Roundhouse Scavenger Hunt Trail

A circular walk around Birmingham's canals and Victorian roundhouse. With family fun clues and things to spot. Plus a play area!

Distance 2.4 kilometres / 1.5 miles
Duration 1 hour and 5 minutes

Water feature | Refreshments | Public transport | History | Paid-for attraction | Child friendly

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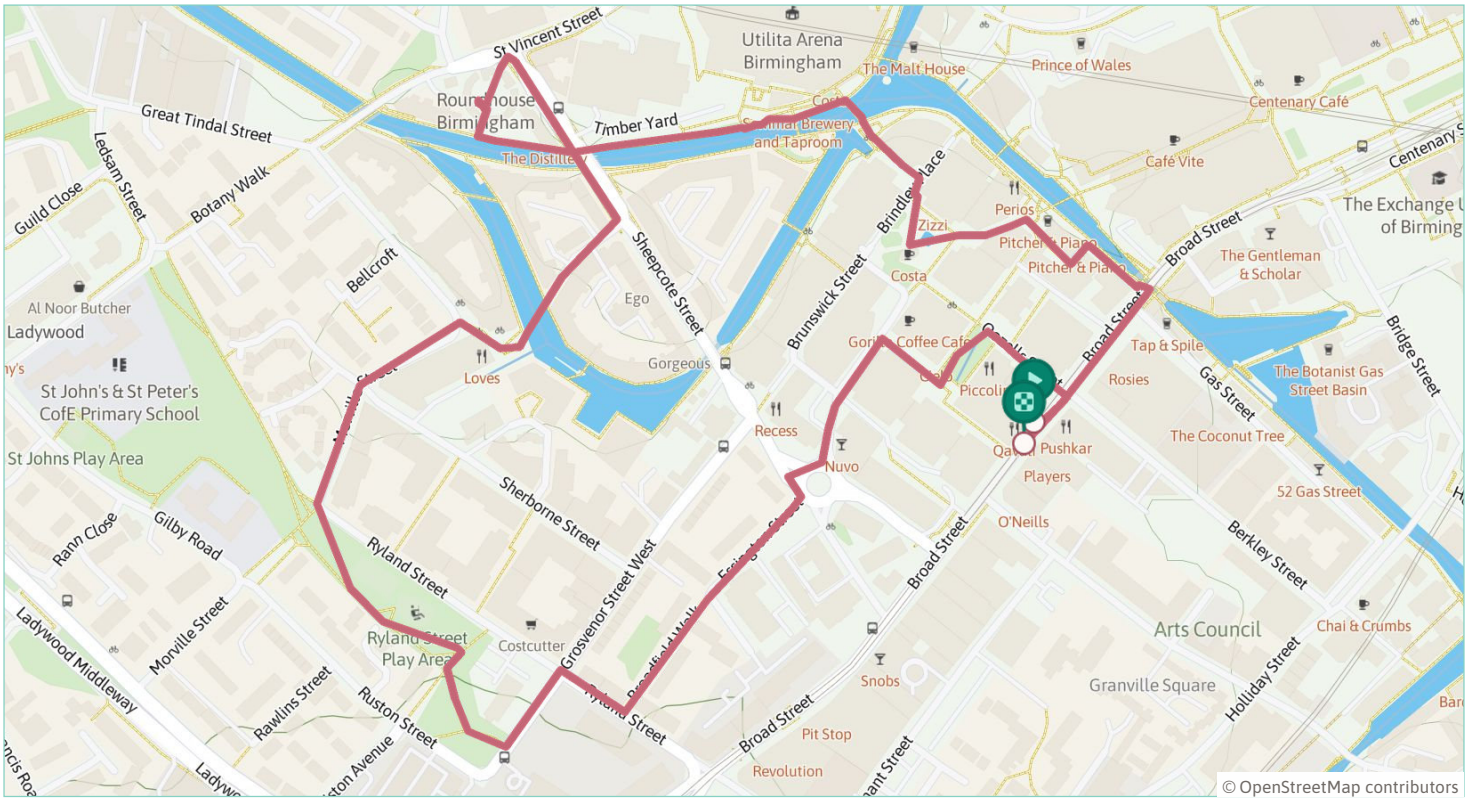

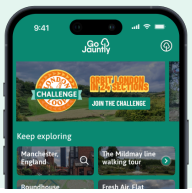

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Step 1: This is a kid-friendly scavenger hunt. It begins at Brindleyplace metro stop. All you need to do is follow the route and enjoy the tasks.

Step 2: There are toilets and plenty of refreshments en route and even a kids playground. The route is mostly flat but there are some small steps to navigate if you have a pram/buggy.

Step 3: If you started at the station, head off the tram and walk along Broad St. in the direction of Oozells St.

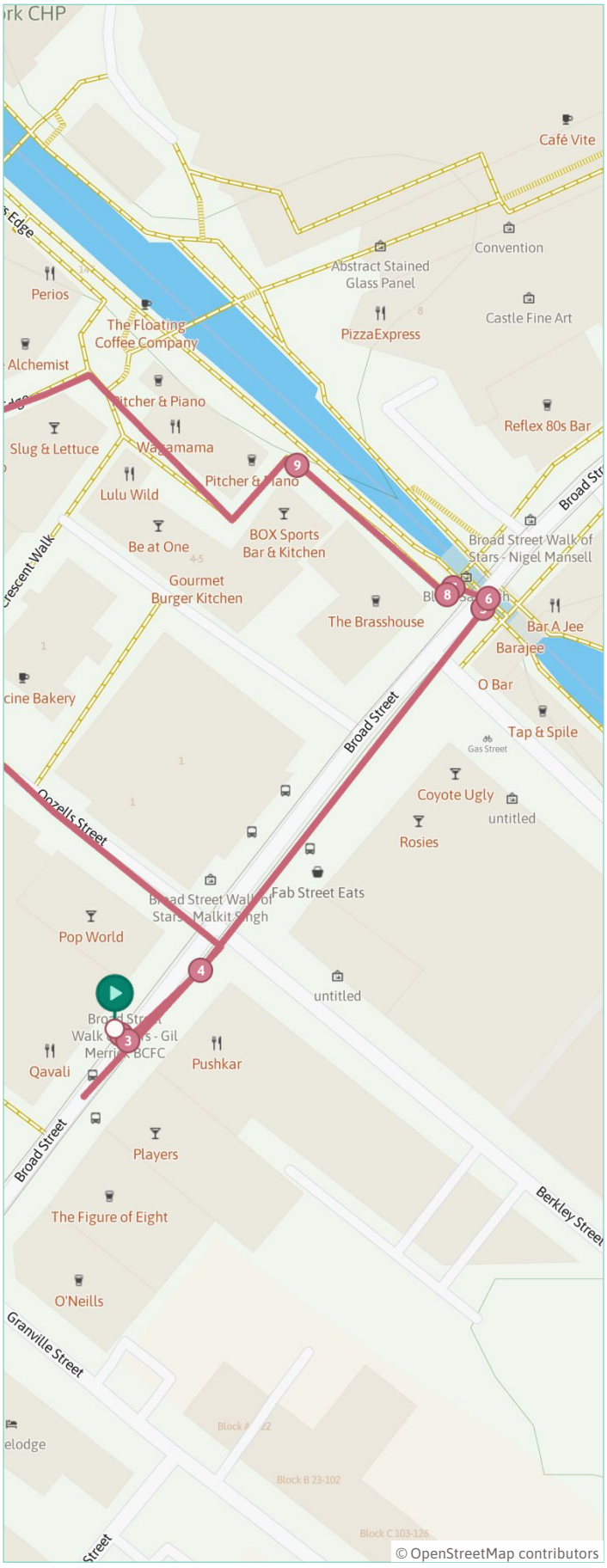
Step 4: Keep walking until you reach Black Sabbath Bridge where you'll find the first fun task.

Step 5: Black Sabbath are a heavy metal band famous to Birmingham. Can you find the name of the lead singer on the bench? Swipe for the answer.

Step 6: It's Ozzy Osbourne!

Step 7: Now we are off to walk alongside the canal. Can you find this sign as you go?

Step 8: Head onto the towpath with the canal to your right.



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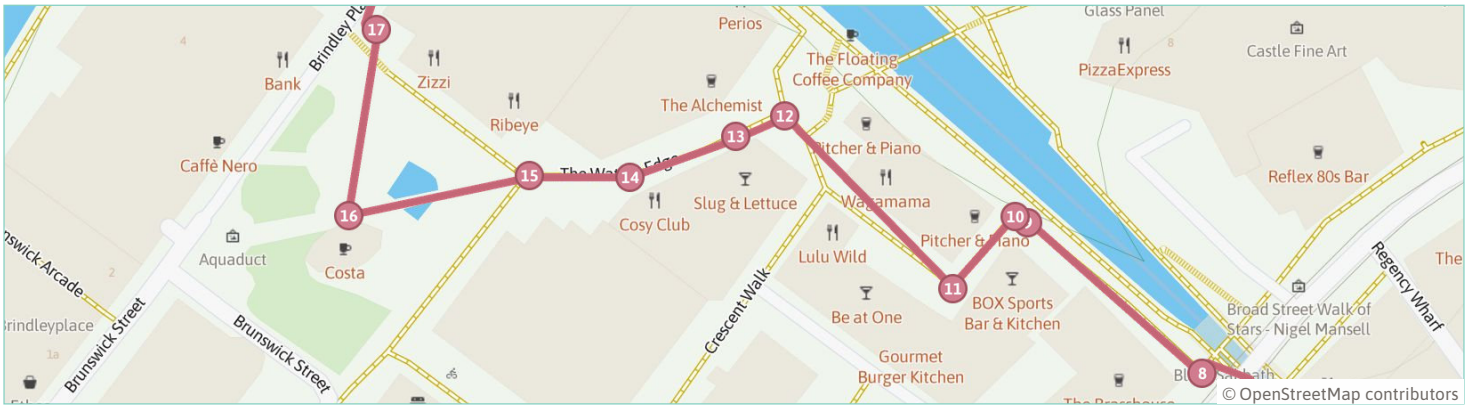
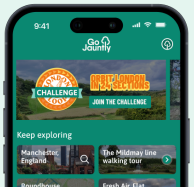


Step 9: Look ahead. How many bridges can you see? Count them all.

Step 10: Follow the path as it heads left past lots of restaurants. Stop for some food if you have time!

Step 11: Continue following the path as it turns right. Can you see the big clock up ahead. What time does the clock say?

Step 12: Keep following the path past the restaurants and take the first left onto Water's Edge.



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Step 13: Keep wandering, notice the sights and sounds as you continue. Does anything catch your eye?

Step 14: Can you find this sign? What does it say?

Step 15: The path leads you into Central Square. Hear the calming sounds of water fountains. Can you run through the middle without getting splashed?

Step 16: Next up can you see this row of Ginkgo trees? In autumn they will be bright yellow! How many of them can you count?

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Step 17: Now turn right towards the Sea Life Centre and cross Brindley Place using the zebra crossing.

Step 18: Follow the pedestrian footpath along the side of a building with bollards on the other side.

Step 19: Birmingham's Sea Life centre is here! What's your favourite sea creature?

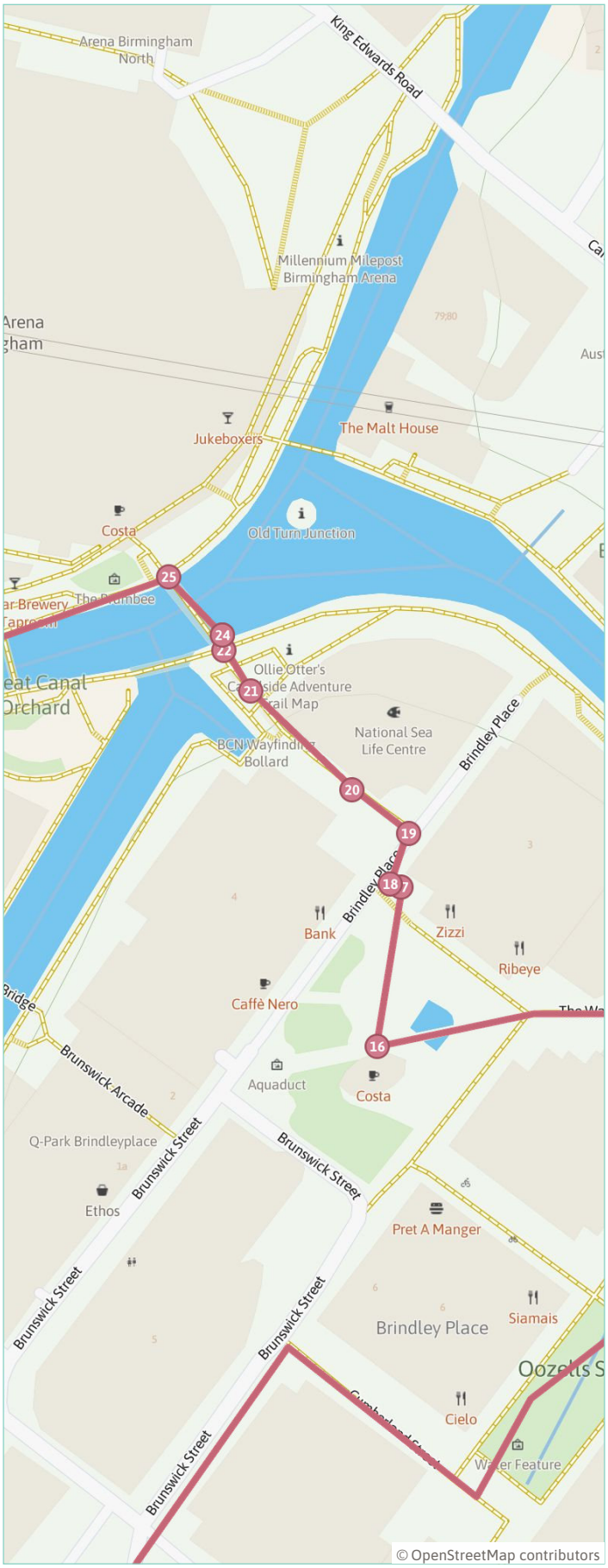
Step 20: Continue along the path with the Sea Life Centre on your right.

Step 21: Cross over a bridge over the canal.

Step 22: Continue to crossover another bridge.

Step 23: Stop on the bridge and look over. Can you guess what this circular island is for? Swipe to find out.

Step 24: This is the Old Turn Junction, many years ago it would have been a very busy junction for boats turning into the different canals.



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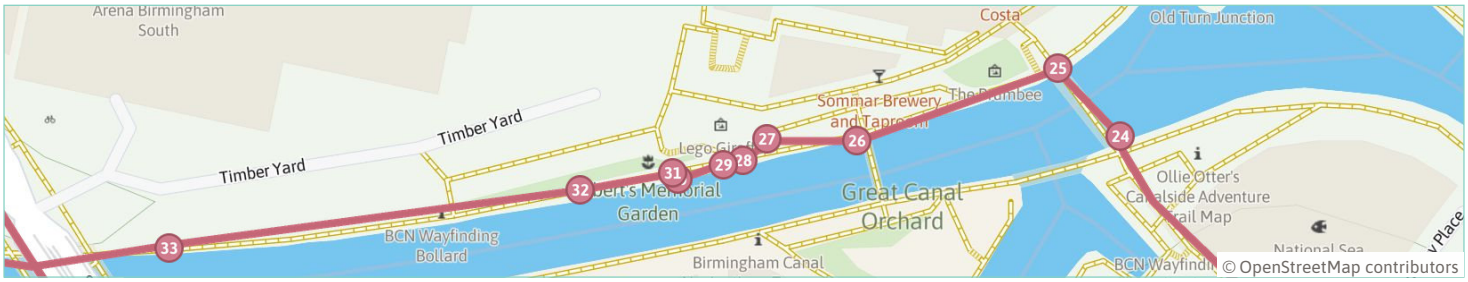

Step 25: Continue over the bridge and turn left.

Step 26: You'll soon approach the Legoland discovery centre. Pop in for some fun if you have time!

Step 27: What animal made of Lego can you see here?

Step 28: Head down onto the towpath using the stairs or slope

Step 29: Walk along the towpath with the canal on your left. How many different coloured boats can you see? Do you have a favourite?

Step 30: As you wander along the path, can you smell any herbs or flowers?

Step 31: Look out for buzzing bees and other pollinating insects. How many colours can you spot along the way?

Step 32: Can you spot any bee or bug hotels?

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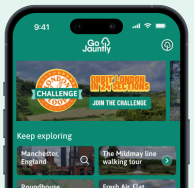
Step 33: Continue under the bridge.

Step 34: Can you hear an echo under here? Clap your hands or shout 'echo'!

Step 35: Continue along the towpath that brings you to a rose garden. If the roses are in bloom, why not give them a sniff and enjoy the smell!

Step 36: On your right you'll be able to see a big round building, can you guess what it's called?



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Step 37: It's called the roundhouse! Now turn right onto a path that leads to it.

Step 38: Continue ahead under the tunnel.

Step 39: You are now on the inside of the roundhouse. Here you can find restaurants if you want to stop for lunch.

Step 40: This horseshoe shaped building was used as stables and storage along the busy canal. Look out for information boards to learn more.

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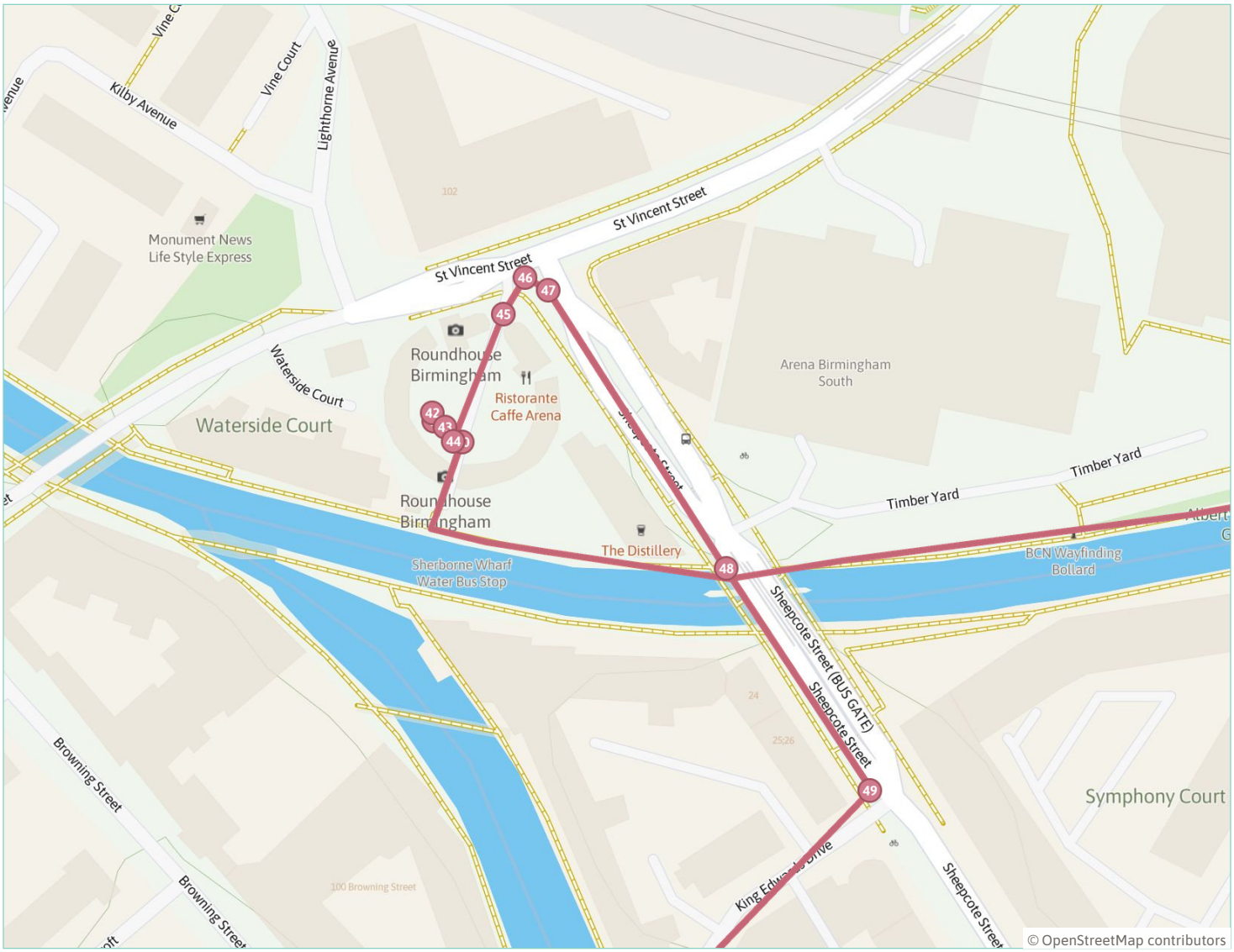

Step 41: What does this sign say? It's a good reminder. Let's take a breather

Step 42: The building was restored by the National Trust. There are toilets here too.

Step 43: Take a circular walk around and enjoy the old Victorian building.

Step 44: There are lots of flower planters with different names. Can you find one called Mr Twist?

Step 45: When you've finished exploring, head out towards St Vincent St.

Step 46: Turn right onto St Vincent St.

Step 47: Immediately turn right again onto Sheepcote St and continue ahead to cross the canal.

Step 48: Cross over the canal and look over. Can you see any more boats here?

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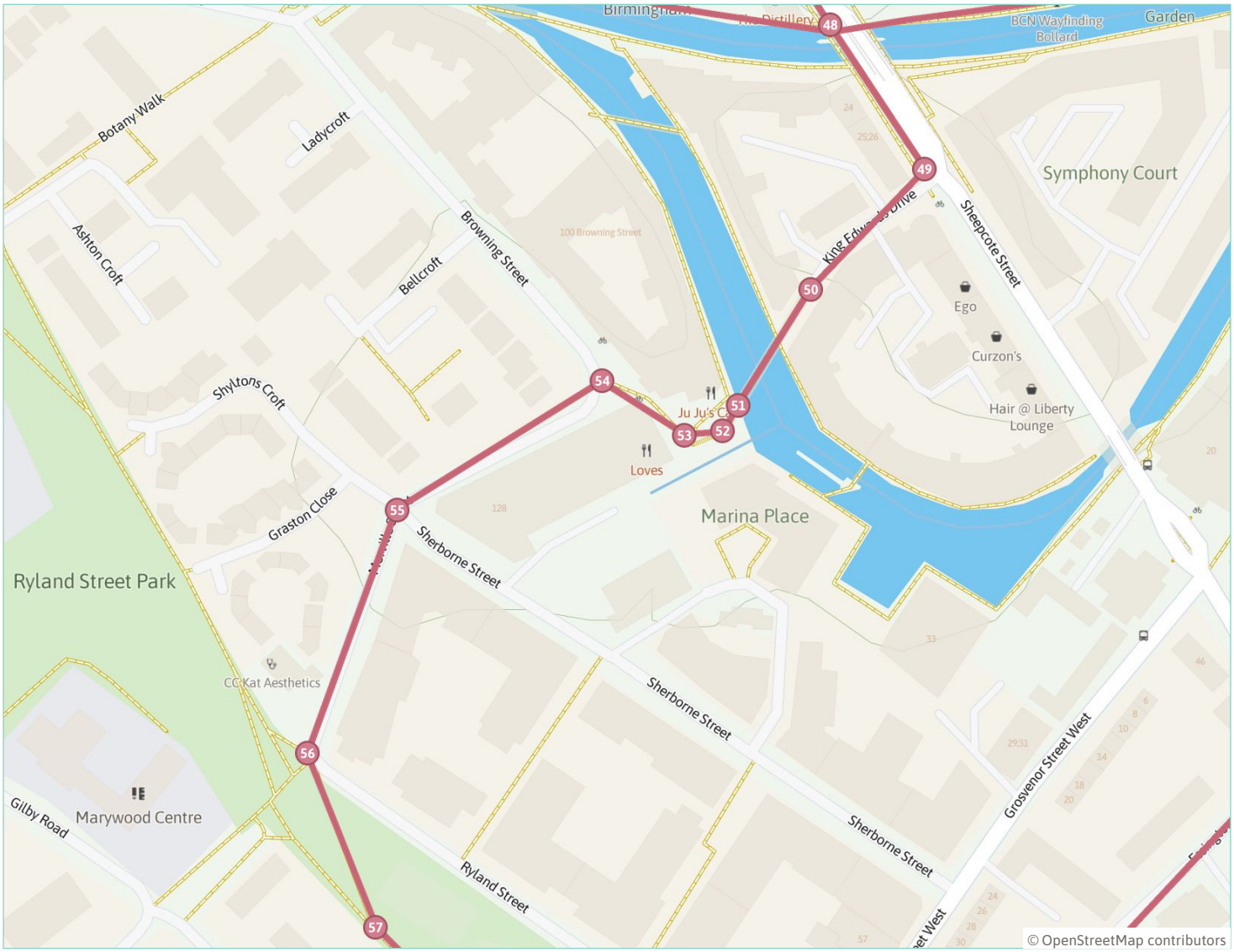

Step 49: Turn right onto King Edward's Drive.

Step 50: Continue ahead towards Liberty Place Footbridge and cross the bridge. What cool things can you see from the bridge.

Step 51: Look over again. What can you see?

Step 52: Head down the steps or take the lift.

Step 53: Follow the path as it turns right.

Step 54: Keep walking until the path meets a road. Turn left onto Morville St.

Step 55: We are heading to the play area! Continue on Morville St.

Step 56: You'll soon see Ryland Street Park ahead. Take the path left into the park.

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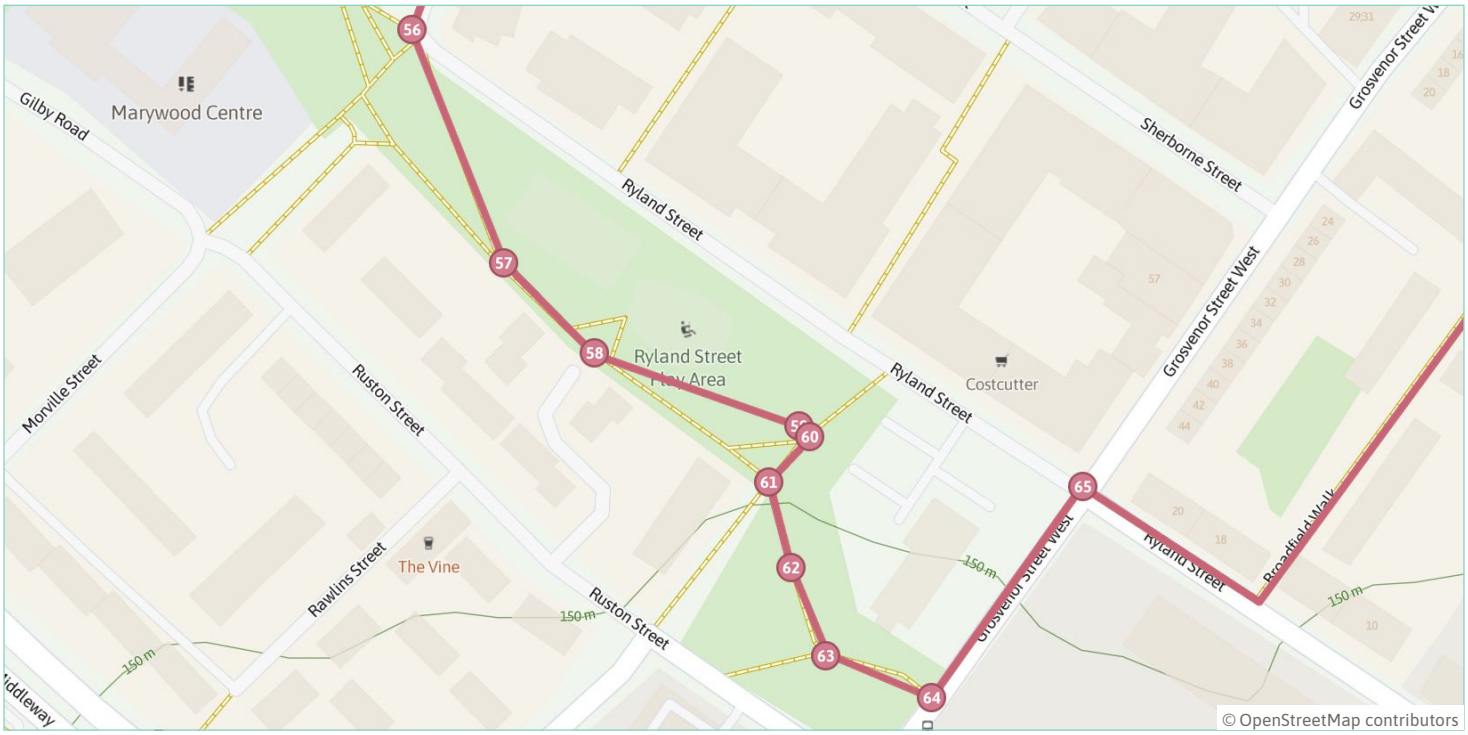
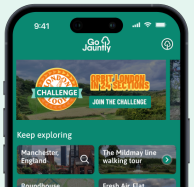


Step 57: Head along the edge of the park towards the play area. Notice the nature and trees around you

Step 58: You'll see the play area on your left.

Step 59: Head in through the blue metal archway.

Step 60: To continue the walk, exit the play area and turn right.



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Step 61: Turn left at the first opportunity.

Step 62: Notice the texture of the bark on the trees. What does it feel like?

Step 63: Bear left towards the park exit and big tall building ahead.

Step 64: Exit the park and turn left onto Grosvenor St West.

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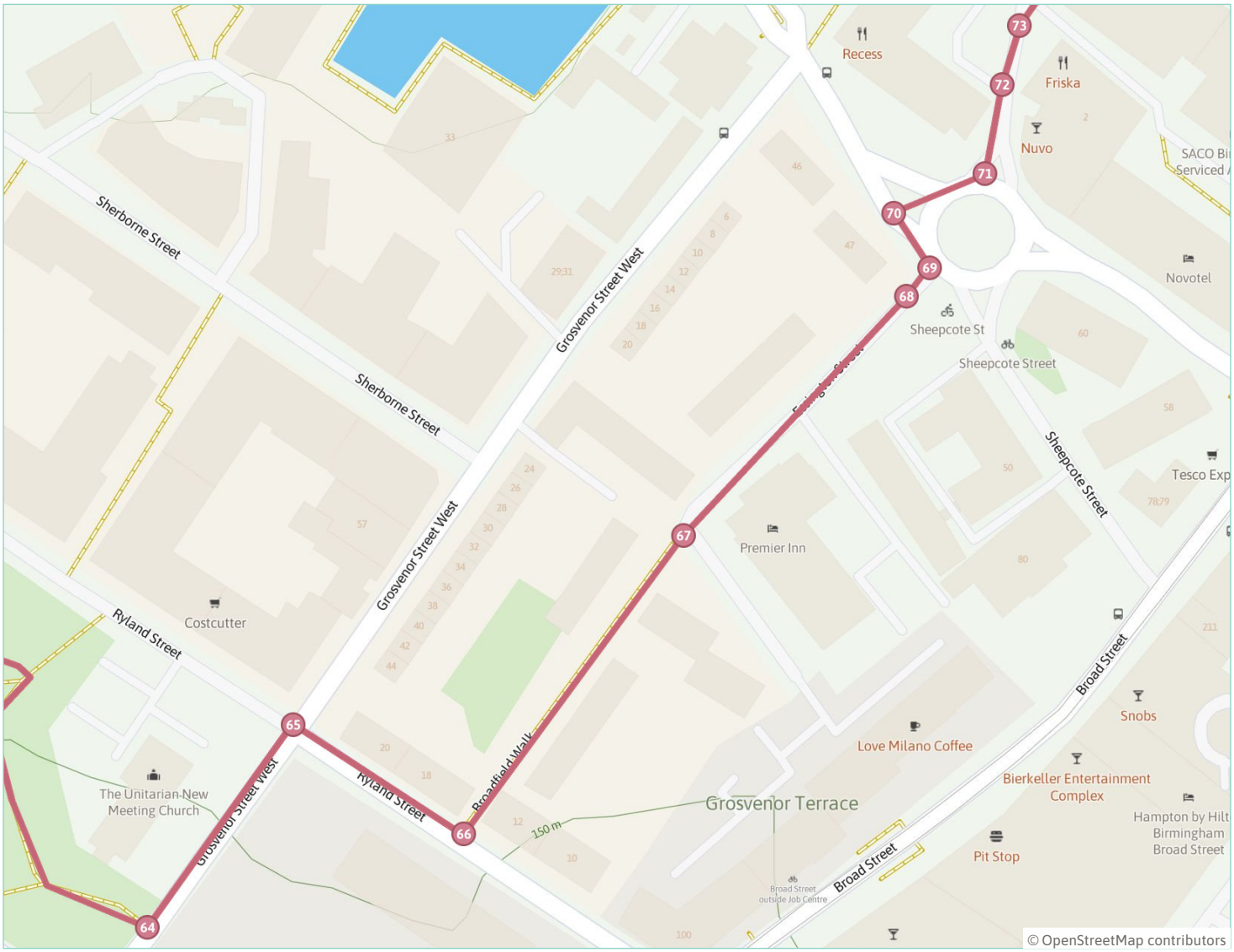

Step 65: Take the first right onto Ryland St. Carefully crossing the road.

Step 66: Turn left onto Broadfield Walk.

Step 67: Continue ahead onto Essington St.

Step 68: Continue towards the roundabout.

Step 69: How many silver birch trees can you count growing on the roundabout?

Step 70: Carefully cross the roundabout. Heading straight over towards Brunswick Sq.

Step 71: Continue ahead towards Brunswick Sq.

Step 72: Use the zebra crossing to cross.

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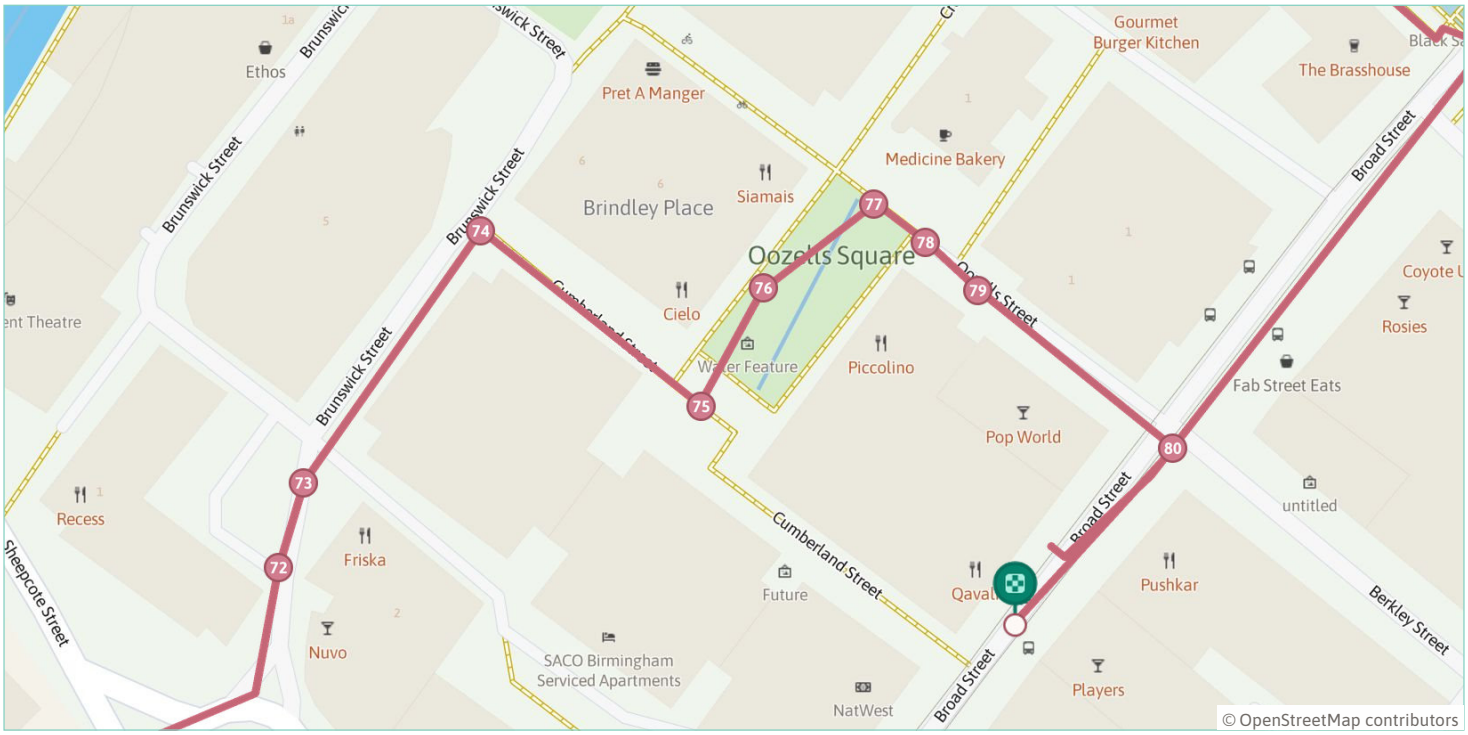

Step 73: Continue under the archways. Mind the bollards as you go.

Step 74: Turn left onto Cumberland St.

Step 75: Welcome to Oozells Sq. Turn left to see a beautiful red brick building.

Step 76: This building was once a Victorian boarding school. How many windows can you count?

Step 77: Walk up to the building. It's now home to Ikon Gallery. It has a cafe if you need a snack stop.

Step 78: Let's continue the walk by turning right onto Oozells St.

Step 79: Can you find a date above a doorway on this street?

Step 80: Turn right into Broad St and head back to the tram stop where this walk ends.

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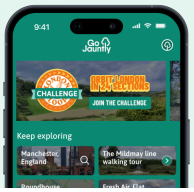

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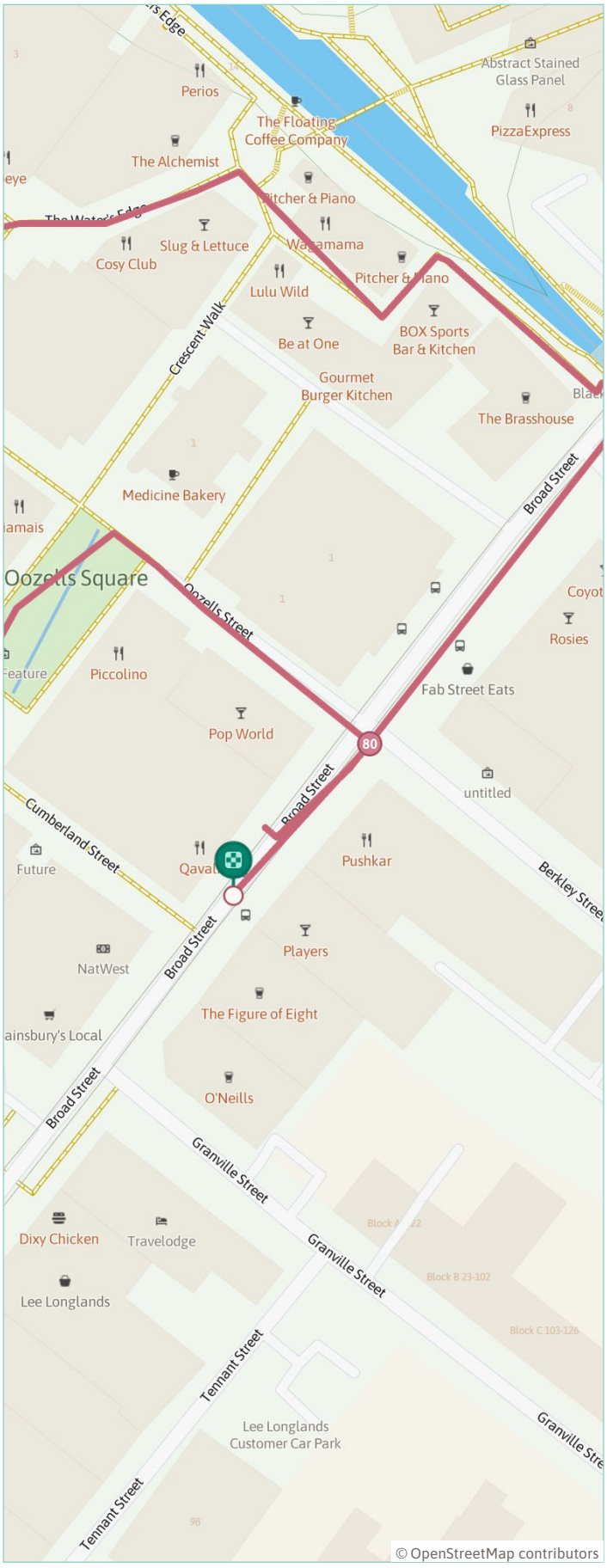

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