



Queens Park & Meols Parade Walk

A step-free walk through Queens Park and around Meols Parade Gardens with views of nature, gardens and painted murals.

Distance 1.7 kilometers / 1.1 miles

Duration 25 minutes



Wildlife



Wheel friendly



Water feature



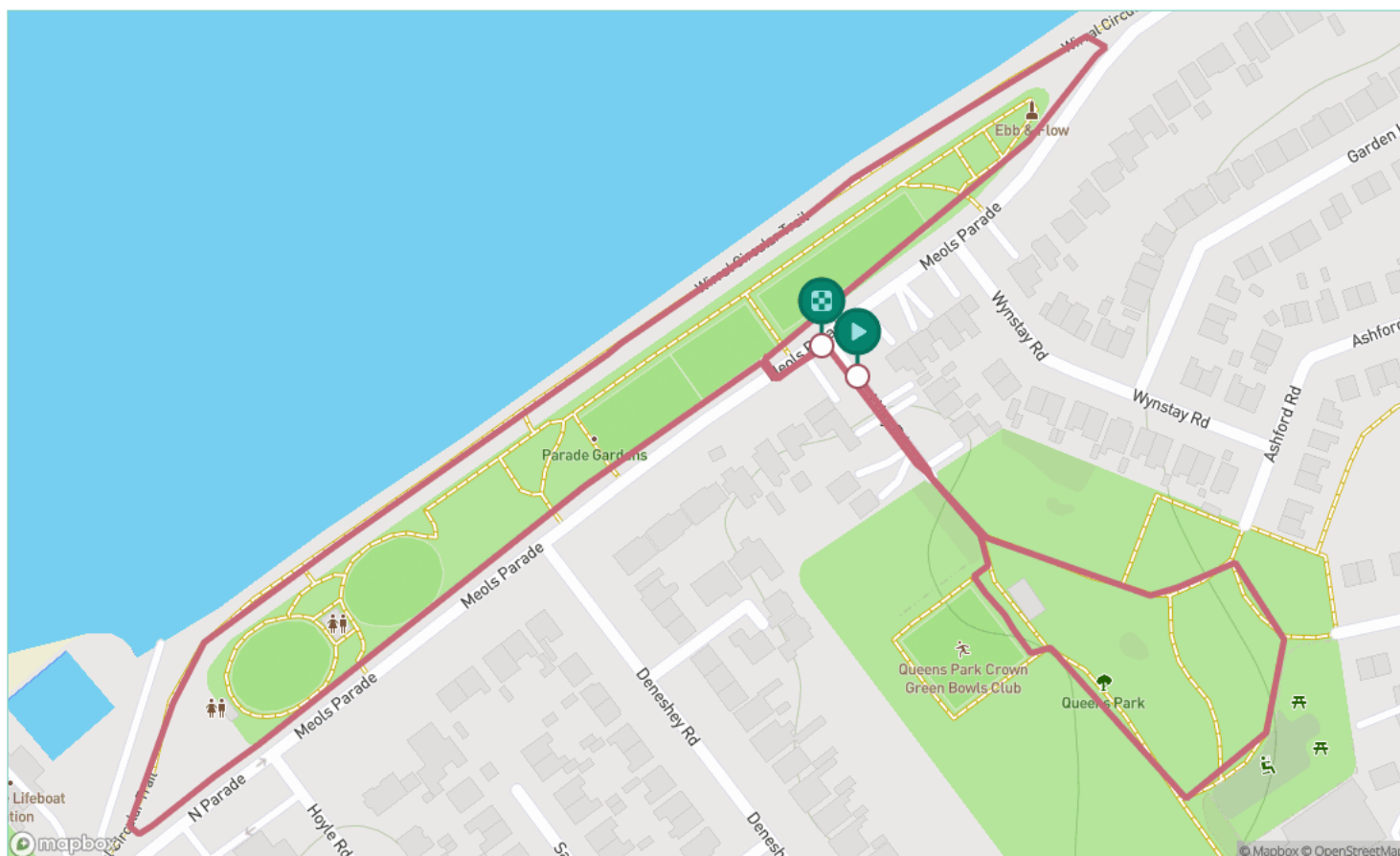
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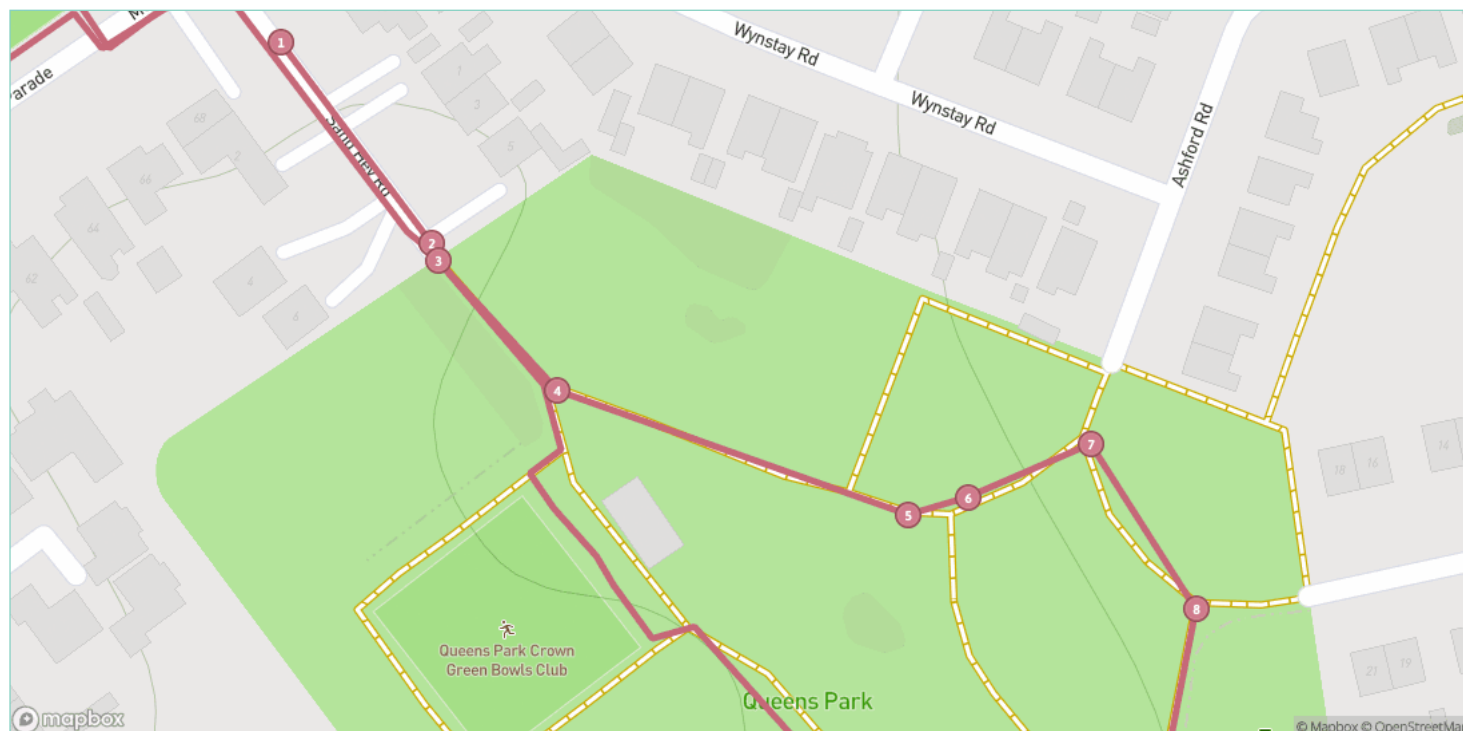


Parking



Botanics





Step 1: The walk begins on Sand Hey Road and can be reached using the 38A bus to Bertram Drive and walking through the park to Sand Hey Road.

Step 2: This is a step-free and flat walk. Enter the park through the main gates on Sand Hey Road.

Step 3: Queens Park was developed for community use and is supported by Hoylake in Bloom, making sure the flower beds look beautiful!

Step 4: As you enter the park, take the path to the left to walk beyond the flag pole.

Step 5: Follow the path as it curves to the left.

Step 6: If you look to the floor, you'll find all kinds of little flowers. This Yarrow was perched at the edge of the lawn.

Step 7: Continue along the path as it bends to the right and then to the left again. You'll see the playground in the distance.

Step 8: Turn right and follow the path beside the playground. If you're with little ones, you can let them run off some energy here!



Step 9: Keep to the path. What good things can you see in nature today? Tune in with your senses. What can you see or hear?

Step 16: Where the paths join, take the left-hand path. We're heading back to Sand Hey Road.

Step 10: At the end of the path, turn to your right and walk along the path between the trees.

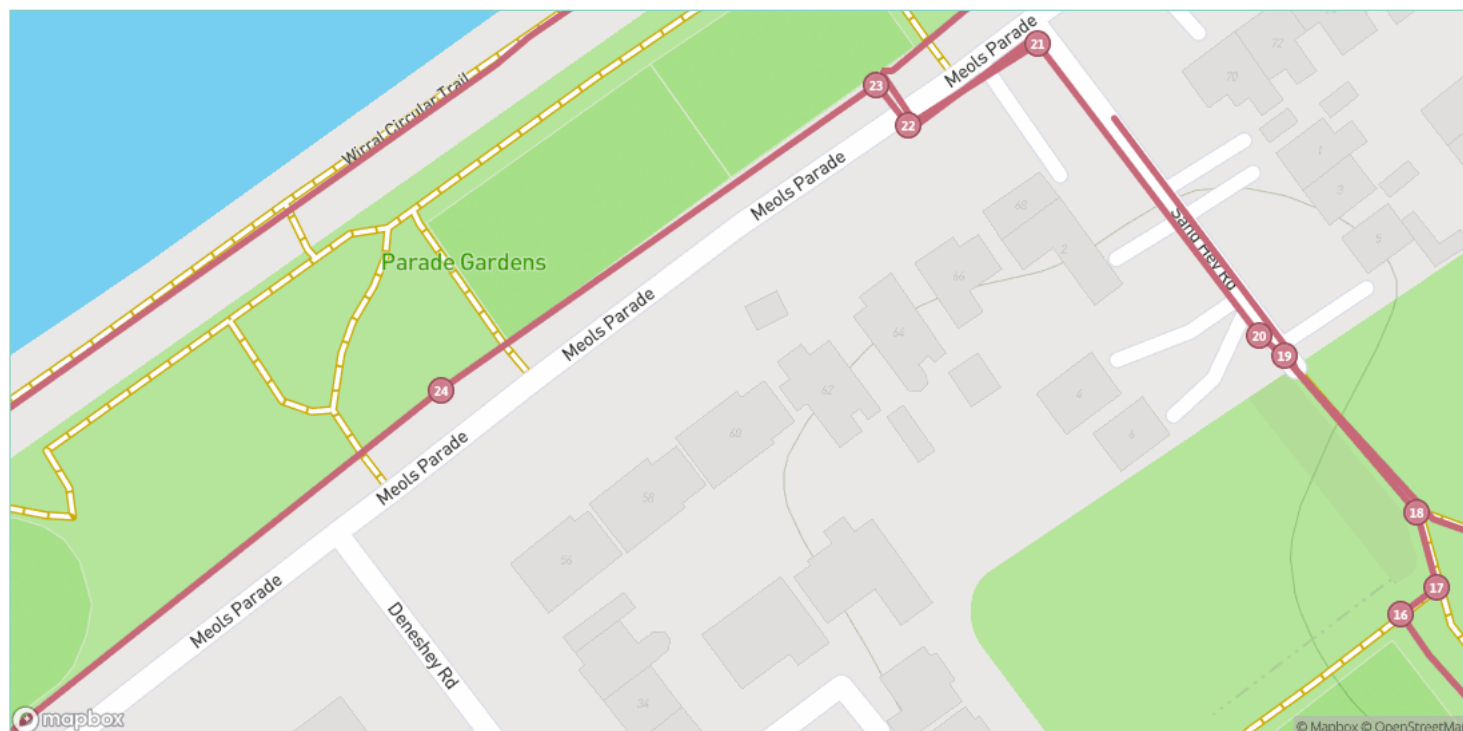
Step 11: Turn left towards the bowling green and then immediately right to walk alongside the edge of the green on the narrower path.

Step 12: Make your way past the benches and the pavilion on your right.

Step 13: The flowerbeds are planted and cared for by the Hoylake in Bloom volunteers to make sure the park stays vibrant and pretty.

Step 14: Keep an eye out for the dedication bench and artwork in the pavilion alcove.

Step 15: Is there anything cuter than a fish plant frame? What a lovely way to display flowers near the seaside.



Step 17: Take the left and curve again to the left so you are walking away from the flag pole.

Step 18: Make your way out of the park and back onto Sand Hey Road.

Step 19: Once you're through the gate, turn left to join the pavement.

Step 20: Turn right at the corner and make your way towards Meols Parade.

Step 21: Using the dropped kerbs by the driveways, make your way along Meols Parade.

Step 22: When you reach the sports pitch on the other side of the road, use the dropped kerb to cross over Meols Parade.

Step 23: Once on the other side, turn left and walk along the pavement with the railings and sports ground to your right.

Step 24: Watch out for pieces of mighty urban nature popping out from walls and gaps in the pavement.



Step 25: Make your way along the pavement towards the sculpture at the end.

Step 26: Parade Gardens was developed on reclaimed sandhills following the construction of the sea defence and promenade in 1908. It originally included a bandstand, tea room, gardens and had regular events throughout the war years.

Step 27: This Grade II listed disused cast iron water fountain was designed and installed to commemorate Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1901.

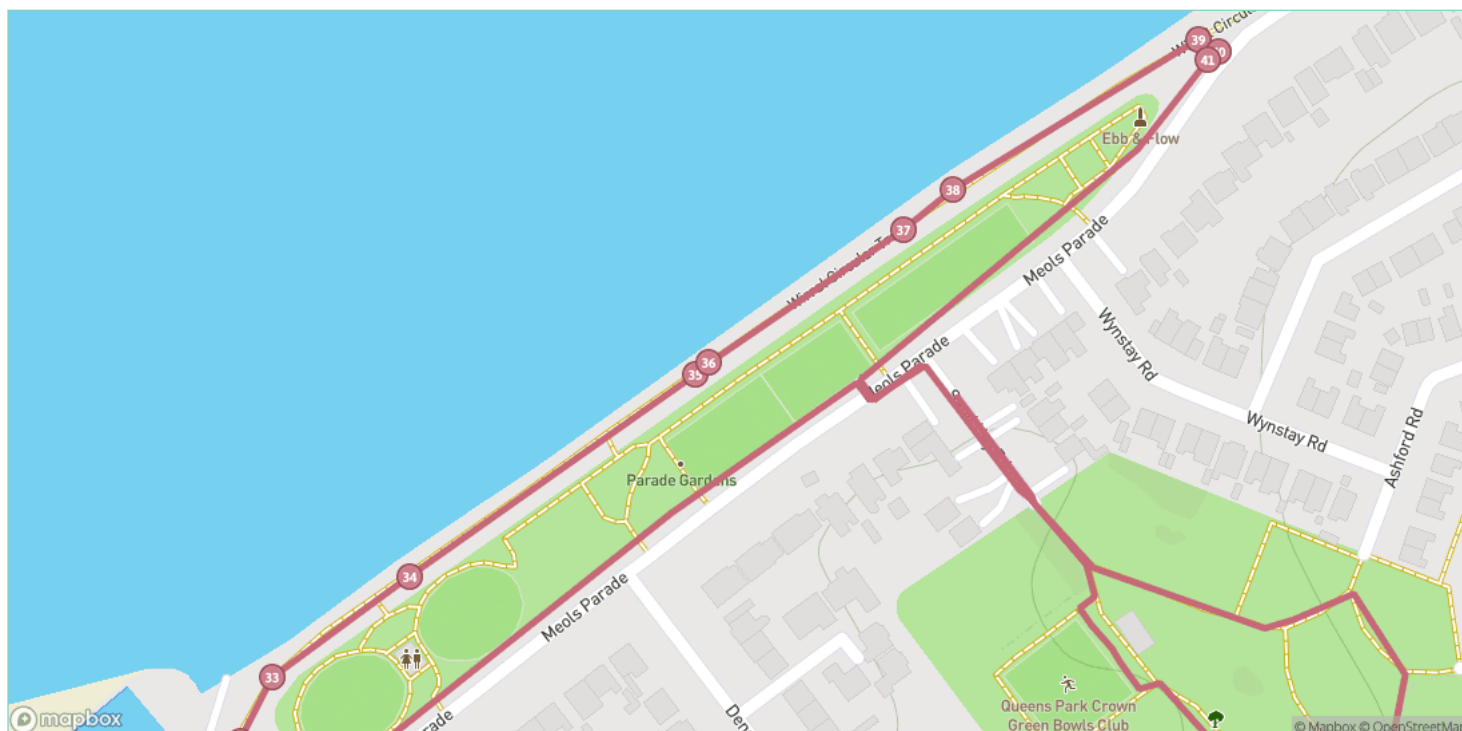
Step 28: The inscription says "For the children of Hoylake and Meols".

Step 29: Walk around the back of the fountain and face the direction you came. Walk to your left to position yourself on the sea side of the gardens.

Step 30: At the back of the fountain structure, you can see the crest of Queen Victoria at the top and lots of detail. What else can you spot?

Step 31: Take the promenade along the side of the gardens with the beach view. You're now on the England coast path.

Step 32: Looking to your left, you'll see a shallow pool. This is the model boating lake. A much loved feature of the area, renovated in 2023.



Step 33: Over the railings, you can see the dune grass which is home to lots of wildlife and rare plants like orchids and sea holly.

Step 34: Along the sea defence wall, you'll see some paintings. These were part of a local project showing different artists and subjects.

Step 35: If you peep over the wall you can see some spectacular tropical looking plants. These have been specially planted to be drought resistant.

Step 36: These fascinating and towering plants are called Pine Echium. There are a few that have been planted and bring quite a Mediterranean feel.

Step 37: It is a great spot for bird watching and nature spotting along the prom and over the dune grasses. Listen out for the different bird calls.

Step 38: Continue along the promenade taking in the art and towering plants to your right, and the nature and views to your left.

Step 39: Looking down beyond the railings, you'll see that the sand and mud has cracked. This is from alternating tide wetting and sun drying it out.

Step 40: At the end of the gardens turn to face the direction you came in. You'll need to walk along the road for a very short time.



Step 41: At the dropped kerb, get back onto the pavement and follow it to your left on the road side of the garden wall.

Step 42: Looking over the railings, you'll see more of the gardens and the sports grounds. Continue along the path taking in the garden view.

Step 43: You'll see some amazing plants in the borders. Hoylake in Bloom chose them to thrive even in really dry weather. Don't they look tropical?

Step 44: Here you can see how tall the spiky Echium are as they tower over the wall.

Step 45: When you come to the dropped kerb on your left, turn to face the road and cross over to the driveway.

Step 46: Turn left and make your way back to Sand Hey Road where our walk finishes.

Step 47: Turn right into Sand Hey Road. For onward travel, make your way back through the park to the bus stops on Birkenhead Road.

Step 48: We hope you enjoyed this jaunt! We've got lots more walks in the app so we hope to see you again soon.