



Bristol Ring Section 5

Enjoy Avon Gorge views then stroll across Clifton and Durdham Downs and through quiet streets to Horfield Common. Bus routes at either end.

Distance 6 kilometers / 3.7 miles

Duration 2 hours



Wildlife



Great views



Refreshments



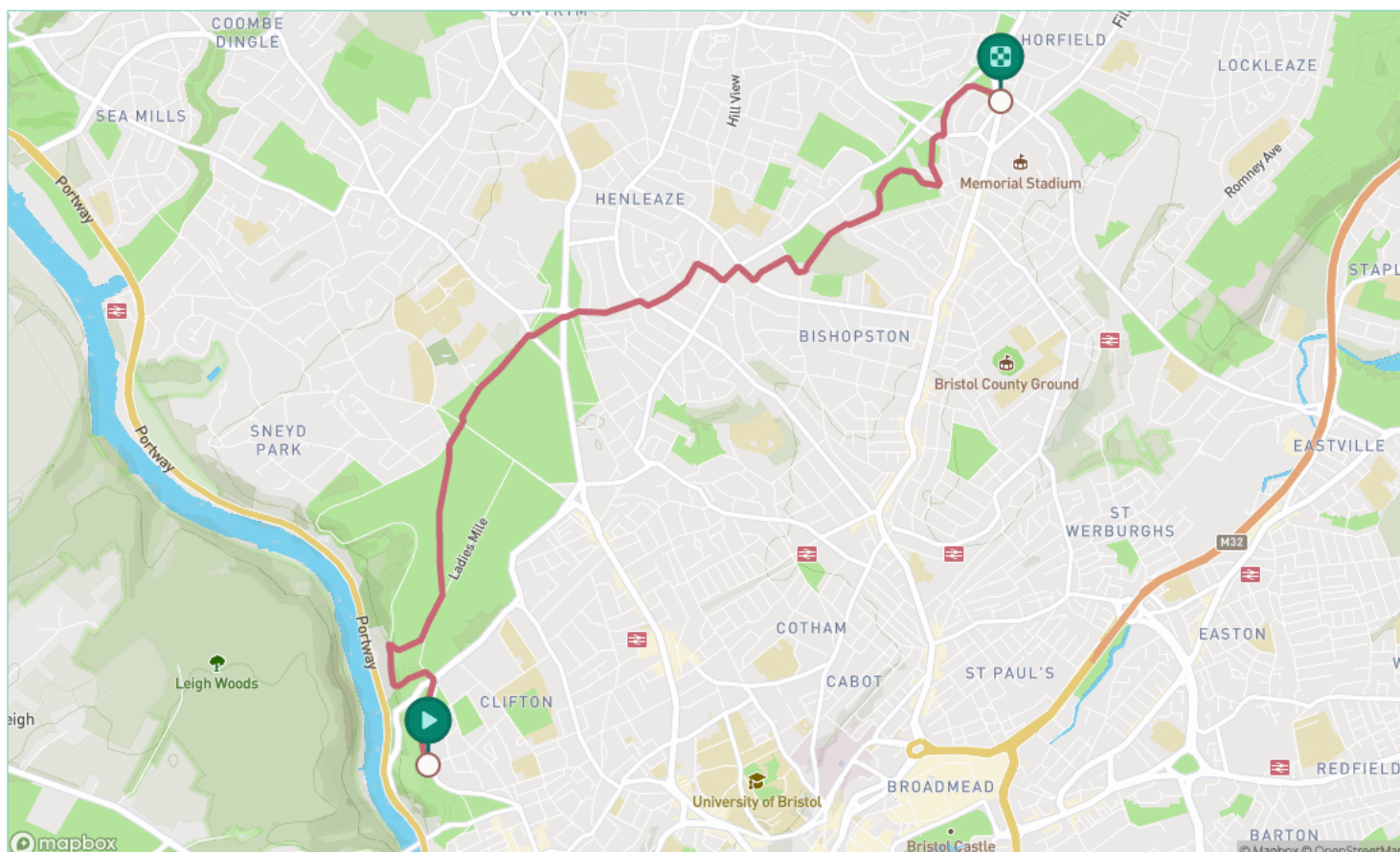
Public transport



Hilly & steep



Dog friendly



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Step 1: Section 5 starts on Clifton Road by the Percival Road bus stop. This stop connects with route 8 which goes to Bristol Temple Meads station.

Step 8: Keep left at the fork, we're heading closer to the view by going this way.

Step 2: Head to the main path on The Promenade, turn right to begin the walk. You're walking along the edge of Clifton Down.

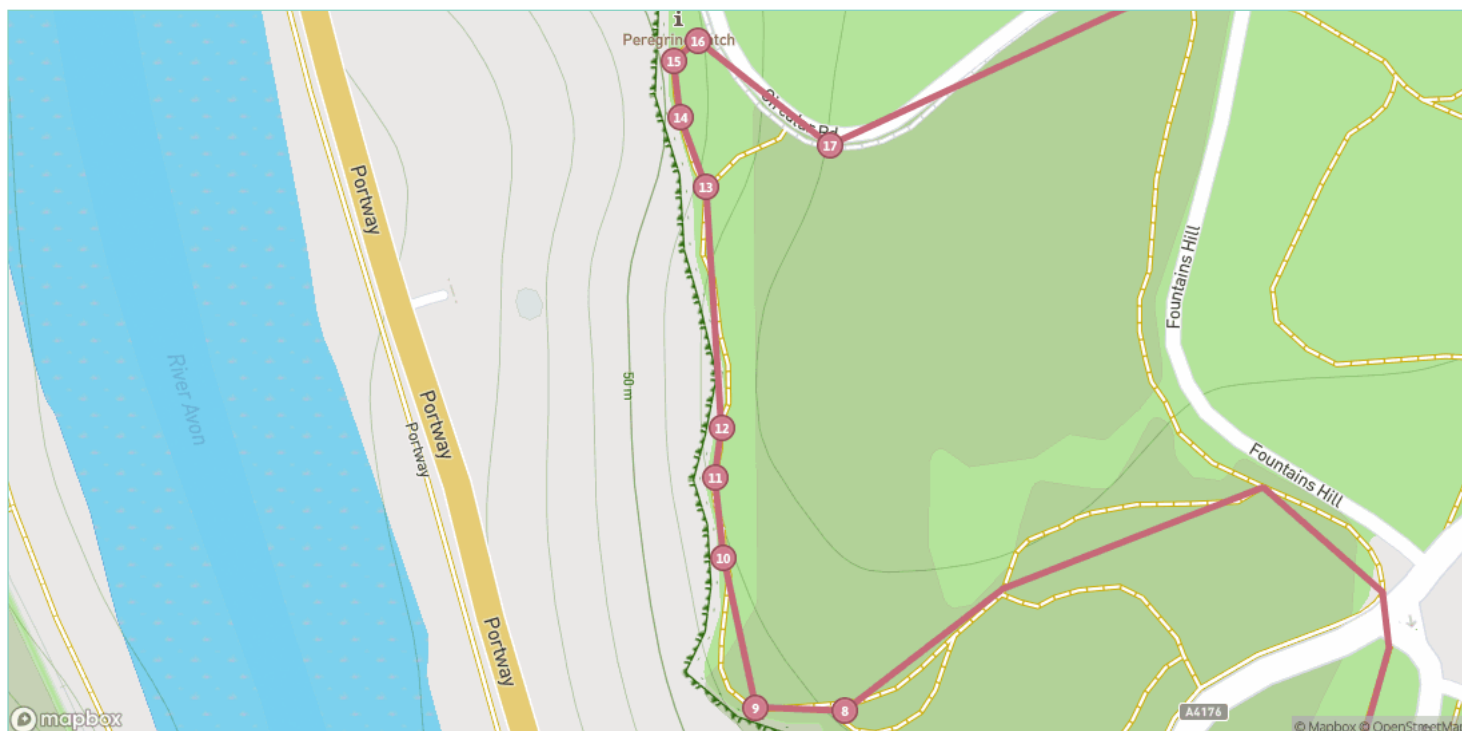
Step 3: Follow the beautiful tree-lined path to the end of the road. Enjoy the shadows and light created by the trees as you walk.

Step 4: At the busy junction, carefully cross Bridge Valley Road, using the traffic island. Continue straight on Fountains Hill.

Step 5: Look for a path on the left.

Step 6: Continue left onto the dirt path. It leads into the woods.

Step 7: Keep right at the fork.



Step 9: Follow the path as it bends to the right, along the cliff top.

Step 10: Head up the steps, with the fence (and view!) on your left.

Step 11: Enjoy the views of the Avon Gorge. You might spot rock climbers making their way up the gorge here.

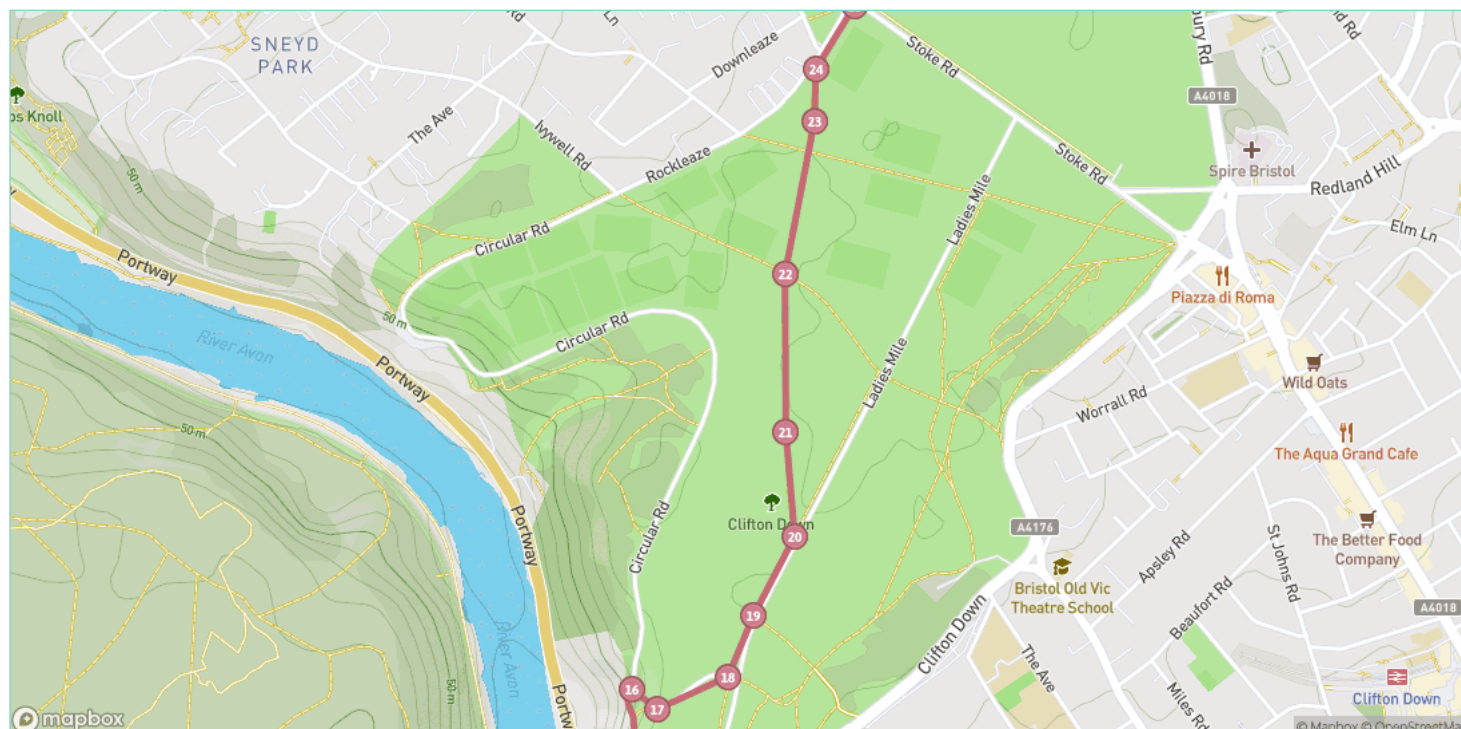
Step 12: Continue ahead on the narrow path.

Step 13: Continue straight towards another viewpoint. It's a great place to spot peregrine falcons, who nest in the gorge.

Step 14: Take care over the undulating rocky surface.

Step 15: On a clear day you can see the Bristol Channel in the distance.

Step 16: When you've soaked up the views, turn around and head right, towards the road. Continue on the pavement.



Step 17: Follow the path until you reach a road junction.

Step 18: Turn left to Cross Circular Road and walk on the tarmac path on Ladies Mile.

Step 19: Continue on the tarmac path until you reach an avenue of trees on the left.

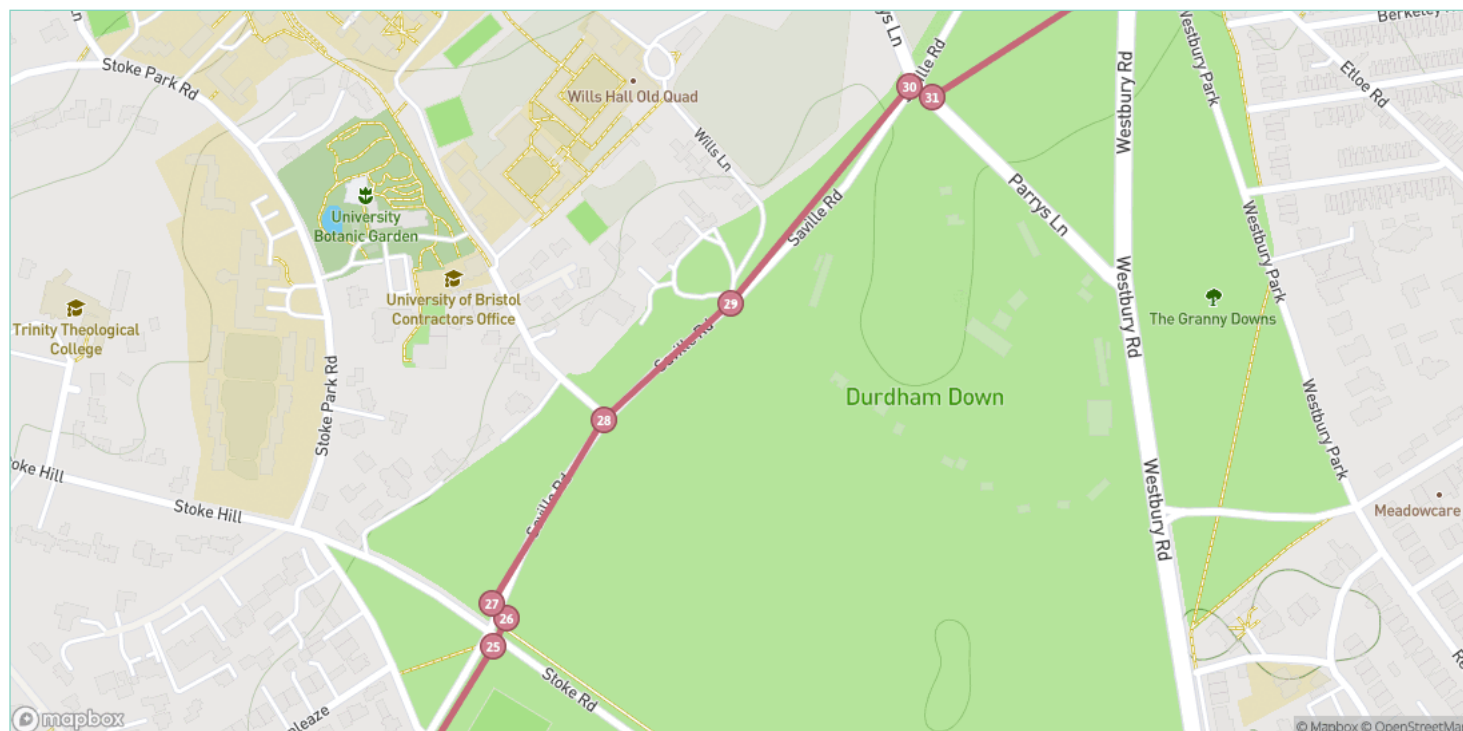
Step 20: Turn diagonally left to cut across the grass and head through the long avenue of trees on Clifton Down.

Step 21: Over the years, Clifton Down has been used as a commons for pasture, valuable farmland, and for recreation.

Step 22: Continue straight over a path crossing.

Step 23: In autumn you may find black walnuts from the tree near the end of the path (they look a bit like apples).

Step 24: Just before you reach the road, turn right to stay on Clifton Down and walk along the grass.



Step 25: Cross Stoke Road at the zebra crossing and get ready to turn immediately left.

Step 26: Continue left to cross Saville Road and turn right on the other side.

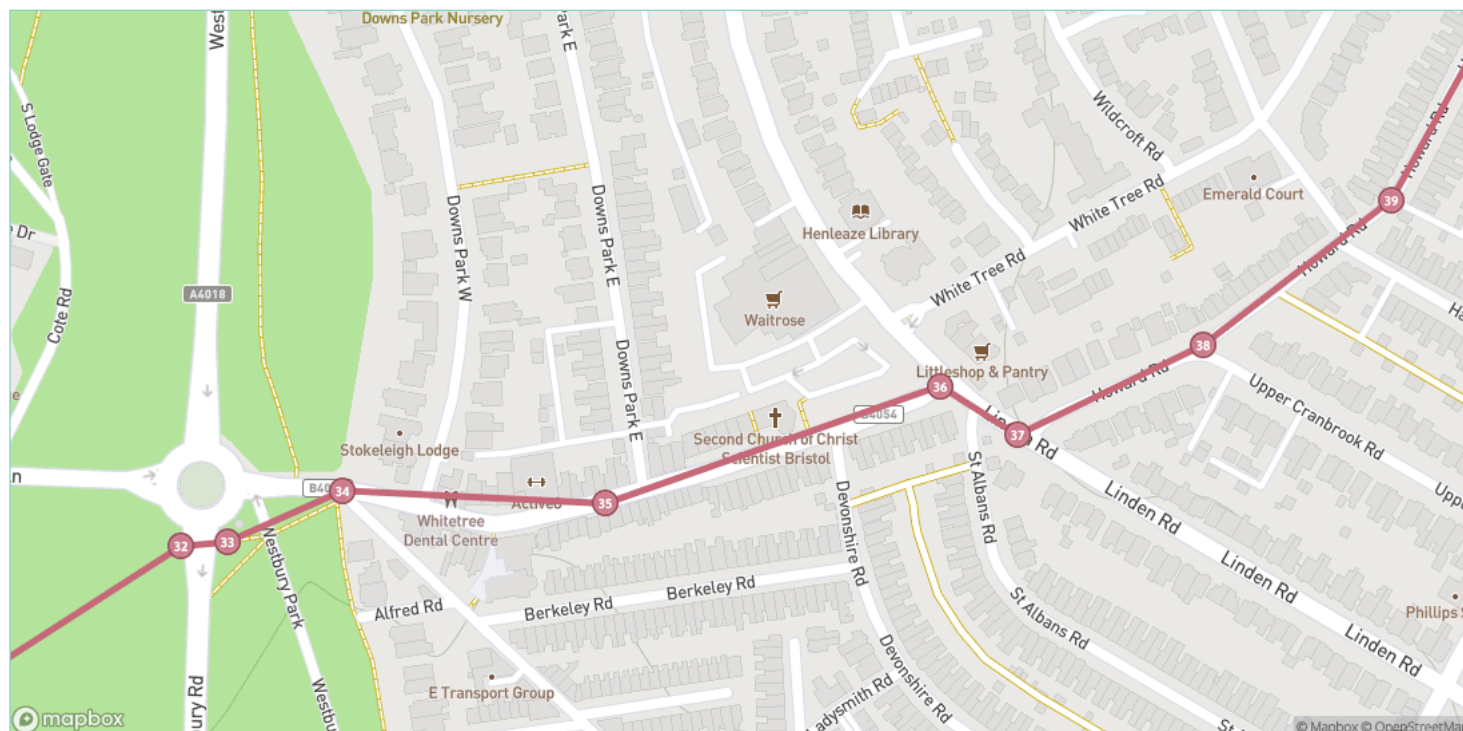
Step 27: Continue along the footpath.

Step 28: Cross Hollybush Lane and continue.

Step 29: Cross the entrance to Saville Manor and continue to Parry's Lane.

Step 30: Cross Saville Road and Parry's Lane at the junction and get ready to head left.

Step 31: Bear left across this final stretch of Durdham Down and walk along the grass path.



Step 32: Cross Westbury Road at the zebra crossing.

Step 33: Go straight ahead across the grass and cross Westbury Park.

Step 34: Turn right onto North View which has some local cafes and eateries.

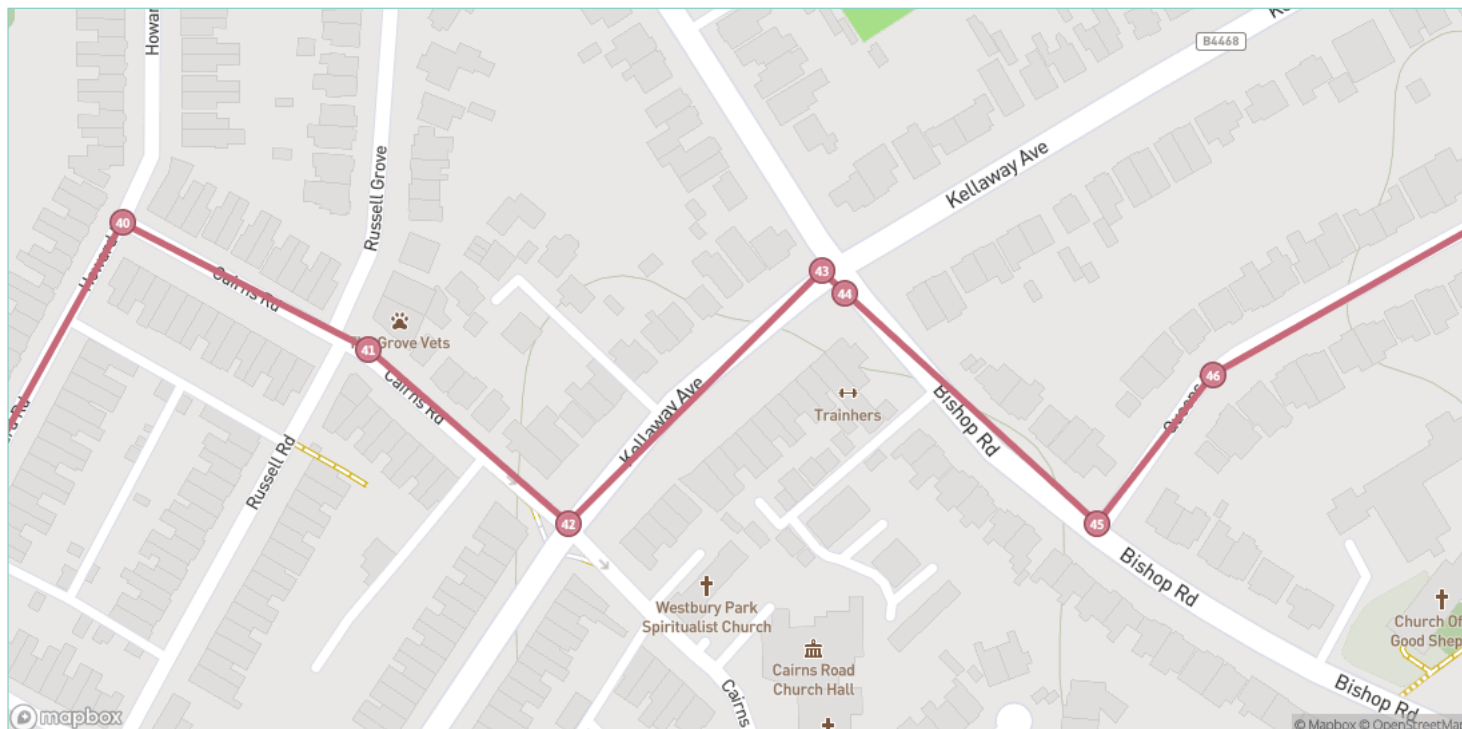
Step 35: Head downhill. Can you spot this incredible nature-inspired door along the way?

Step 36: At the junction, turn right. There's an optional toilet stop nearby here, either at the supermarket or Westbury Park Tavern.

Step 37: Cross over Linden Road and then continue ahead on Howard Road.

Step 38: It's a pretty tree-lined street.

Step 39: Keep going until you reach Cairns Road.



Step 40: Cross Howard Road to turn right downhill on Cairns Road.

Step 41: Cross Russell Grove and continue to the next junction.

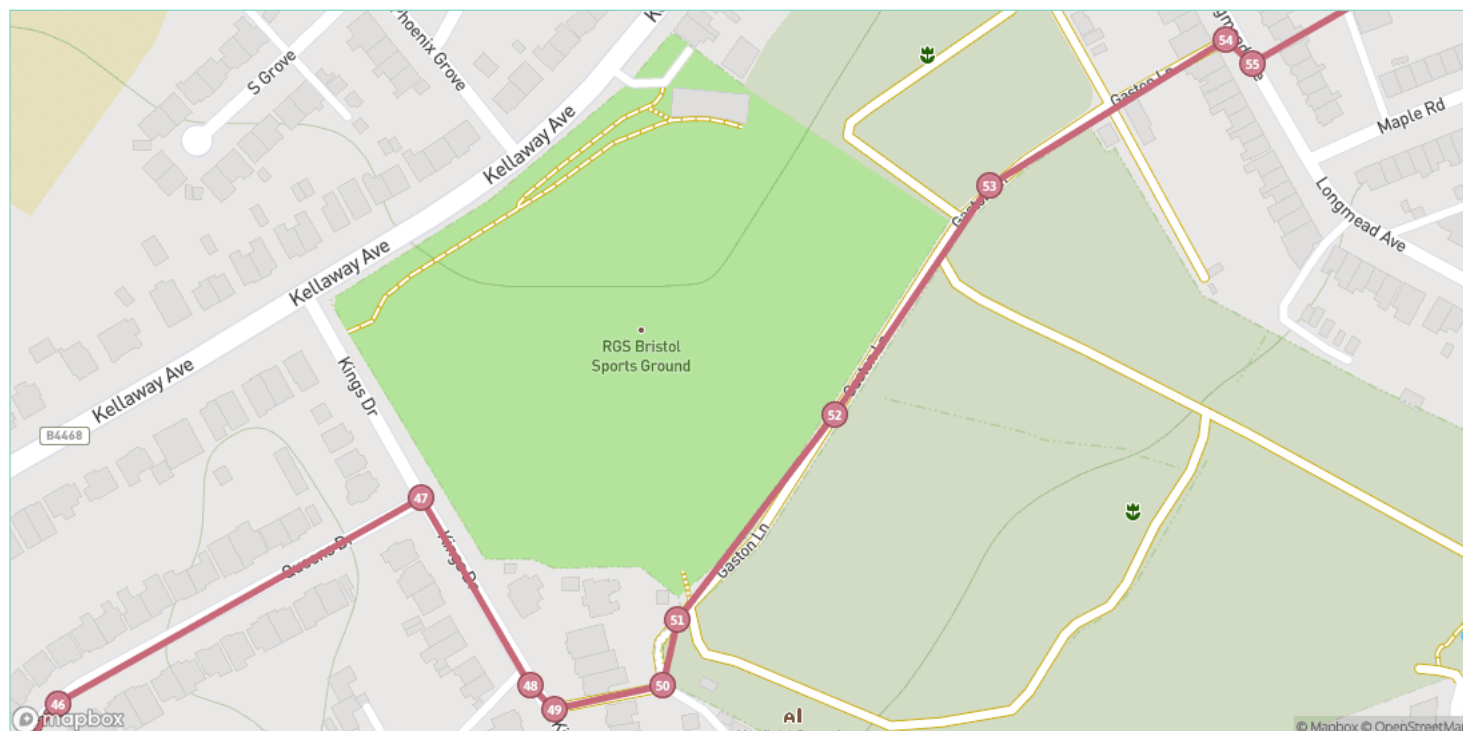
Step 42: Turn left on Kellaway Avenue. There is a convenience shop on the opposite side of the road here.

Step 43: At the next junction, use the crossing on your right to head over Kellaway Avenue.

Step 44: Use the crossing to cross Bishop Road and turn right on the other side.

Step 45: Take the first left and walk to the end of Queens Drive.

Step 46: Continue to the end of the road.



Step 47: Turn right on Kings Drive.

Step 48: Look out for a fingerpost on the opposite side, cross the road when safe to do so and head down the alleyway.

Step 49: Continue ahead. The path soon bears slight left.

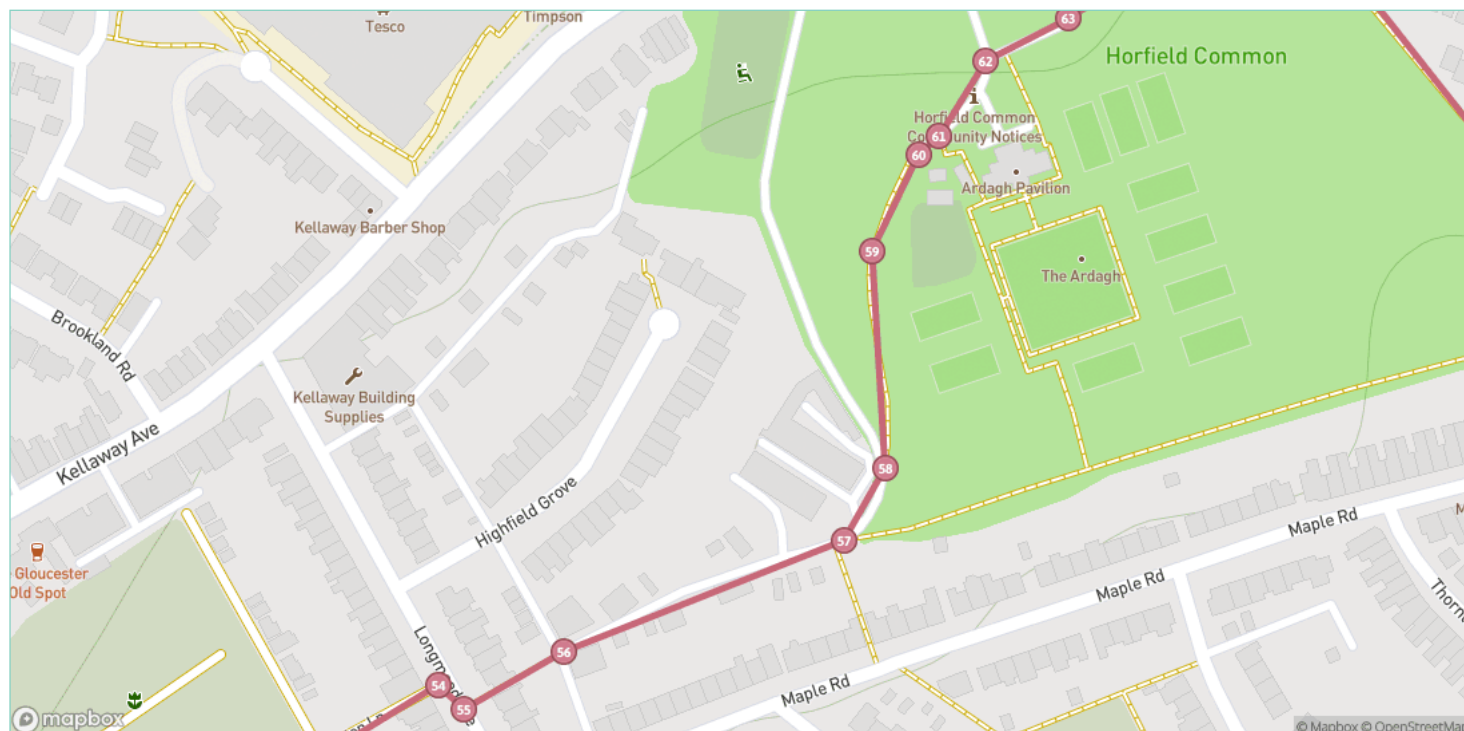
Step 50: Follow the path as it bends left and then right.

Step 51: The path leads us to some allotments.

Step 52: Here you'll be walking between these allotments on the right and a sports ground to the left.

Step 53: Keep going to the end of the path which leads to a road.

Step 54: Cross Longmead Avenue to the continue down an alleyway, between the houses, on the opposite side of the road.



Step 55: Follow the path between the houses.

Step 56: Continue walking past garages and gardens.

Step 57: When you reach Horfield Common, our next open space, turn left on the wide tarmac path.

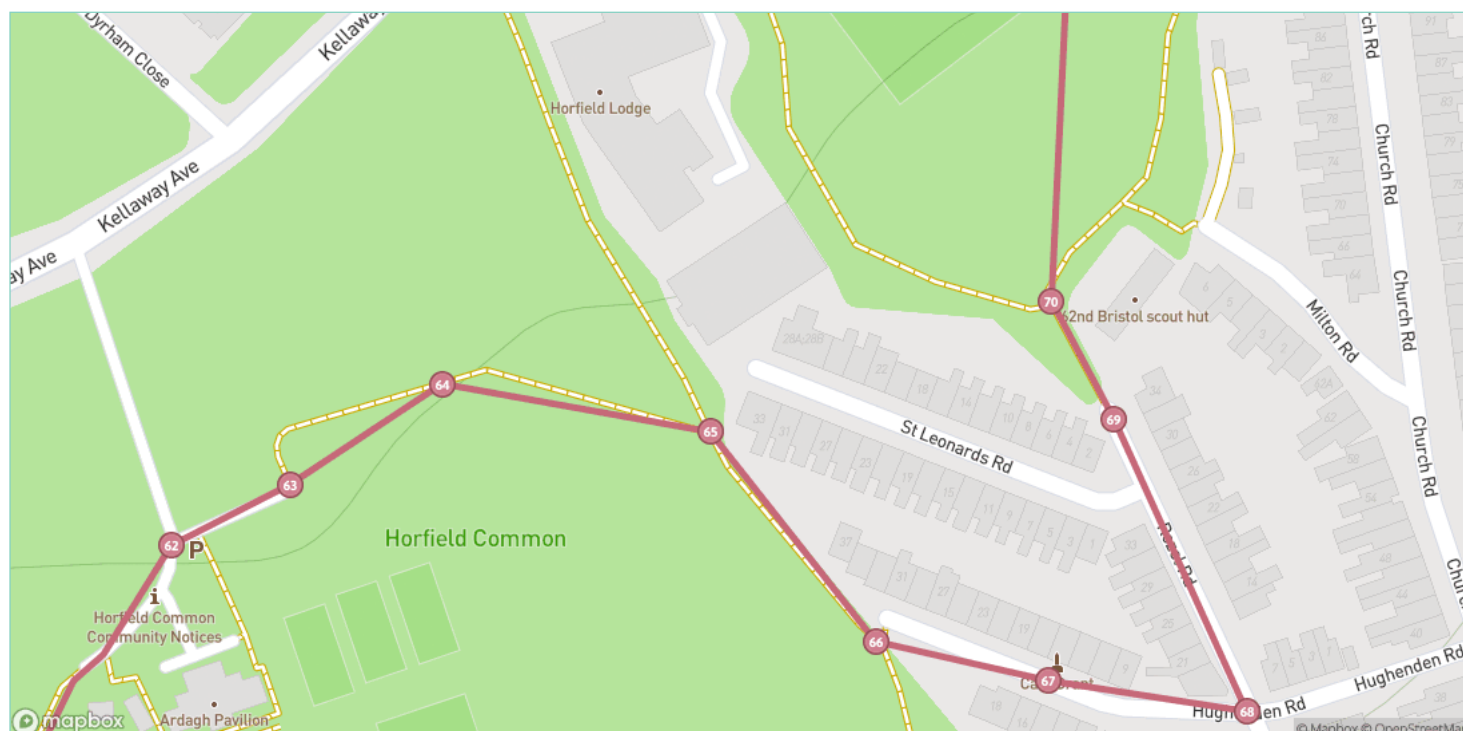
Step 58: Then take the right fork at the next path junction.

Step 59: On the right you'll pass bug and bee hotels which have been created allow biodiversity to flourish.

Step 60: On the right, you'll pass The Cafe on the Common, a community-led cafe plus facilities, if you fancy a stop for refreshments.

Step 61: Continue past the cafe, use the white lines to find the path through the car park and walk with care and attention.

Step 62: Continue ahead on the marked path through the car park. Rejoin the footpath in the park.



Step 63: Follow the path as it bears slight left and continue ahead.

Step 64: There's a bench with fabulous views across the city here. It makes for a good photo or rest stop. You're now around 80m above sea level.

Step 65: Follow the path and then turn right, to head downhill. The common becomes fragmented now and it was historically used for grazing livestock.

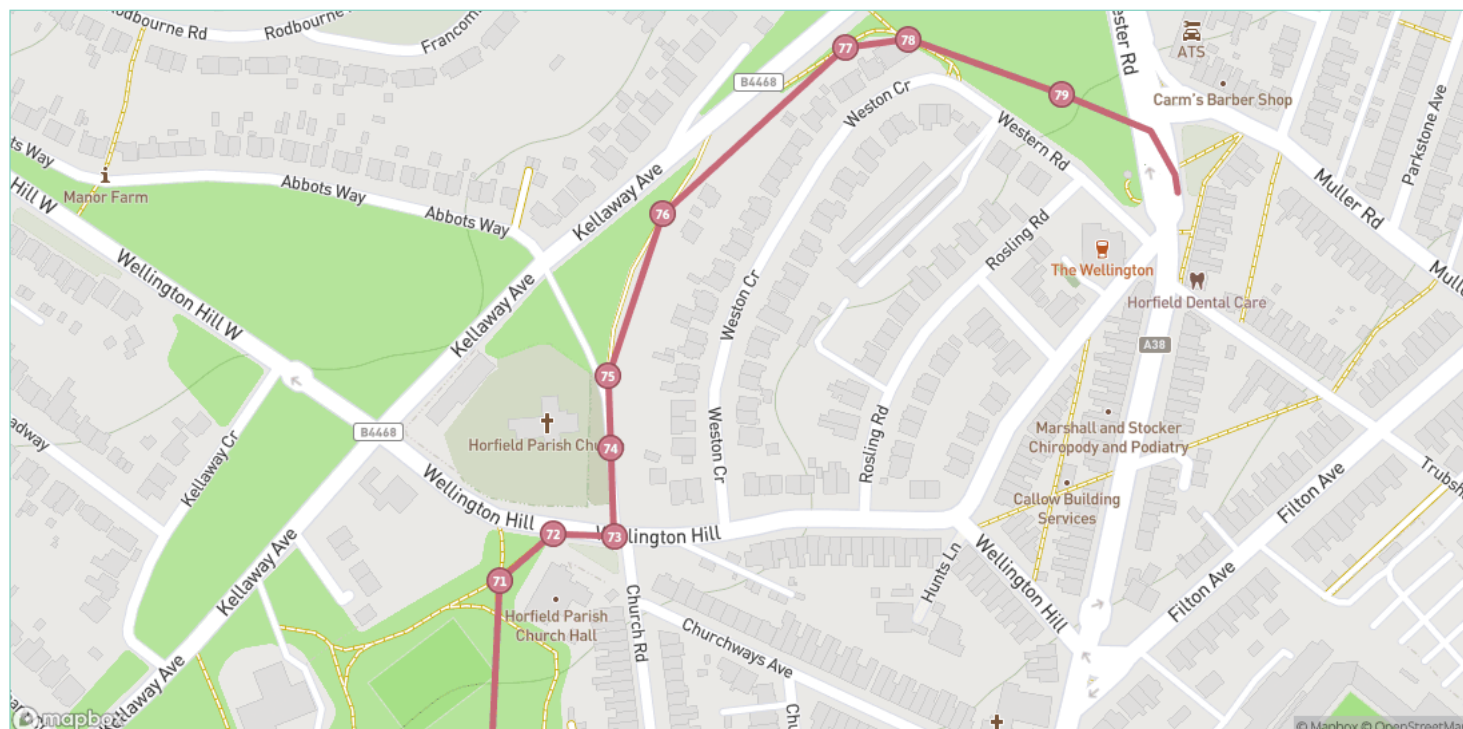
Step 66: Look for a gap in the wall on the left. Use it to head onto Hughenden Road. Cross over it and continue ahead.

Step 67: Look out for a blue plaque marking the birth place of the actor Cary Grant.

Step 68: Turn left onto Rozel Road and walk to the end.

Step 69: Head into Wellington Hill Playing Field.

Step 70: When you get to the open space, bear diagonally right towards the church and mobile tower.



Step 71: Head to the right as you near the road towards Wellington Hill.

Step 72: Turn right, walk past the bus stop and stop opposite the church access road.

Step 73: Cross Wellington Hill when safe to do so and then go straight ahead to walk along the access road.

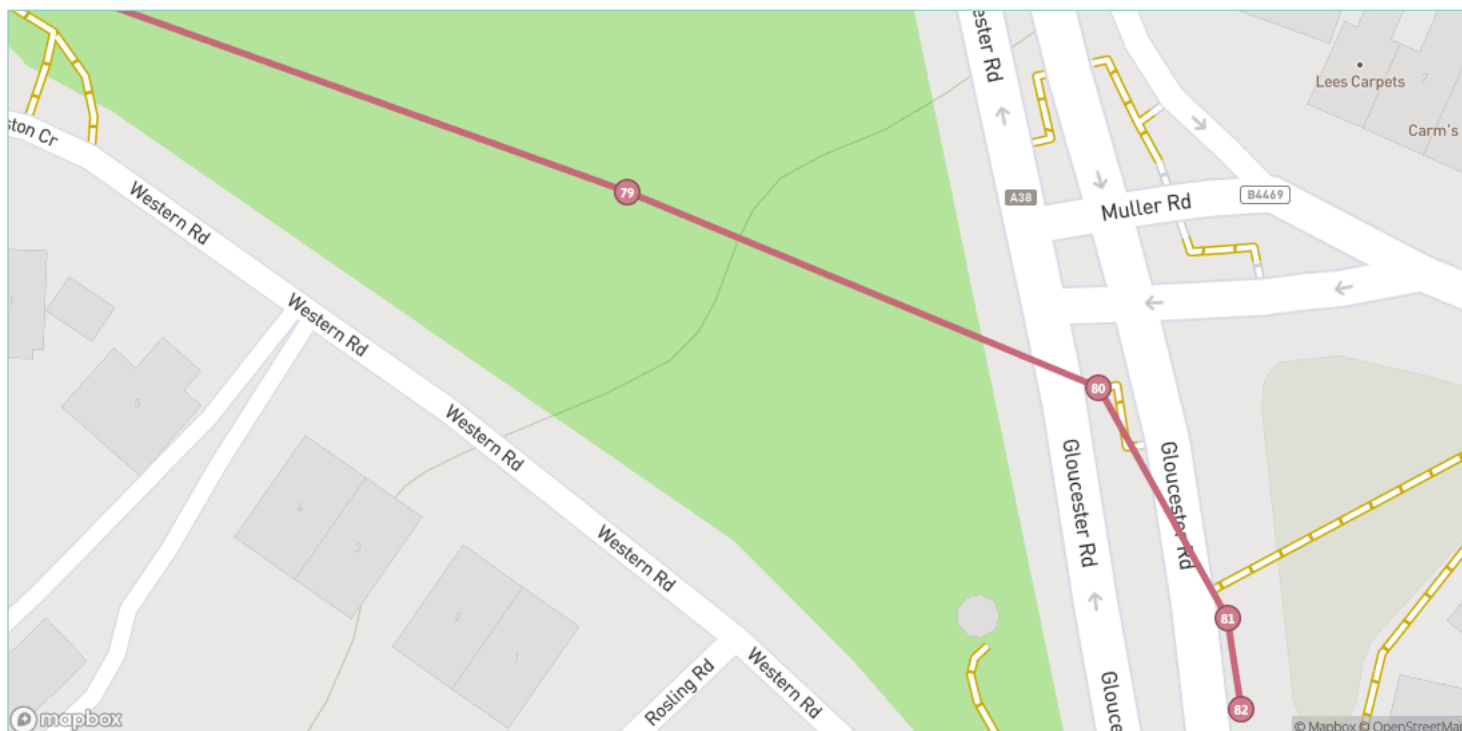
Step 74: Continue past Horfield Parish Church on the left.

Step 75: When you're past the church, take the small right tarmac path to walk across this fragment of the common.

Step 76: Follow the path to the continue slight right to walk along the pavement.

Step 77: When you reach the next part of the common, turn right onto the small tarmac footpath. We're almost at the end of Section 5!

Step 78: When you turn around the corner you'll see a road ahead, Go across the grass and walk towards the traffic lights.



Step 79: Continue ahead to reach Gloucester Road at a road and pedestrian junction.

Step 80: Section 5 ends here. You did it! For onward travel back to the centre, cross at the lights and turn right on the opposite side.

Step 81: Here you'll reach Muller Road Top bus stop where you can catch several routes back to the centre.

Step 82: We hope you really enjoyed Section 5! Are you ready for Section 6? We can't wait to help guide the way. If you enjoyed this walk. Tap the 3 dots and share it with friends. Safe onward travels!