



# Waterside Wander in Woolwich

Take a waterside wander in Woolwich. Learn more about the area's maritime history, enjoy the River Thames and spot nature along the way.

**Distance** 4.9 kilometers / 3 miles

**Duration** 1 hour and 5 minutes



Wheel friendly



Water feature



Public transport



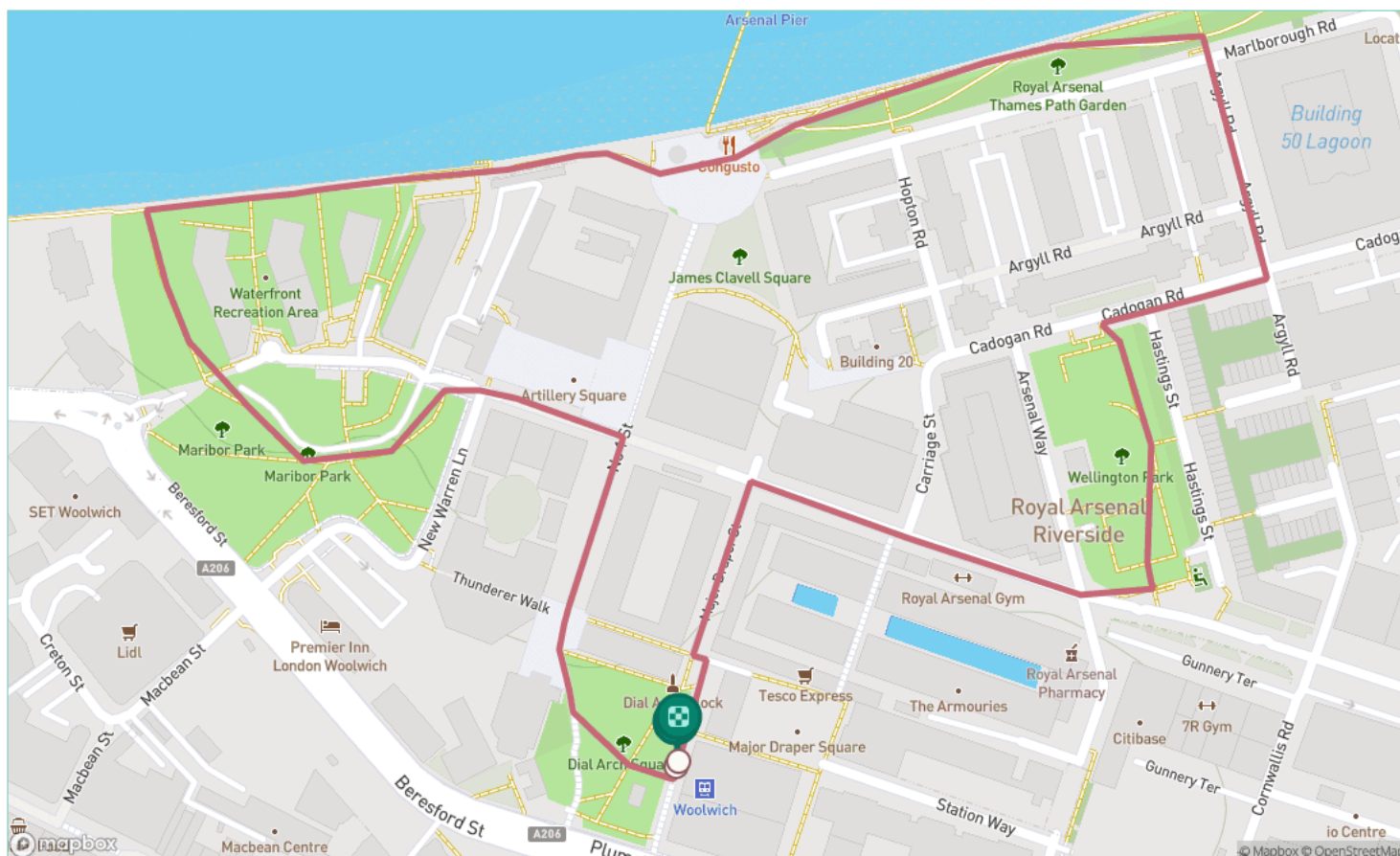
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Dog friendly

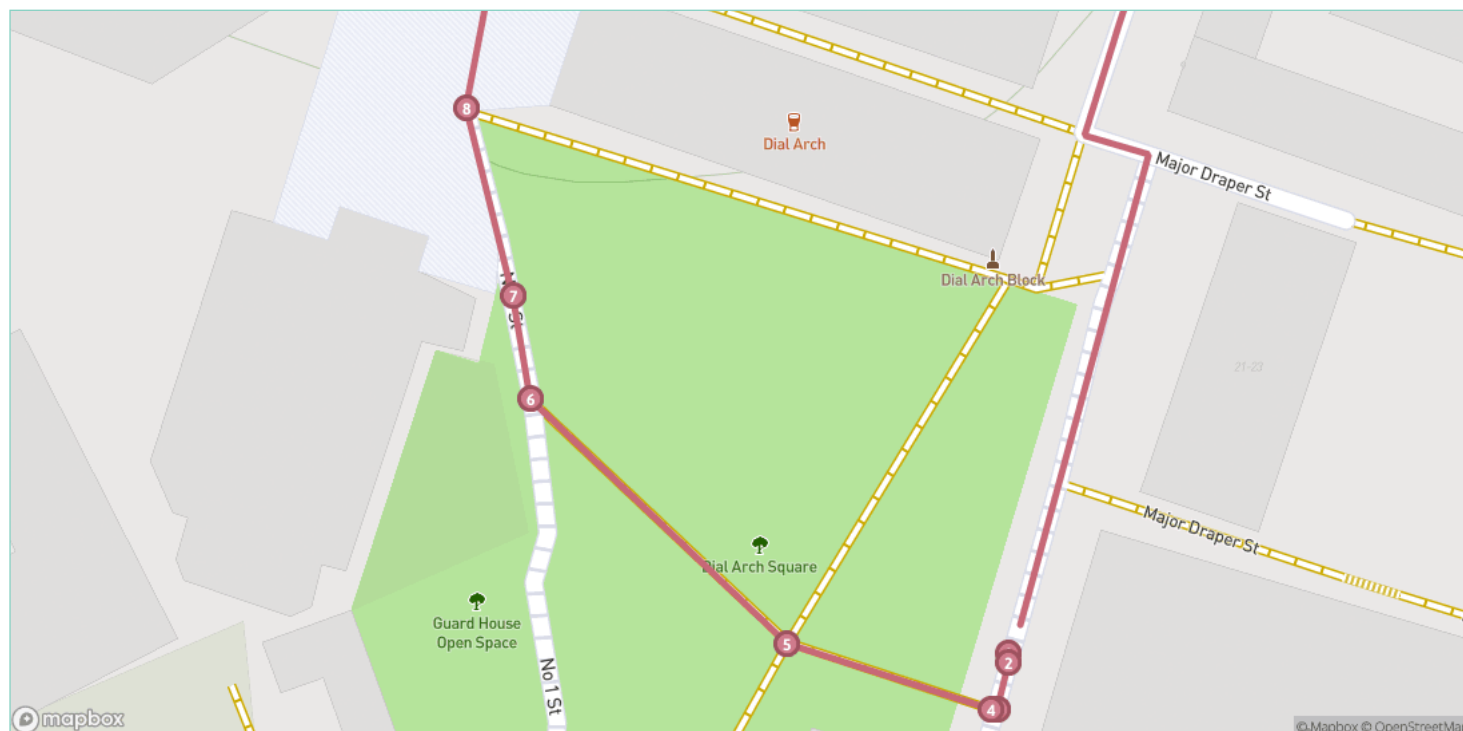


Child friendly



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**Step 1:** Welcome to this waterside walk around Woolwich. This jaunt begins at the Woolwich Elizabeth Line station.

**Step 2:** Woolwich Elizabeth Line station is in Zone 4 and there is a regular service each day of the week. Woolwich Arsenal DLR station is only a 5 minute walk away.

**Step 3:** If you're arriving by bus the closest stop to the start of this walk will be Woolwich Station on Victory Parade. Buses to and from Plumstead, Bluewater, Erith, Bexleyheath and Abbey Wood stop here.

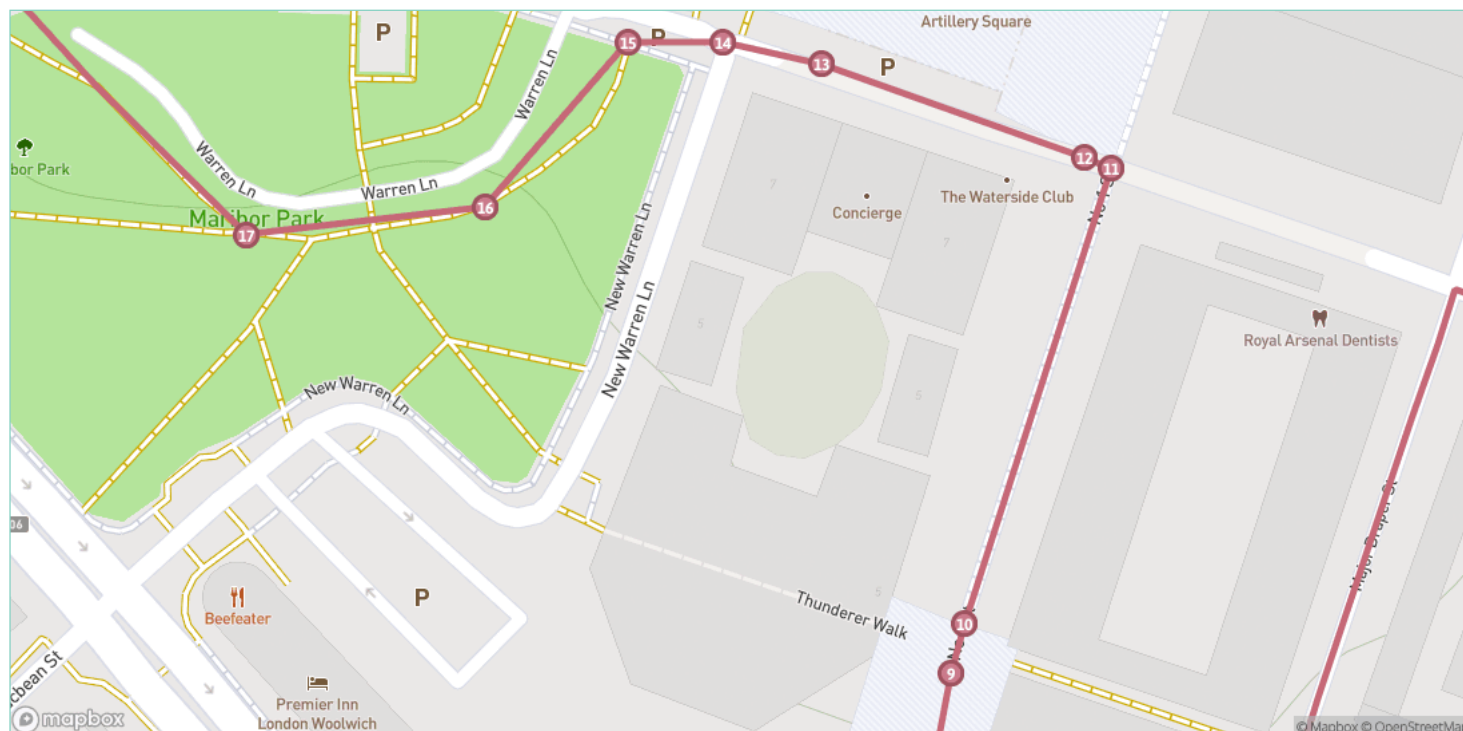
**Step 4:** With the station behind you, walk straight ahead to enter Dial Arch Square. Continue walking ahead following the flat, paved path.

**Step 5:** On your right there will be a cannon, one of many you'll encounter on this walk around Woolwich, as well as Dial Arch.

**Step 6:** The Dial Arch pub is an old munitions building. Notice the two pillars flanking the doorway. They're each supporting a pyramid of cannonballs, and a lovely sundial sits in between.

**Step 7:** On your left will be the Royal Brass Foundry and a Roman sculpture. It was dug up by British troops in Alexandria, Egypt in 1801.

**Step 8:** Exit the park onto the cobbled path, noticing the huge cannon ahead of you.



**Step 9:** Here you'll get a better view of the historic Royal Brass Foundry, which was built in 1716 and 1717.

**Step 16:** Follow the wide, flat tarmac path through the park as it bears left and then curves to the right.

**Step 10:** With the foundry to your back. Continue straight ahead along No 1 Street. Notice the street trees as you go.

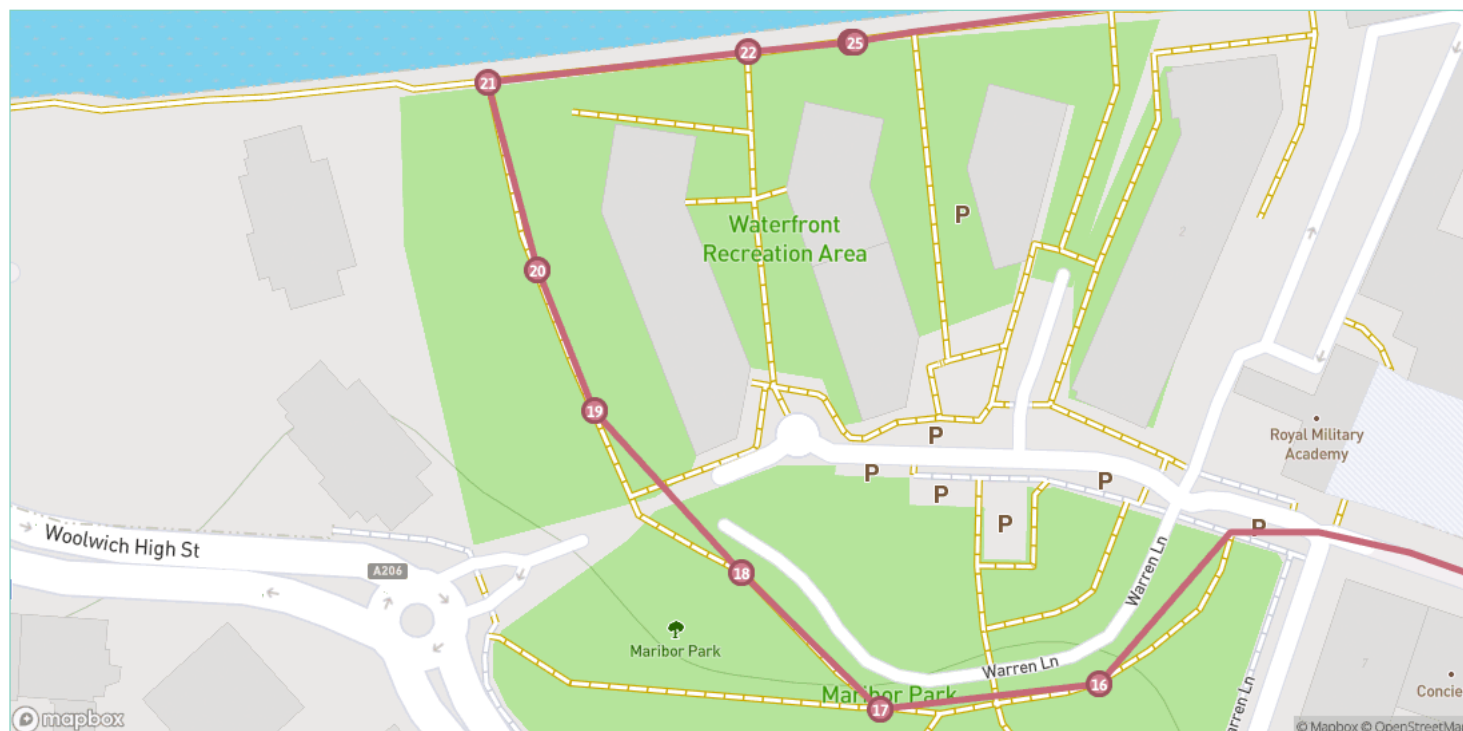
**Step 11:** Once you reach Duke of Wellington Avenue and another cannon, turn left.

**Step 12:** Continue ahead, making your way through the square here.

**Step 13:** Ahead of you is the Royal Military Academy, a Grade II listed building.

**Step 14:** Cross New Warren Lane carefully at the drop curb. We're heading towards Maribor Park.

**Step 15:** There are benches here if you'd like to take a break before continuing.



**Step 17:** Maribor Park was named as such to celebrate 50 years of town twinning between Maribor, Slovenia and the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

**Step 18:** Bear slight right then continue ahead towards the River Thames.

**Step 19:** You're now heading into the Waterfront Recreation Area. Notice the lovely foliage and trees to your right.

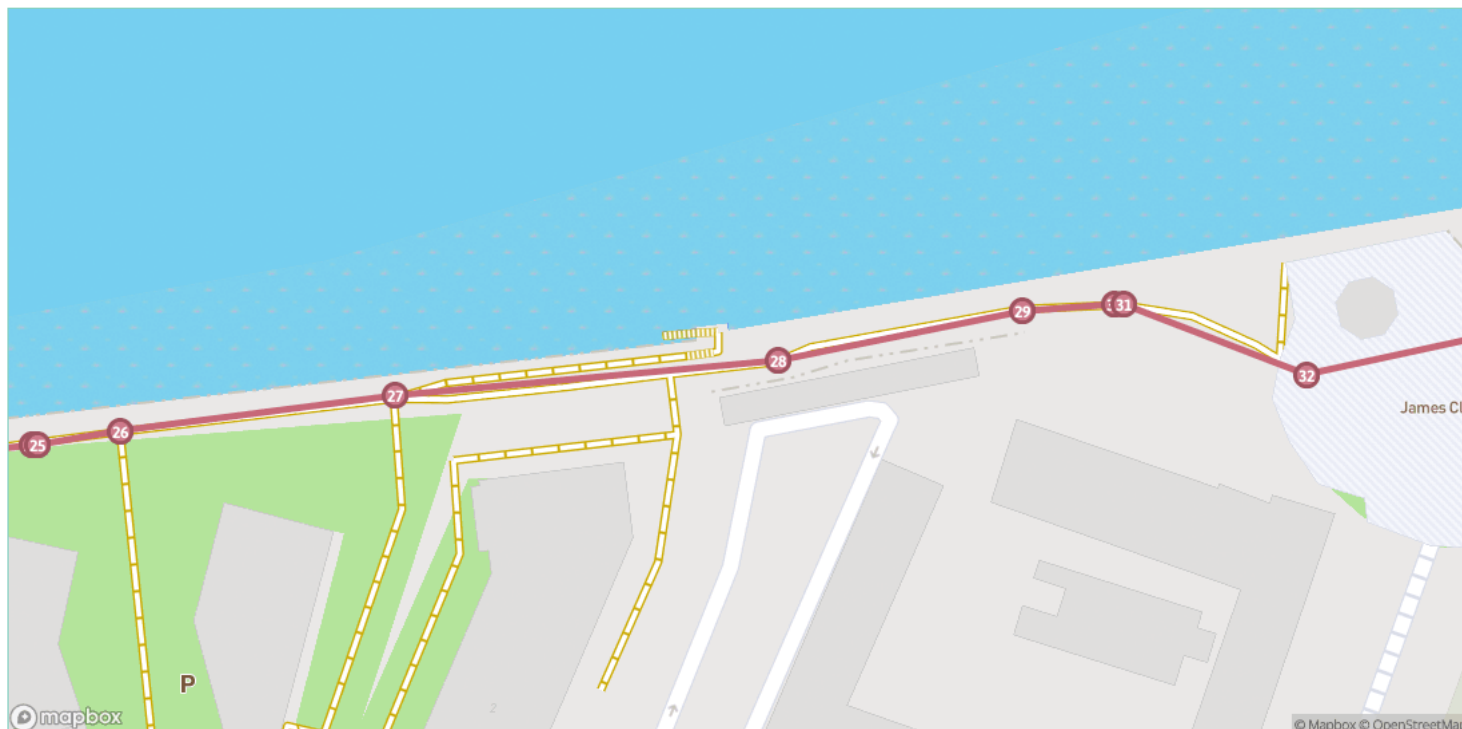
**Step 20:** As you head towards the river there will be a spectacular water fountain area. Perfect for splashing around in during a hot day.

**Step 21:** You have now reached the River Thames! Turn right to follow the Thames Path. The water should be on your left as you walk.

**Step 22:** The Thames Path is a long distance walking trail, following England's best known river for 185.2 miles (298 km) as it meanders from its source in the Cotswolds through several rural counties and on into the heart of London.

**Step 23:** On your right will be a raised wooden seating area, surrounded by plants and foliage. It's a great spot to take in the river.

**Step 24:** What plants and flowers can you find growing here?



**Step 25:** Once you're ready, continue on. This path is shared by pedestrians and cyclists, so please do take care.

**Step 26:** Note another water fountain area to your right. Another great spot to sit and enjoy the river and nature surrounding you.

**Step 27:** Keep on following alongside the river.

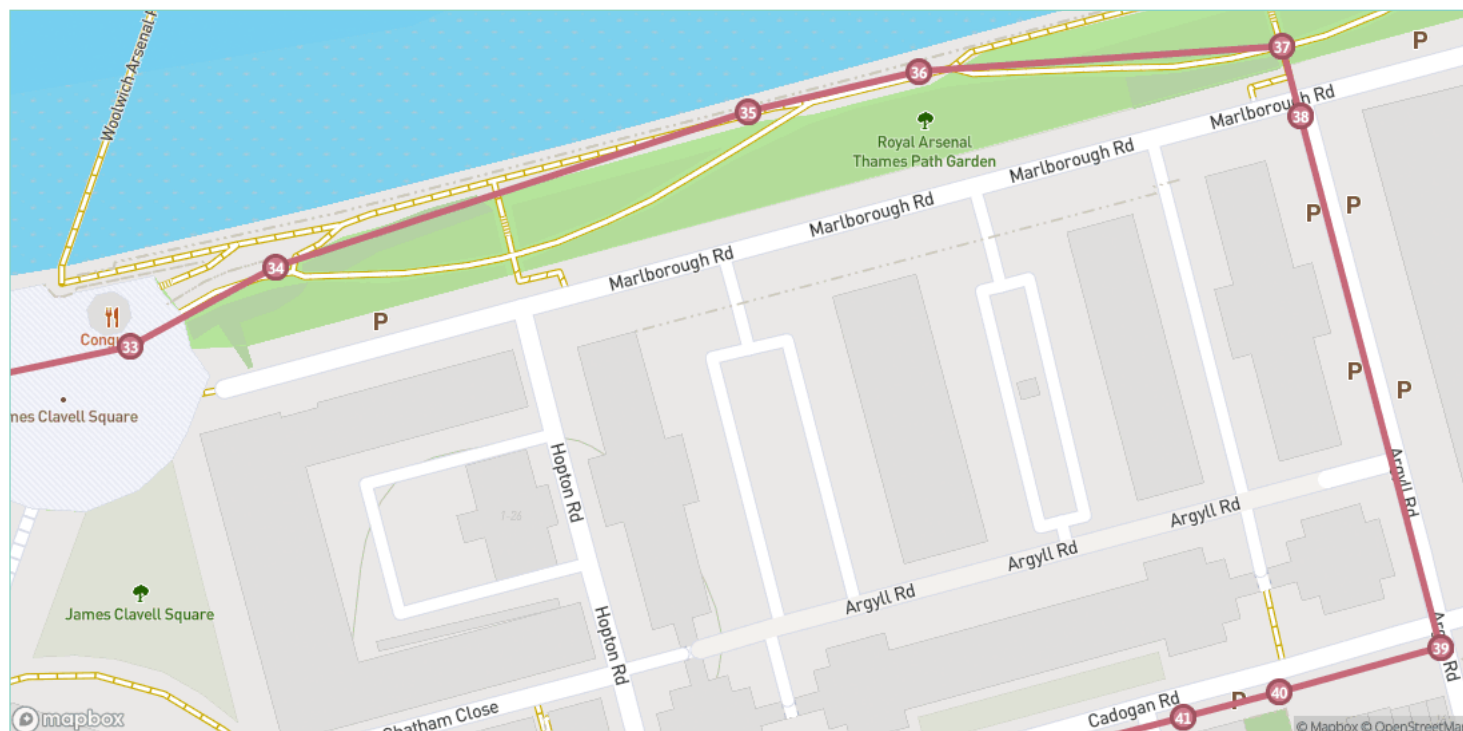
**Step 28:** If you take some time to look across the water you may spot lots of different species of birds. Especially gulls.

**Step 29:** We're now heading into James Clavell Square.

**Step 30:** You're still following the Thames Path, as well as the England Coast Path too.

**Step 31:** The England Coast Path is a new National Trail, which officially opened in 2020. When finished, the coast path will stretch for almost 3000 miles and be one of the longest continuous walking routes in the world.

**Step 32:** The group of steel statues here as you enter the square is called 'Assembly' and is by the sculptor Peter Burke. Continue ahead on the path.



**Step 33:** The square is named after James Clavell, a famous author, director and screenwriter who once served in the Royal Artillery.

**Step 40:** Continue on, passing more canons and lovely nature as you go. You're heading towards Wellington Park now.

**Step 34:** Continue following the Thames Path, through the lovely Royal Arsenal gardens.

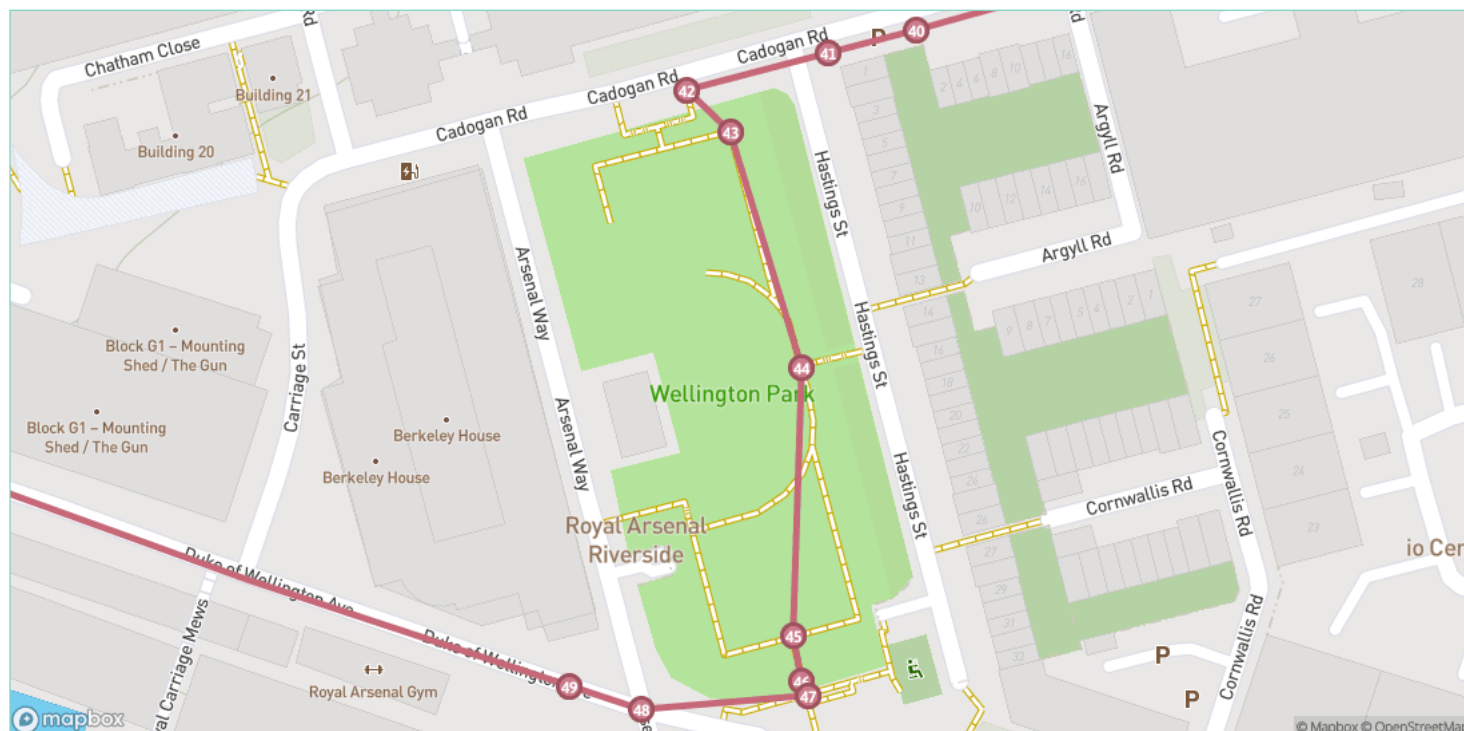
**Step 35:** During spring and summer there are pops of colour all along this section, with lots of lovely flowers and trees to admire.

**Step 36:** If you take a look behind you, you'll see Canary Wharf in the distance. The river is looked after by the Port of London Authority.

**Step 37:** You now need to turn right to exit the gardens by Argyll Road.

**Step 38:** We're now leaving the River Thames behind to explore some of the other nature filled sites in Woolwich. Turn tight onto Argyll Road.

**Step 39:** Now turn right onto Cadogan Road.



**Step 41:** There are stairs to enter this park coming up. If you need a ramp turn left onto Hastings Street then right onto Duke of Wellington Avenue.

**Step 47:** Now turn right along Duke of Wellington Avenue.

**Step 42:** If you're ok to use the stairs continue along for a short while and then turn left to head up the stairs into Wellington Park.

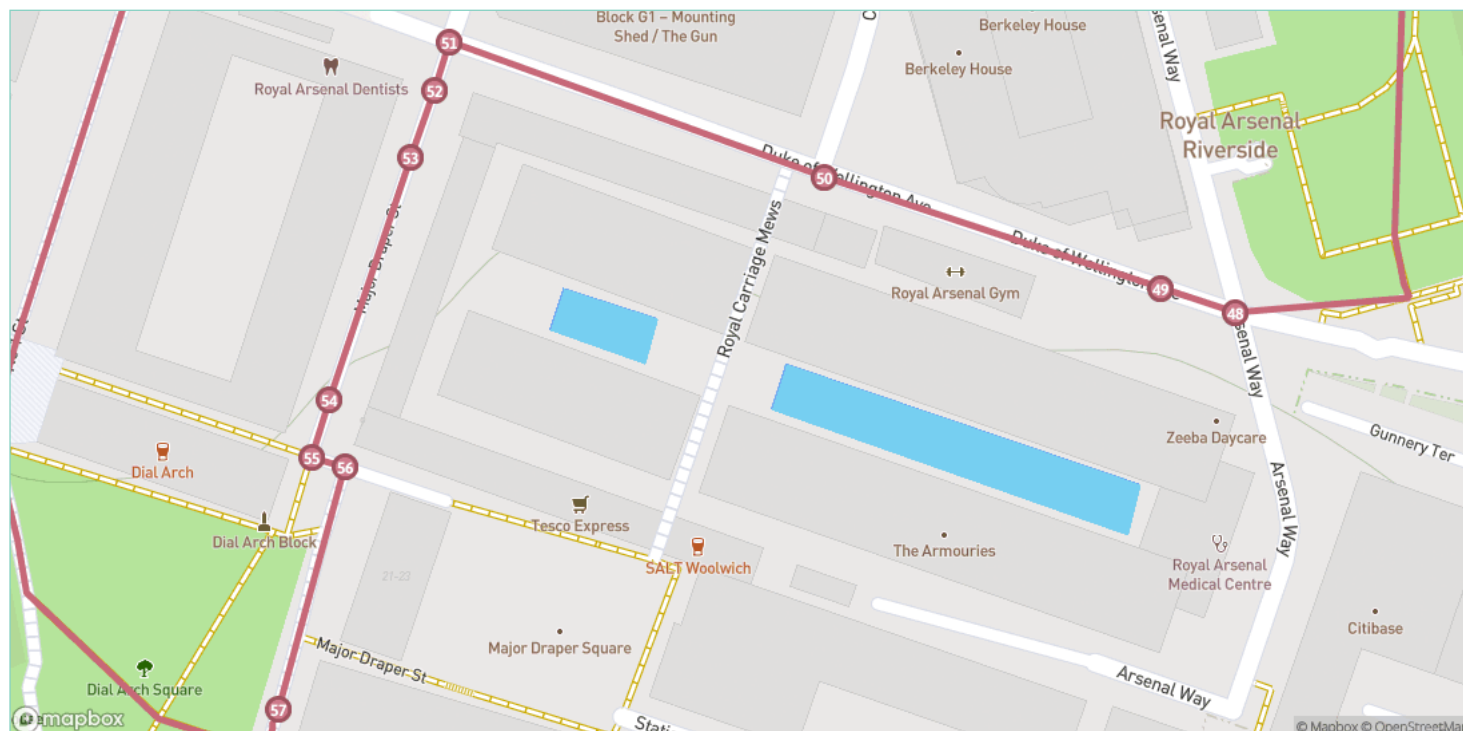
**Step 48:** Cross Arsenal Way using the drop curb.

**Step 43:** Continue through Wellington Park on the tarmac, flat path through the centre. There are benches along the way if you'd like to take a break.

**Step 44:** Pass the Duke of Wellington statue on your right. He was the Master General of the Ordnance Royal Arsenal.

**Step 45:** Exit the park using the ramp ahead of you.

**Step 46:** There's a small children's playground on the left.



**Step 49:** Then continue along Duke of Wellington Avenue.

**Step 50:** Cross Carriage Street using the drop kerb and continue following Duke of Wellington Avenue.

**Step 51:** At the junction between Dyke of Wellington Avenue and Major Draper Street turn left.

**Step 52:** Continue ahead past the flats.

**Step 53:** Take time to notice nature as you continue along Major Draper Street.

**Step 54:** As you approach the cafe on the corner you may spot a small bird house up in the tree. Can you see or hear any of the inhabitants?

**Step 55:** On your left is Boulangerie Jade, a great place to grab a hot drink, fresh loaf of bread or pastry. There's lots of outside seating here

**Step 56:** Continue along Major Draper Street.

**Step 57:** You're now back to the start. We hope you enjoyed this waterside wander around Woolwich.