to Rutherglen Road turn immediately left down the steps into the open space.

**Step 40:** Follow around to the right and enter Bostall Woods.

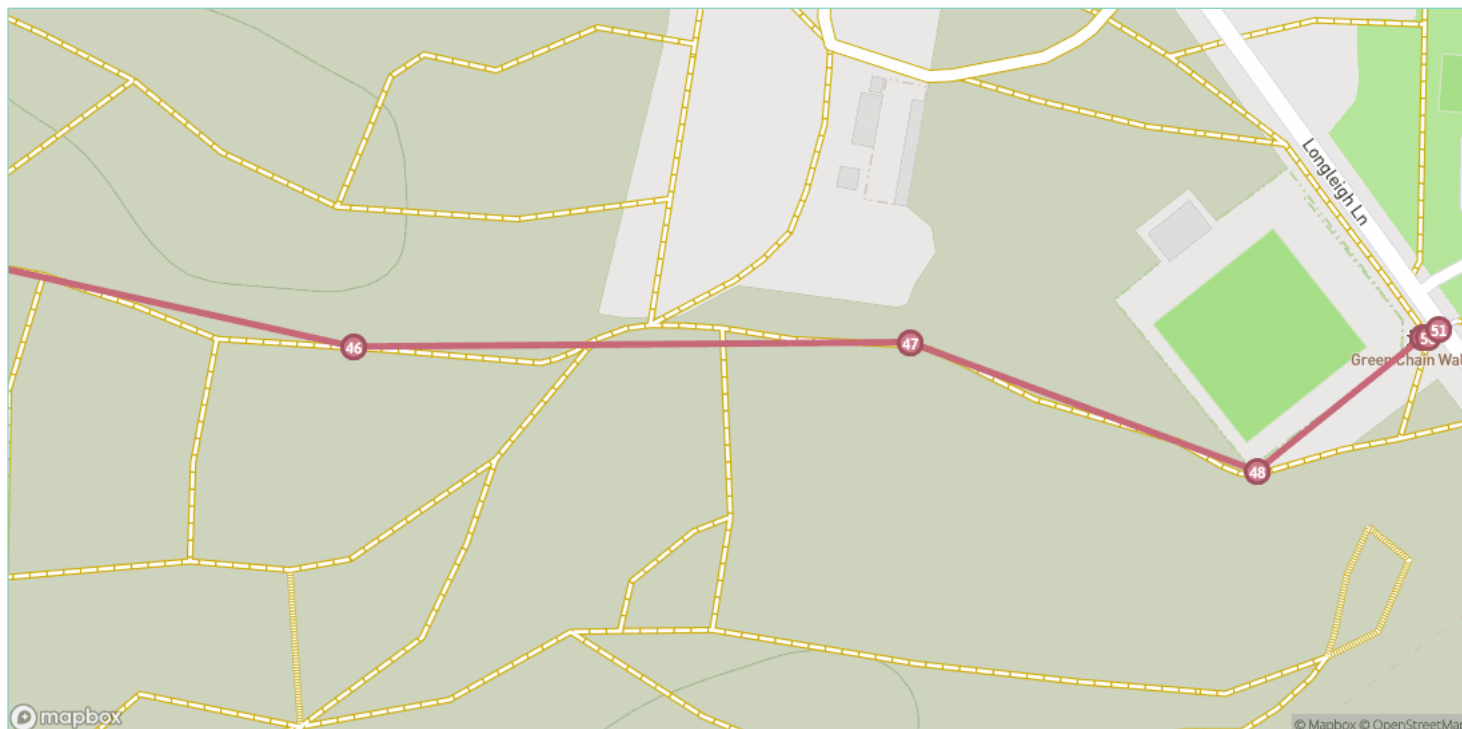
**Step 41:** The climb into Bostall Woods is rather steep.

**Step 42:** Climb the steps crossing a number of paths. Turn right and follow the marker posts through the woods.

**Step 43:** The path continues to be uneven in parts.

**Step 44:** This is an ideal spot to take a breather before a short climb.

**Step 45:** At the end of the climb you are gifted with these rather splendid woods.



**Step 46:** Continue to follow the signposts through the woods.

**Step 47:** Take time to enjoy the sounds of woods and wildlife.

**Step 48:** Follow the path around the bowling green.

**Step 49:** Emerge eventually on to Longleigh Lane at the Green Chain signpost.

**Step 50:** You've now completed section 4a of the Green Chain Walk. How about moving on to section 3 towards Oxleas Meadows?

**Step 51:** The nearest bus stops are on Bostall Hill. From the car park on Longleigh Lane turn right and right again at Bostall Hill. Bus route 99 will take you to either Plumstead Rail Station or Erith Rail Station.