



Ashton Park Circular Promenade

Promenade around Ashton Park on this step-free walk. This Victorian park offers views, lakes, woodland wanders and an abundance of nature.

Distance 1.8 kilometers / 1.1 miles

Duration 30 minutes



Wildlife



Wheel friendly



Water feature



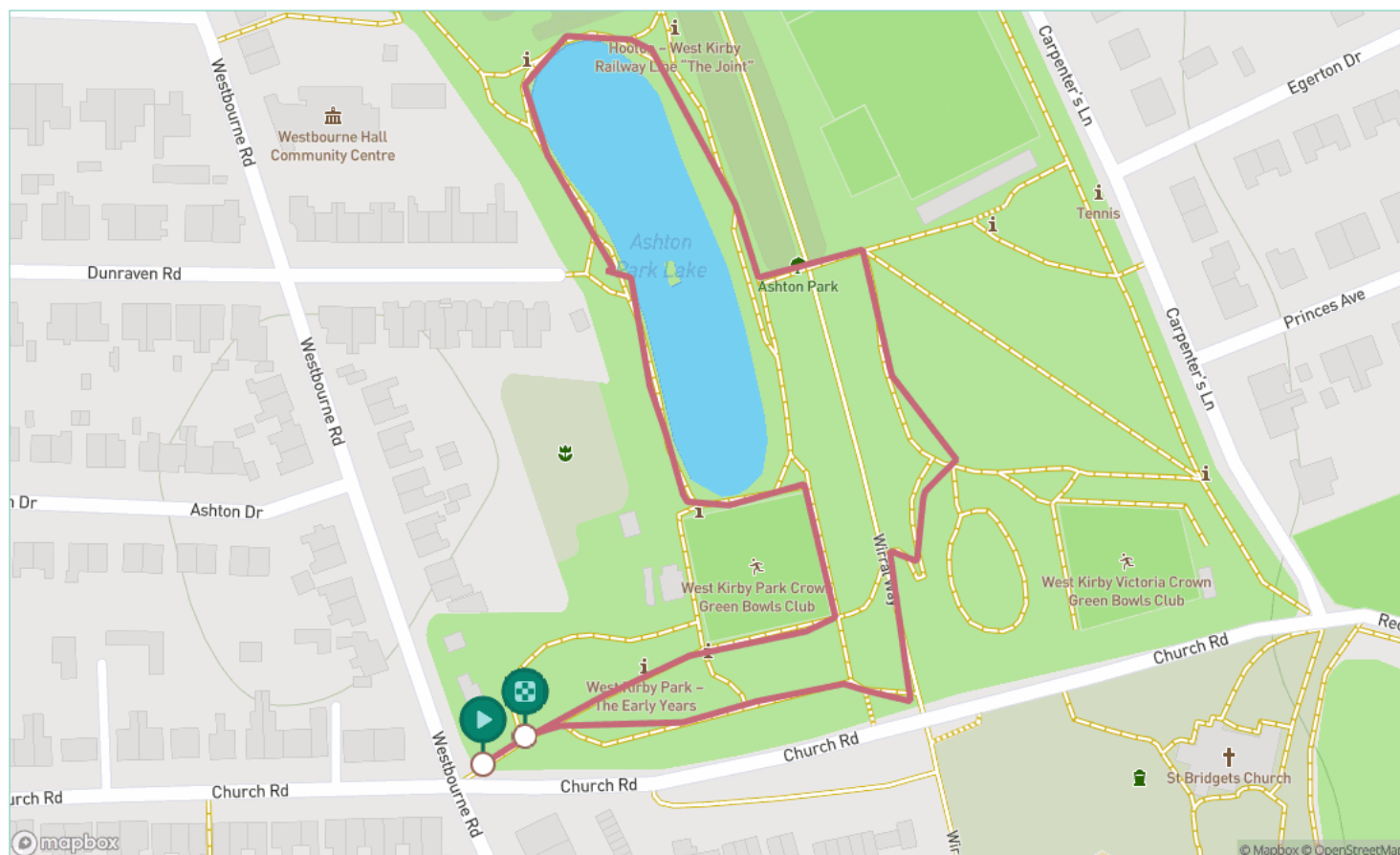
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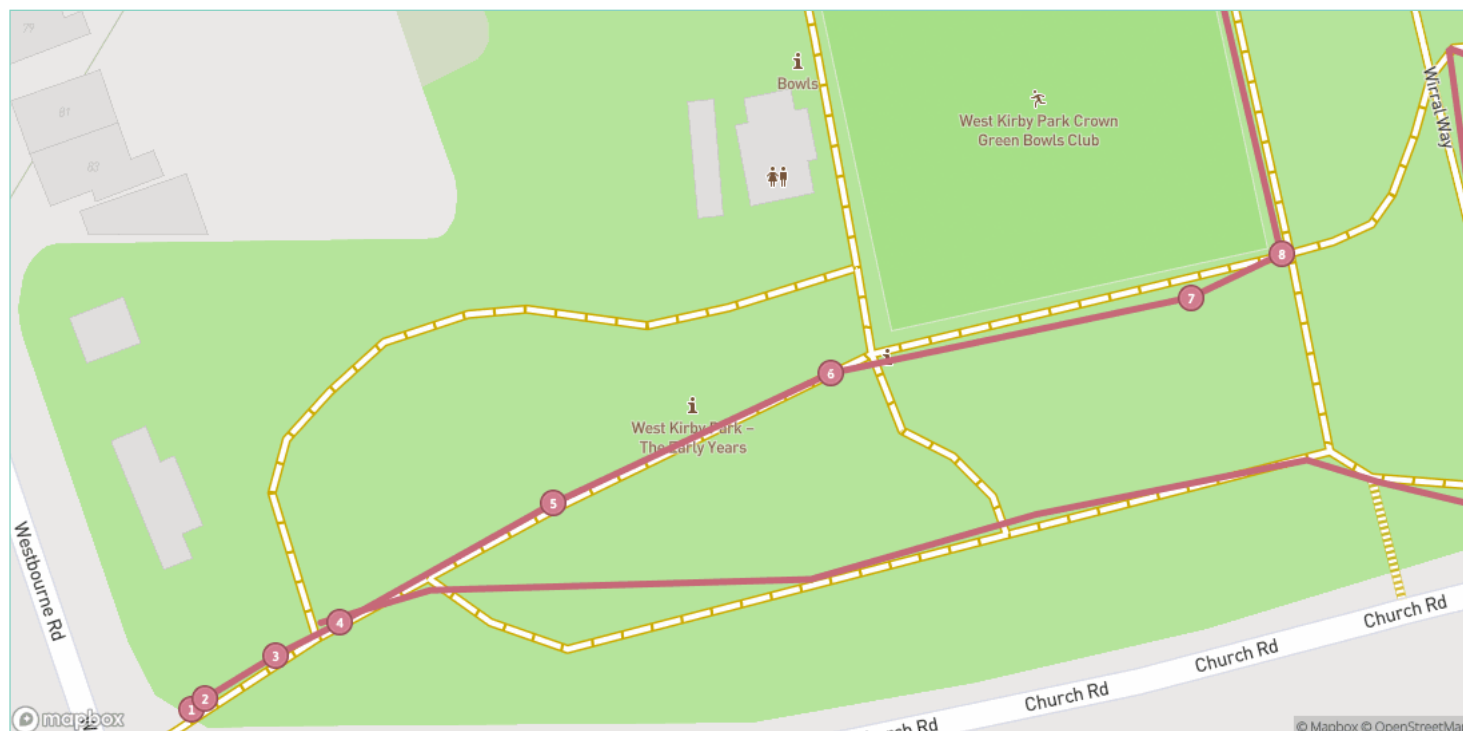


History



Child friendly





Step 1: Enter Ashton Park at the Westbourne Road entrance (postcode: CH48 4DH). The nearest station is West Kirby. This is an easy step-free route.

Step 2: Ashton Park was officially opened in 1901. It was designed as a place for promenading, so let's promenade!

Step 3: Promenading means walking slowly in public for pleasure, display or relaxation. A perfect way to spend our time!

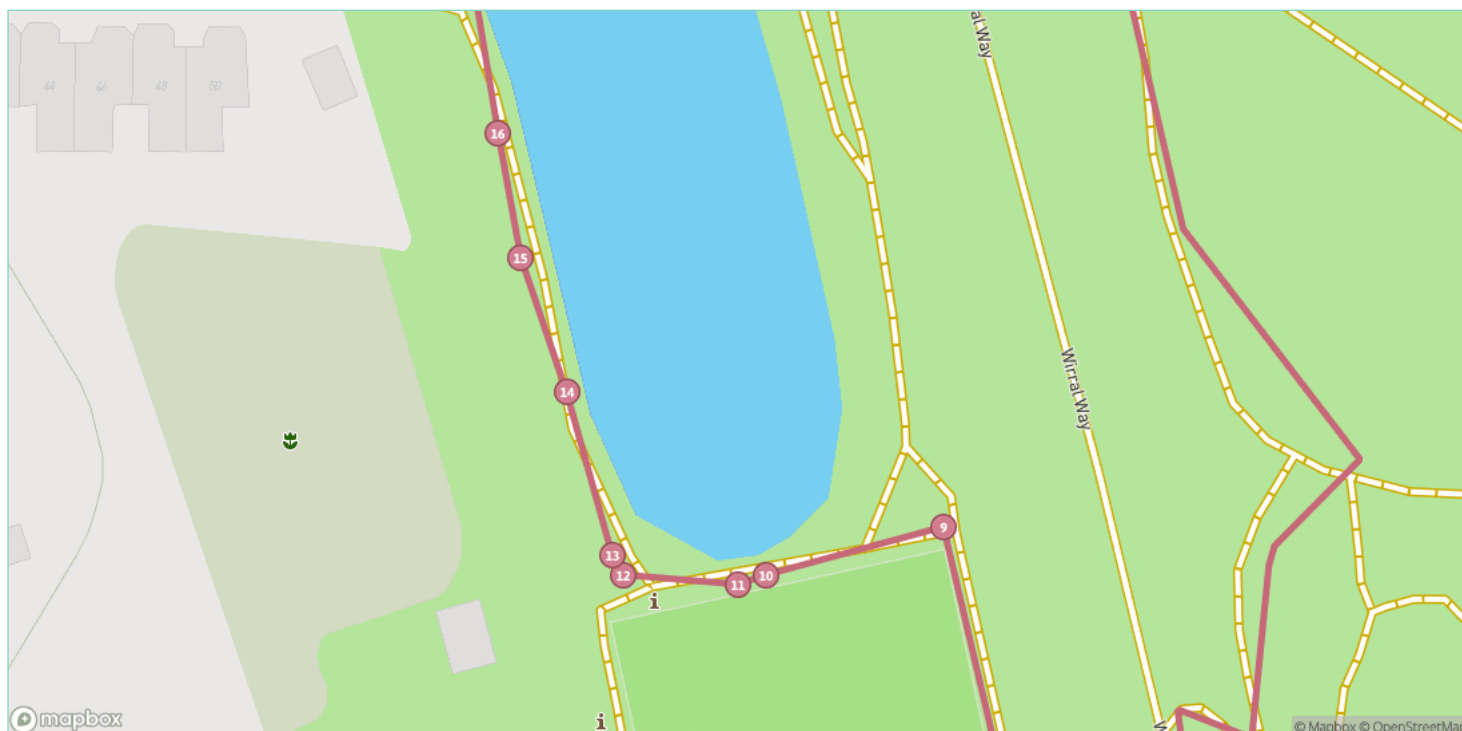
Step 4: Follow the path straight ahead of you.

Step 5: The land was originally owned by the wealthy Liverpool merchant Henry Ashton and leased by his granddaughter Emily Mary Ashton.

Step 6: Continue straight along the path in front of you.

Step 7: Look out for the blooming hydrangeas in the borders. The gardens have been planted to have a variety of flowers throughout the year.

Step 8: When you reach the junction, take the path to your left and follow along the side of the bowling green.



Step 9: Take the next left to make your way to the lake around the back of the bowling green.

Step 16: Keep going along the path beneath the trees.

Step 10: Look over the reeds and you'll see the lake tucked behind them. If you listen carefully, you might hear some ducks and geese.

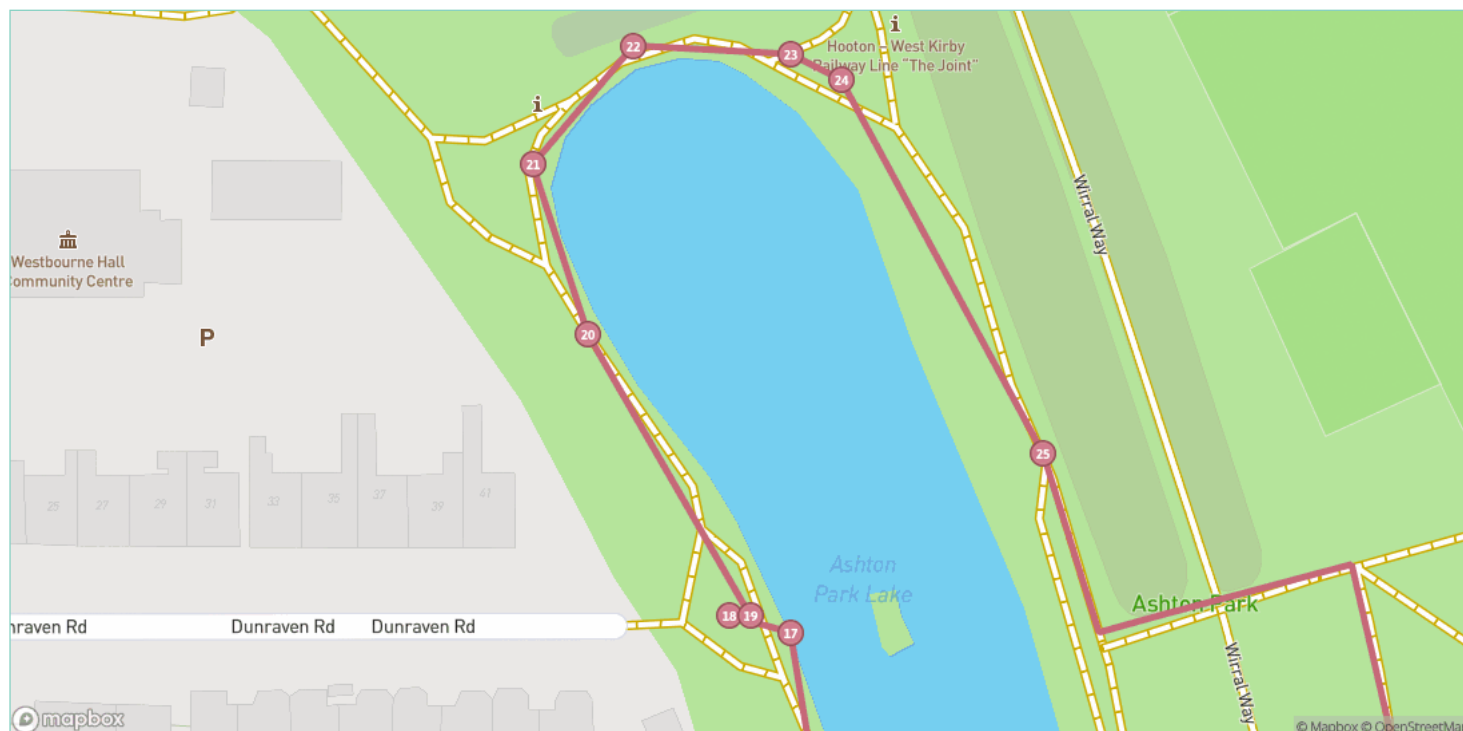
Step 11: Follow the path straight ahead towards the towering trees.

Step 12: You'll spot Jupiter on the ground. These paintings are part of a fun trail around the lower part of the park. You'll see other planets too.

Step 13: Follow the path to your right to see the full view of the beautiful lake surrounded by trees.

Step 14: Make your way along the side of the water. Can you recognise any of the birds that make the lake their home?

Step 15: Plenty of gulls enjoying a nice dip.



Step 17: The island in the middle is the home for many of the birds that live on the Ashton Park lake. Can you spot the wooden duck huts?

Step 24: This tall and strong tree is a Himalayan Cedar. It can grow to up to 70 metres high. Fun fact: It's the national tree of Pakistan.

Step 18: This is disused cast iron water fountain. Most parks originally provided public drinking water with beautifully designed fountains.

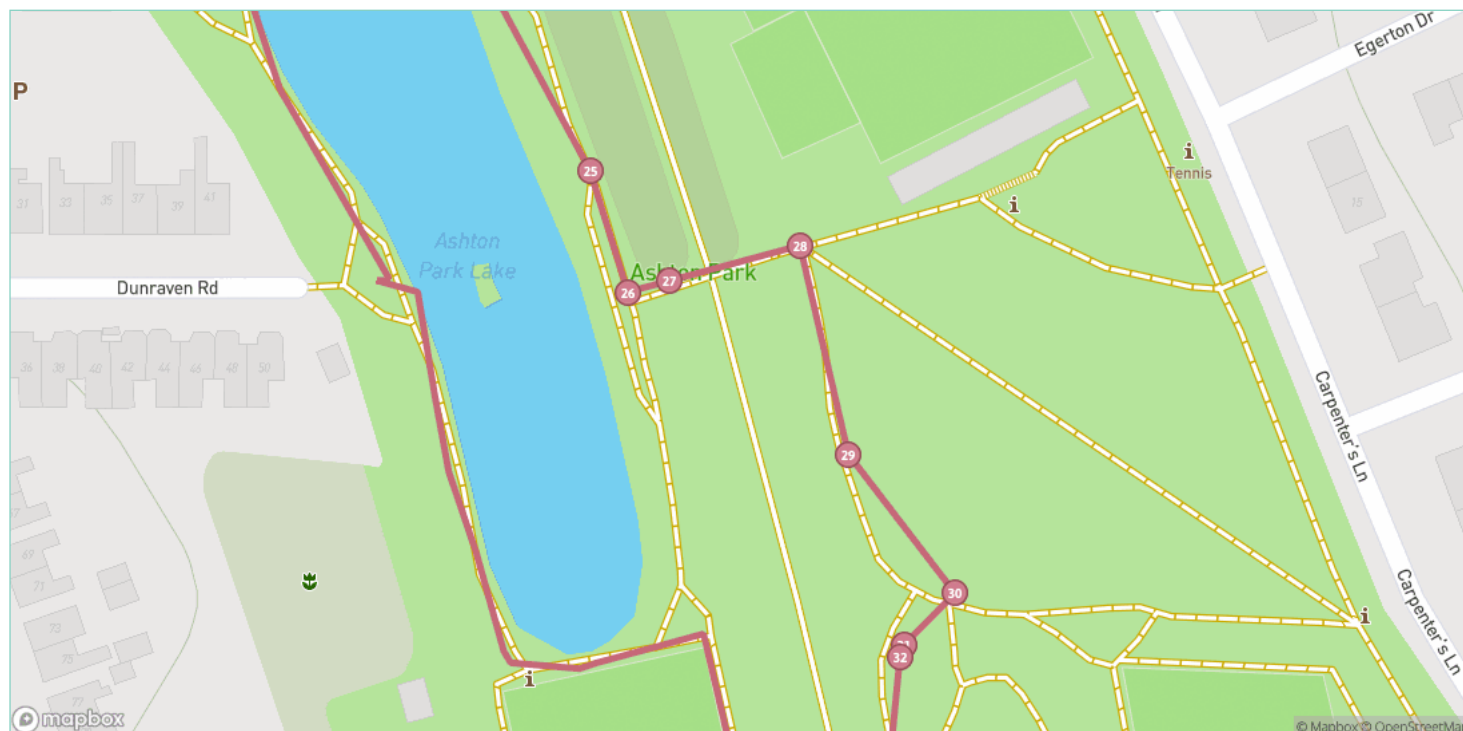
Step 19: Look at the wonderfully gnarly and twisted trunks of the tree.

Step 20: The marine lake was added to attract more visitors to the park. The idea was to create a kind of resort.

Step 21: At the intersection, follow the path along to the right to make your way around to the back of the lake.

Step 22: Continue on the path following the edge of the lake.

Step 23: Take the path around to the right beneath the canopy of trees.



Step 25: Take the path up the hill through the vehicle barriers.

Step 26: Half way up, you will see another set of barriers and a bridge. Go through and make your way onto the bridge.

Step 27: Wander your way through the arches. This would once have been over the Hooton to West Kirby branch train line, which is now the Wirral Way.

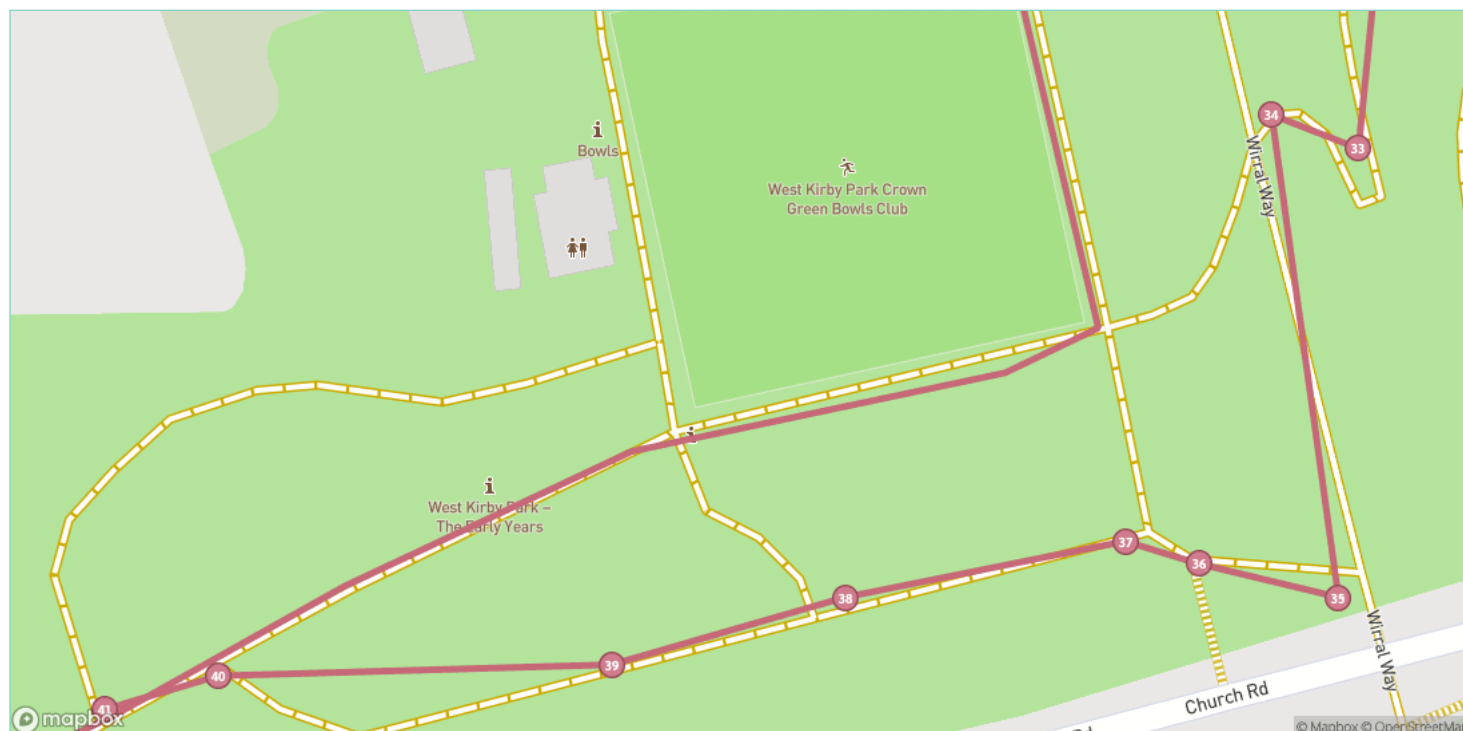
Step 28: On the other side, take the path to your right.

Step 29: Follow the path along the trees and shrubs to make your way to a metal railing.

Step 30: At the railing, make your way down to the Wirral Way path.

Step 31: Keep winding your way from the woodland trees to the path of the old railway line.

Step 32: On a sunny day, the leaves overhead create the most wonderful patterns and colours.



Step 33: Continue down the ramp to join the Wirral Way.

Step 34: At the bottom, turn left and walk towards the bridge.

Step 35: Just before the bridge, there is a small footpath to the right. Take this path and make your way back into the park.

Step 36: Follow the path into the park.

Step 37: You'll begin to see the plants and flowers again as you rejoin the path into Ashton Park.

Step 38: As you wander, you'll spot some wooden sculptures. There are several around the park from foxes, to dolphins and a green man.

Step 39: Follow the woodland path.

Step 40: Keep going to reach the solid path by the main park lodge. You have come to the end of your Ashton Park promenade.

Step 41: Exit through the park gate and rejoin Westbourne Road. We hope you enjoyed this jaunt! Come back to the app for your next Merseyside walk.