



Bournville Blooming Trail

A pretty linear bloom-filled walk linking parks, green corridors and the canal through Bournville and beyond. First section is step-free.

Distance 7.1 kilometers / 4.4 miles

Duration 2 hours and 15 minutes



Wildlife



Water feature



Public transport



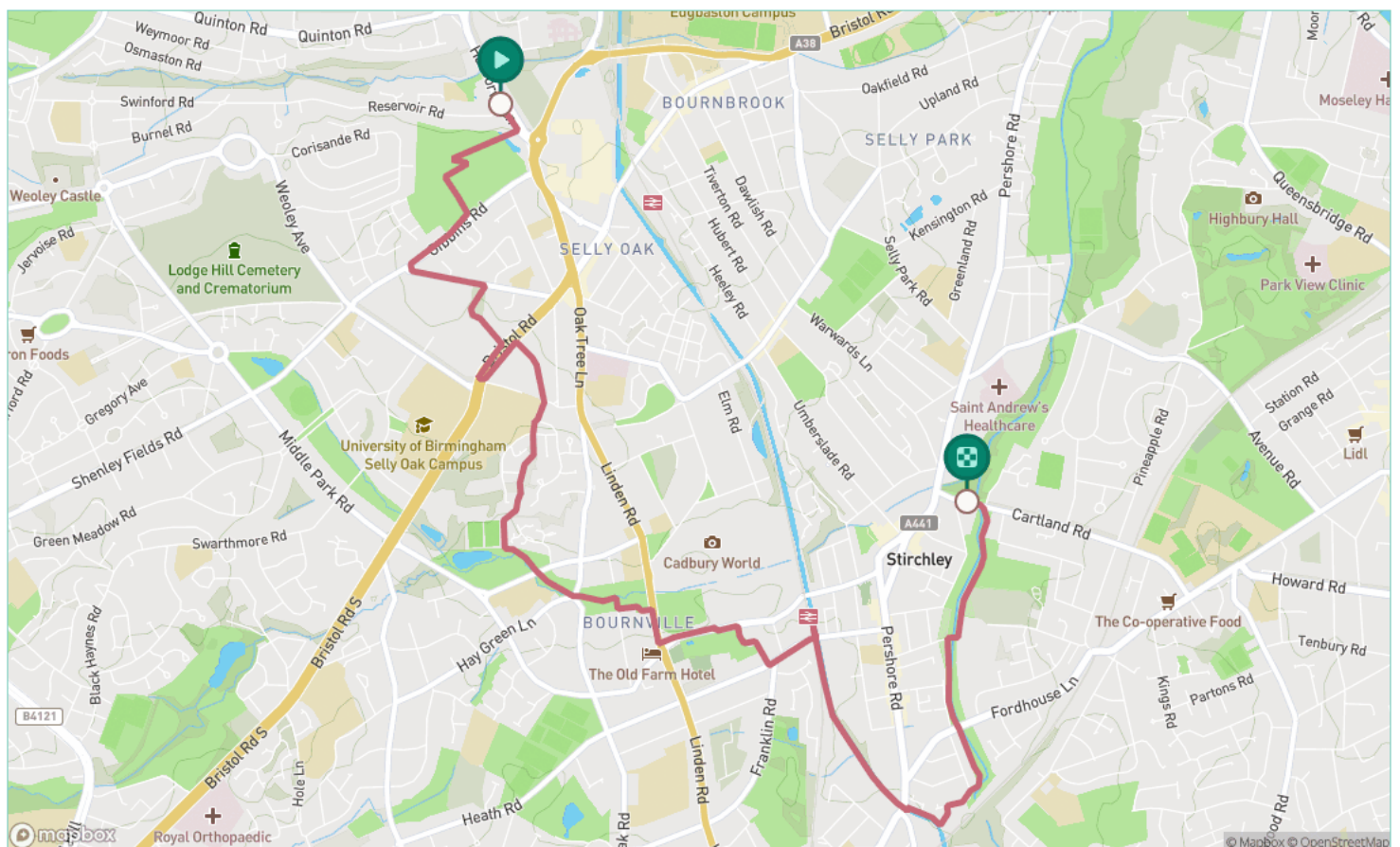
Picnic spot



Dog friendly

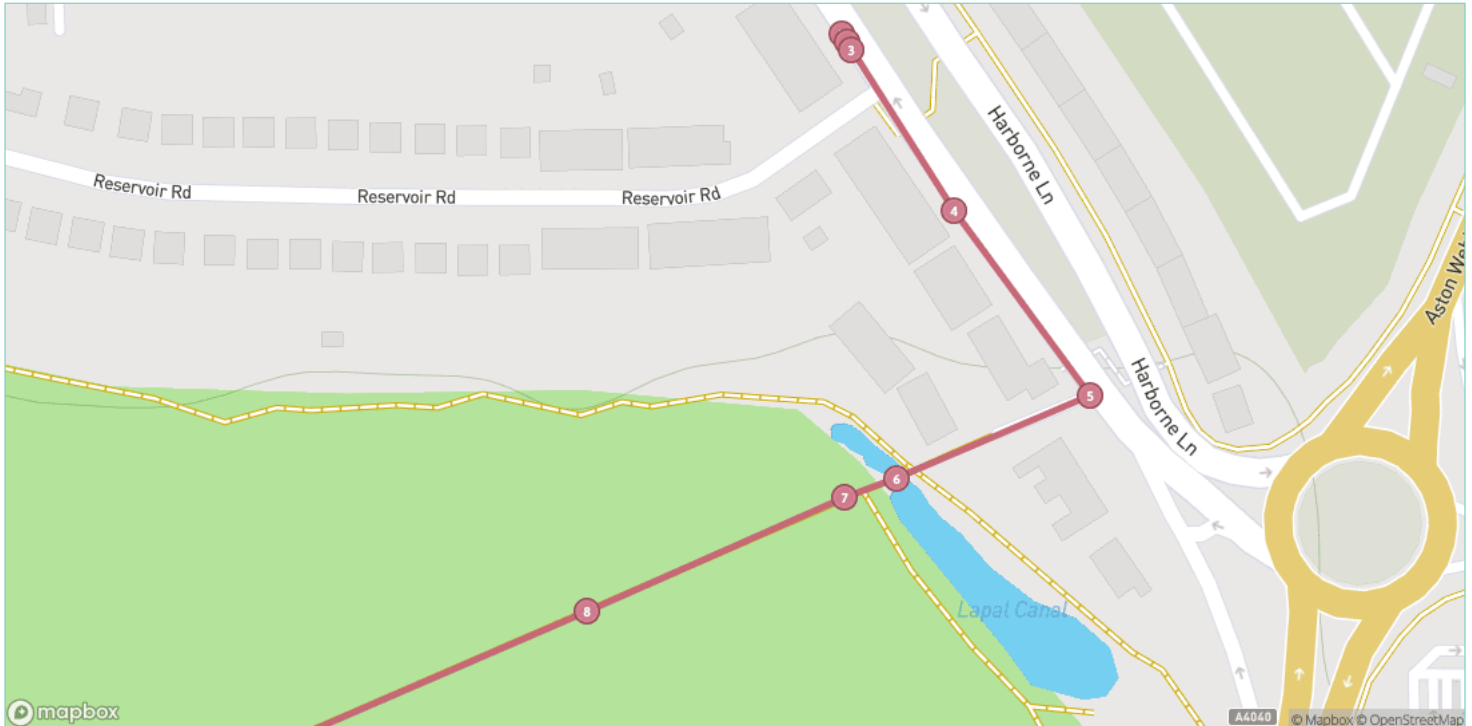


Child friendly



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Step 1: Welcome to the Big Blooming Walks. We've teamed up with the National Trust to bring you a series of special spring walks celebrating the most beautiful time of year. Get ready to stop and smell the blooms! Let's go.

Step 2: This is a wonderful bloom-filled walk through Bournville. The first half of the route up until Step 73 (until Bournville Station) is step-free but has some narrower paths. There are steps to cross a bridge after this point.

Step 3: This walk starts at Reservoir Road bus stop on Harborne Lane. You can get route 11C here to begin. 🚌

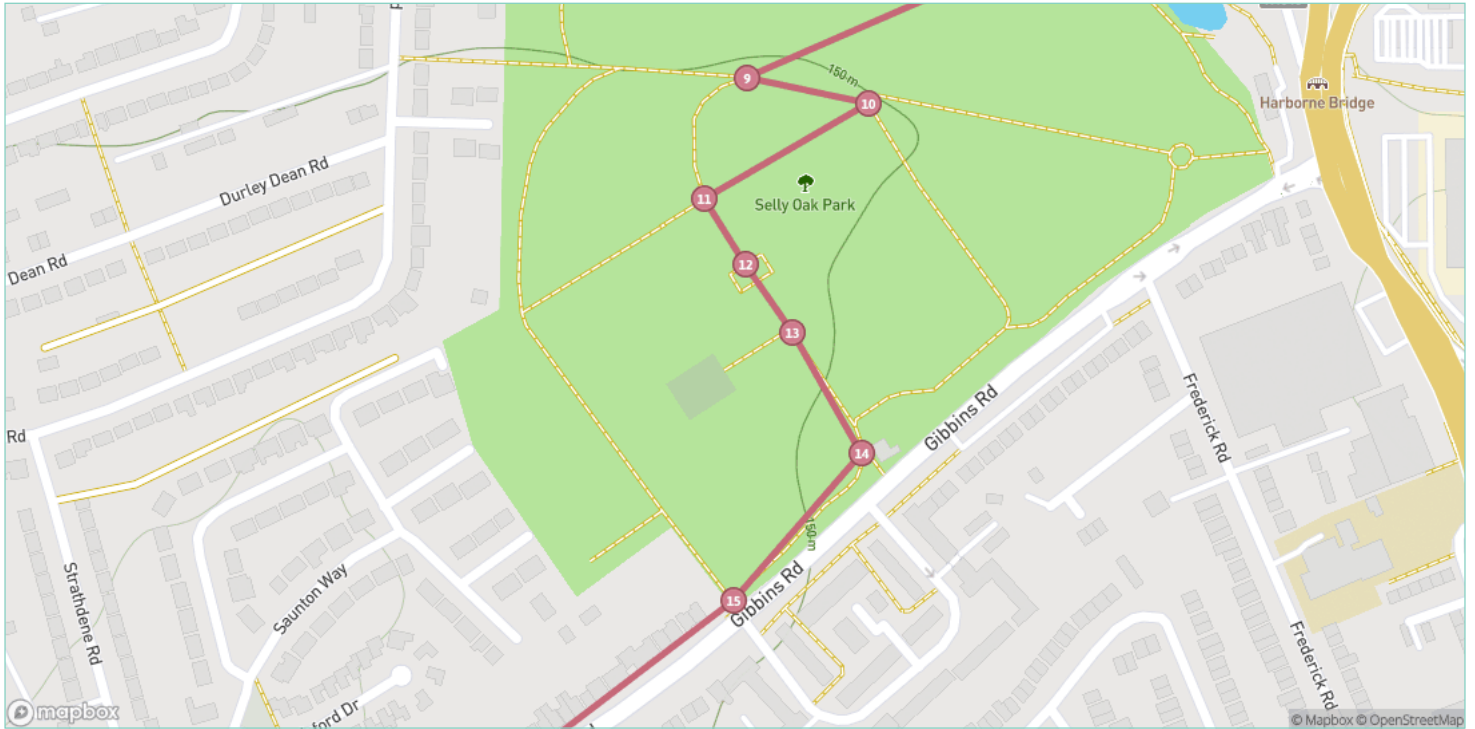
Step 4: In 2023 the National Trust gave away more than 600 trees to residents, community groups and schools based along Birmingham's famous Number 11 bus route to create symbolic ring of blossom.

Step 5: Facing the main road, turn right and walk along Harborne Lane. After no 187, turn right onto the path toward Selly Oak Park.

Step 6: Walk across the Lapal Canal and admire the habitats here.

Step 7: Welcome to the first green space on this walk! Follow the tree-lined path straight ahead in Selly Oak Park.

Step 8: Keep an eye out for these sculptures in the park as you go.



Step 9: At the junction, turn left. We're going to do a little zigzag up the hill.

Step 10: Turn right onto the next path. What patterns can you see in the trees? What signs of the season can you tune into?

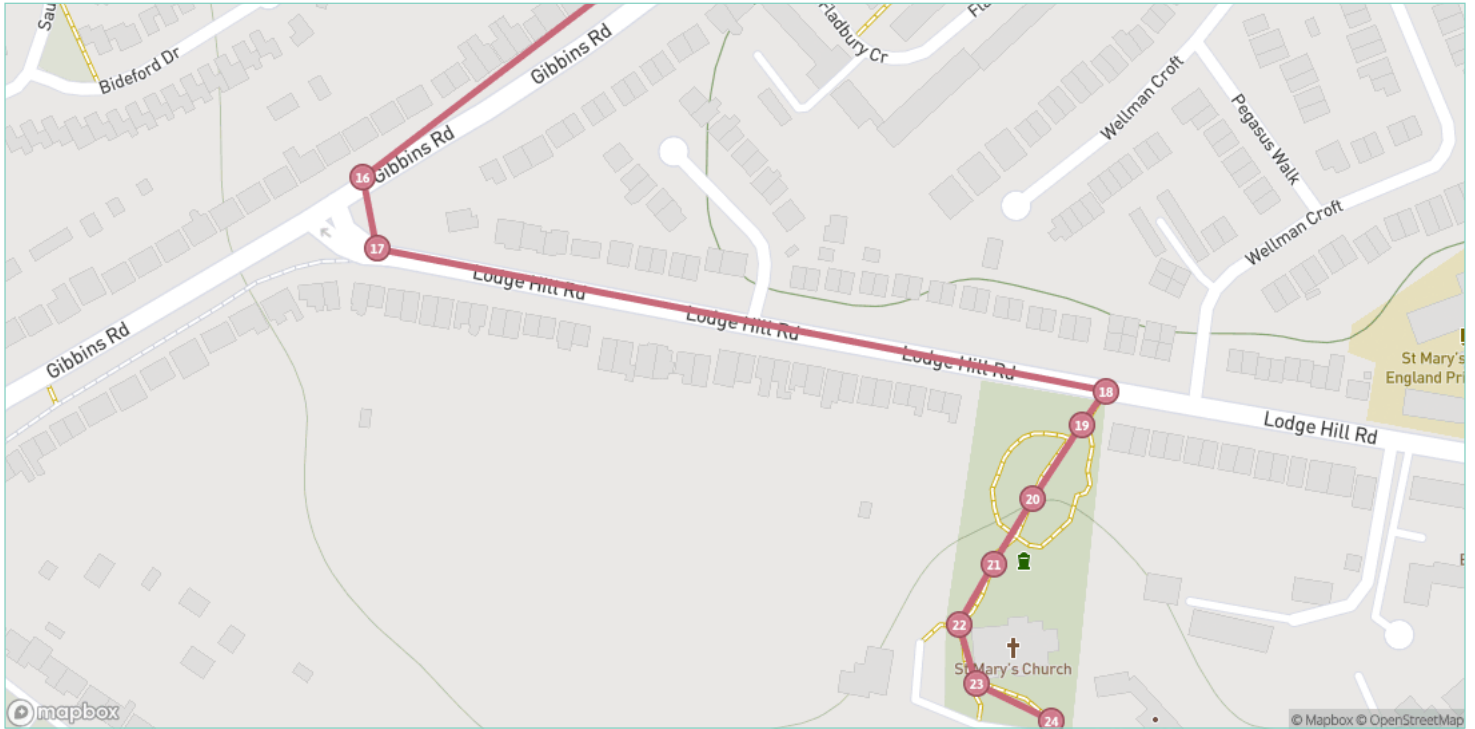
Step 11: Turn left at the next junction. Take a seat on a bench if you'd like to soak up the wide skies and trees a bit longer.

Step 12: Head past the ping pong tables. 🏓

Step 13: You can detour here to the right if you have kids with you and fancy a playground stop. 🎡 Otherwise, head towards the road.

Step 14: Just before the exit, follow the path to the right. You'll pass an interpretation board with details about how the park got its name. 🗺️

Step 15: Exit the park and turn right onto Gibbins Lane.



Step 16: Cross Gibbins Lane at the zebra crossing and turn right for a few steps on the opposite side.

Step 17: Then turn left onto Lodge Hill Road.

Step 18: Cross at a traffic island to head on the path into St Mary's Church.

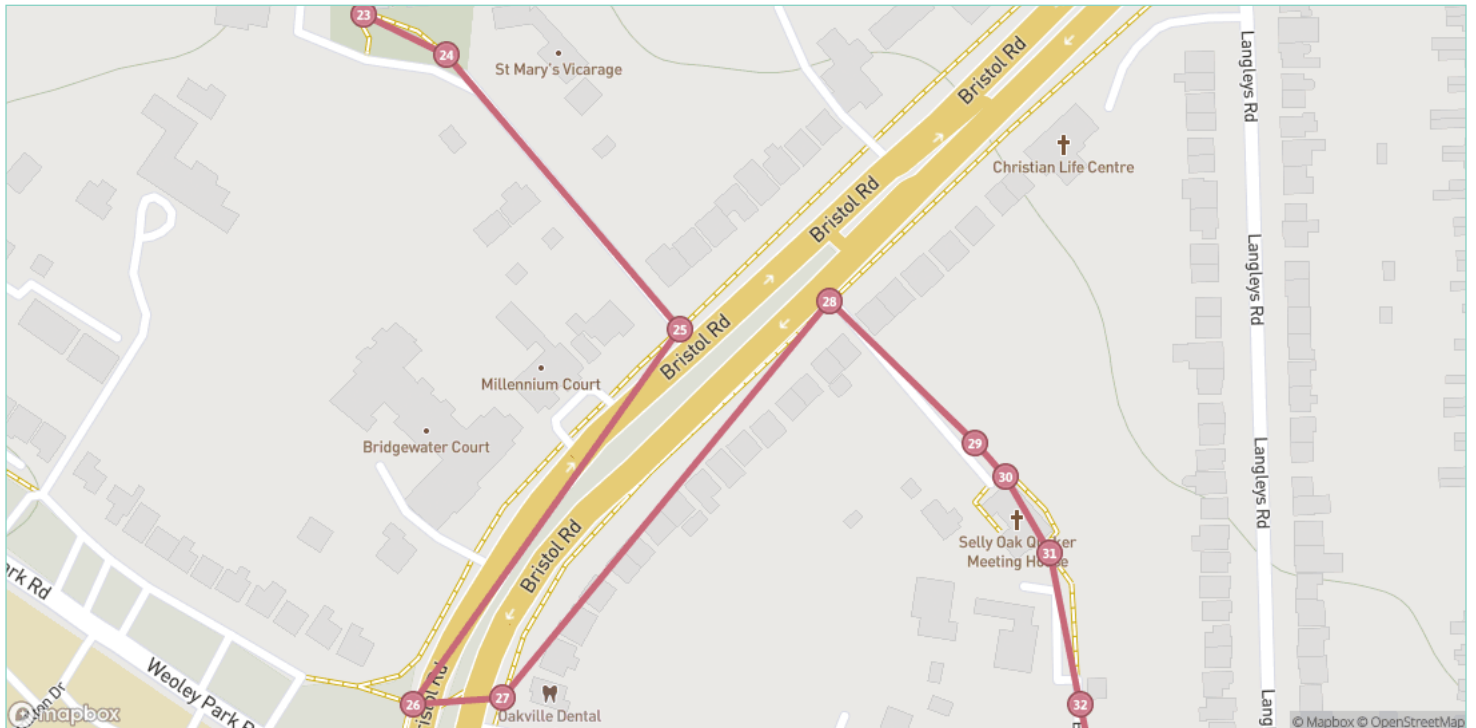
Step 19: Take the path straight ahead and enjoy exploring the wonderful churchyard and its habitats.

Step 20: Can you see any birds or hear any birdsong as you walk?

Step 21: St Mary's comes into view ahead.

Step 22: Head to the right of the church and follow the path around it.

Step 23: Turn left to follow the path and road away from the church.



Step 24: Before you exit the church, there is a sign about this being a sanctuary for birds and flowers. 🌿

Step 25: Exit onto Bristol Road and turn right. Walk until you reach a pedestrian crossing.

Step 26: Cross at the lights.

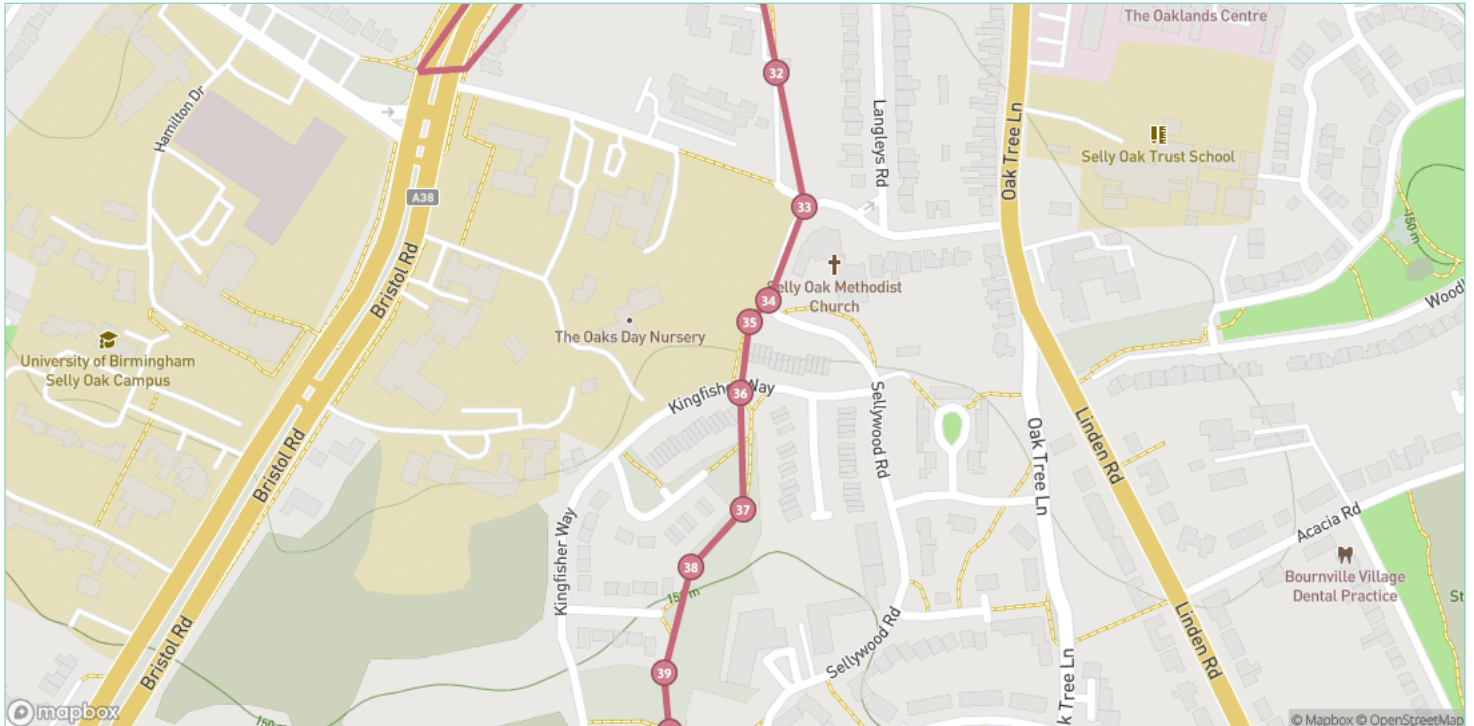
Step 27: Turn left on the opposite side of Bristol Road.

Step 28: After house 938, turn right towards the Quaker Meeting House.

Step 29: Carefully walk through the car park and check out this amazing garden on the left.

Step 30: Follow the path to the left of the house.

Step 31: Head up the path and remember to close the gate.



Step 32: Stroll up Buckingham Close.

Step 33: Turn right into Sellywood Road.

Step 34: As the road bends to the left, take this path on the right under the trees.

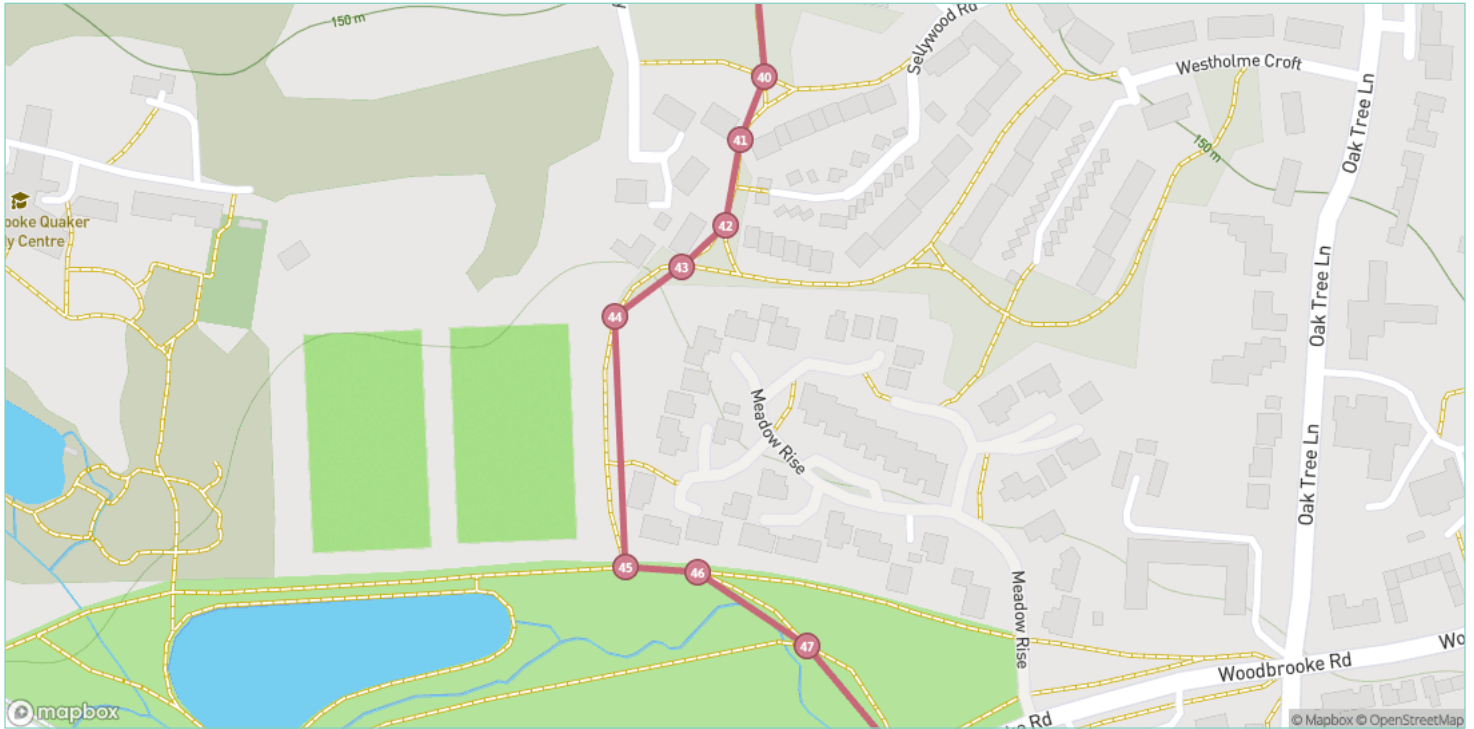
Step 35: There are some steps here but for a step free route turn left and follow Sellywood Road round.

Step 36: Cross Kingfisher Way and enter this delightful residential landscape on the path ahead. Look out for signs for the season.

Step 37: Follow the gently winding path.

Step 38: Keep following the path. What nature can you spot as you meander? 🌱

Step 39: Enjoy the dappled light from the trees as you continue ahead.



Step 40: Follow the path to the right at the junction.

Step 41: This really is a lovely spring route.

Step 42: Go right at the fork. There's a bench here if you fancy a rest or to try out a blossom meditation? Tap 'Read More' to give it a go. 🖱️

Take a breather in blossom

Take a seat on a bench or sit on the grass and enjoy a little breather amidst the blossom. Grab your headphones and try this short guided 5 minute blossom meditation.

If you've never tried meditation before, this is the perfect way to start. Adding just 5 minutes of mindfulness to your day can help slow things down and boost your mood.

Blossom Meditation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=shared&v;=fKmb7a4YNEU>

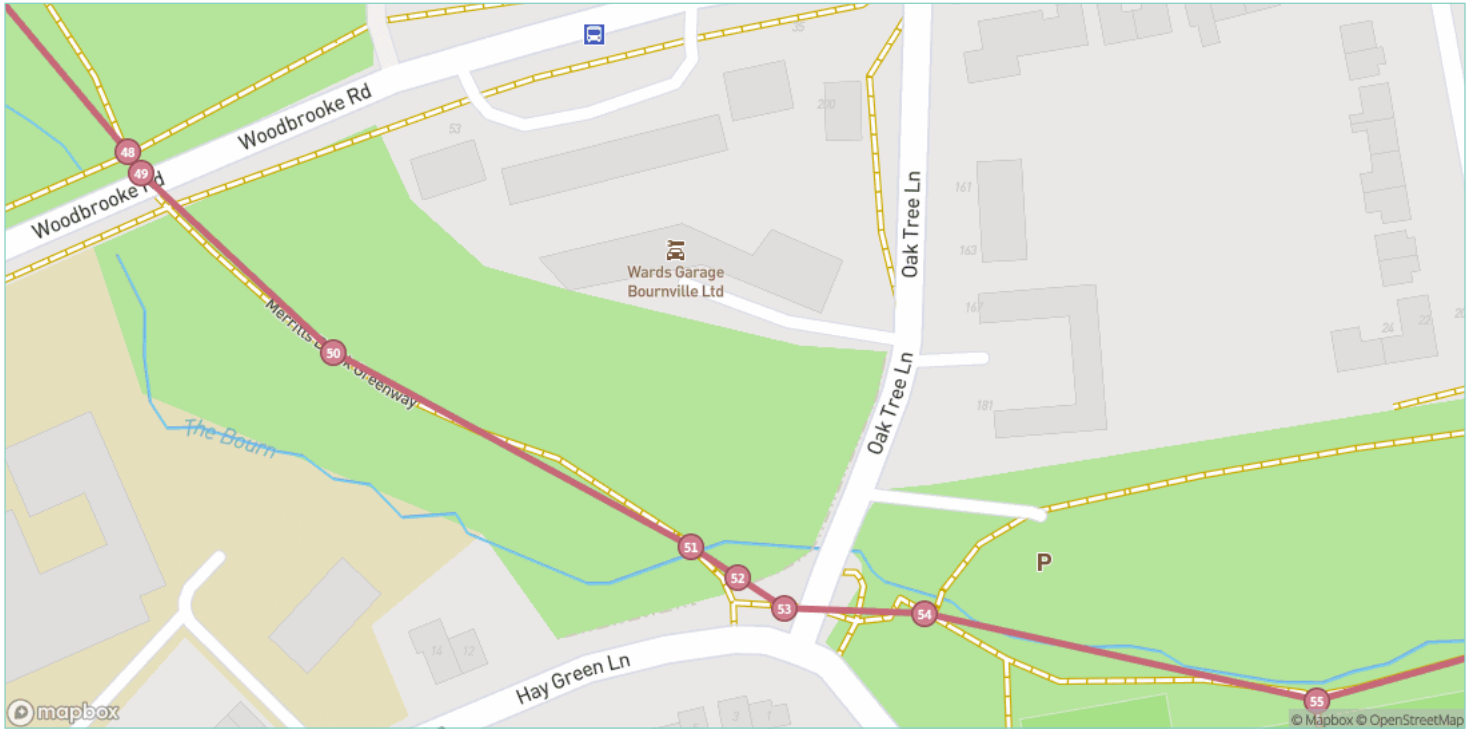
Step 43: Follow the bend in the path. There were lots of colours when we were walking. What does it look like today?

Step 44: Continue on the footpath until you reach a junction.

Step 45: Turn left as you reach the Valley Parkway.

Step 46: Take the right path at the fork.

Step 47: Continue ahead. We're not passing over The Bourn here but it's a lovely spot you might want to explore.



Step 48: When you reach Woodbrooke Road catch a glimpse of the blooming blossoms along it in spring.

Step 49: Cross Woodbrooke Road and then continue ahead on the greenway.

Step 50: These green corridors provide really valuable spaces for nature in cities.

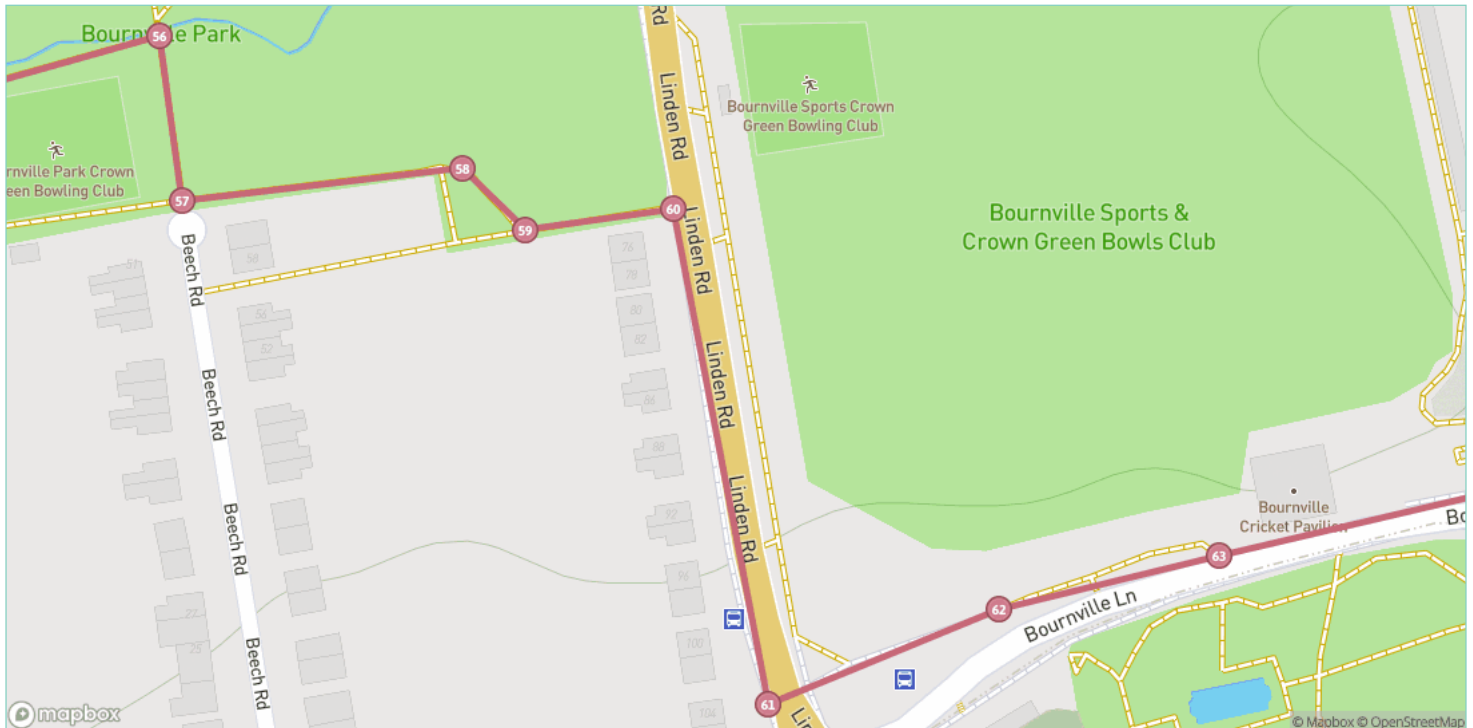
Step 51: Now it's time to cross the River Bourn.

Step 52: Did you know that the River Bourn gave Bournville its name. The Cadburys added 'ville', French for town, when they moved here in 1879 in search of clean water and fresh air.

Step 53: When you reach the road, turn left and cross Oak Tree Lane.

Step 54: Go straight ahead into Bournville Park, created in 1906 as part of George Cadbury's vision that a 10th of the estate should be green space.

Step 55: Catch another few glimpses of The Bourn as you wander ahead on the main path.



Step 56: Turn right at the path junction.

Step 57: Just before the path exit, turn left onto this newly laid path.

Step 58: Turn right to reach a tarmac path.

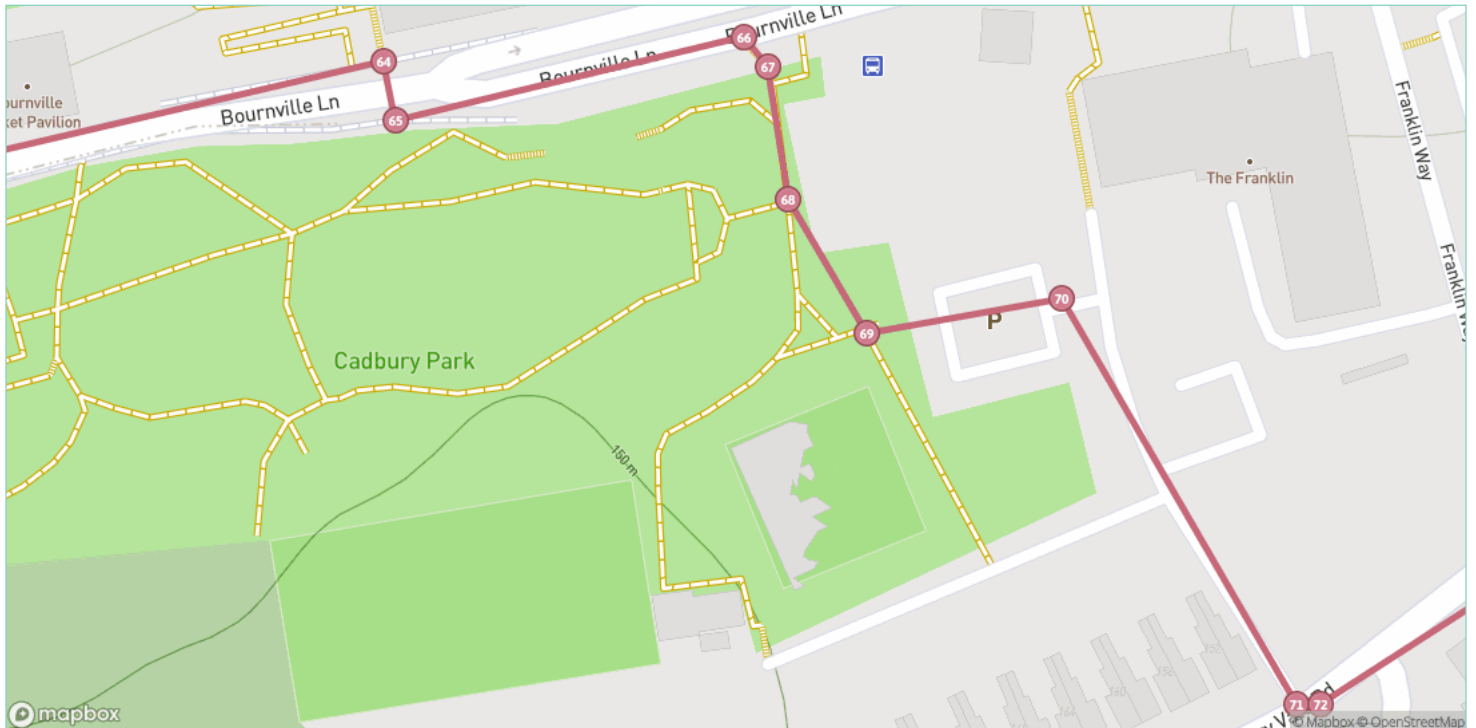
Step 59: Turn left onto the path and exit to the main road.

Step 60: Turn right onto Linden Road and walk until you reach a pedestrian crossing. Can you spot the factory ahead here?

Step 61: Turn left to cross Linden Road and walk ahead on the path towards Bourneville Lane.

Step 62: You might notice a purple theme revealing itself as we enter Cadbury and Bournville country!

Step 63: Pass the half-timbered Bournville Cricket Pavilion built by Cadbury's in 1902 to mark the coronation of King Edward VII.



Step 64: Keep going until you reach the zebra crossing then head over.

Step 65: Turn left on the opposite side. Spot more purple!

Step 66: That's Bournville Baths up ahead and the entrance to the Cadbury factory which began operations in 1879 on this site.

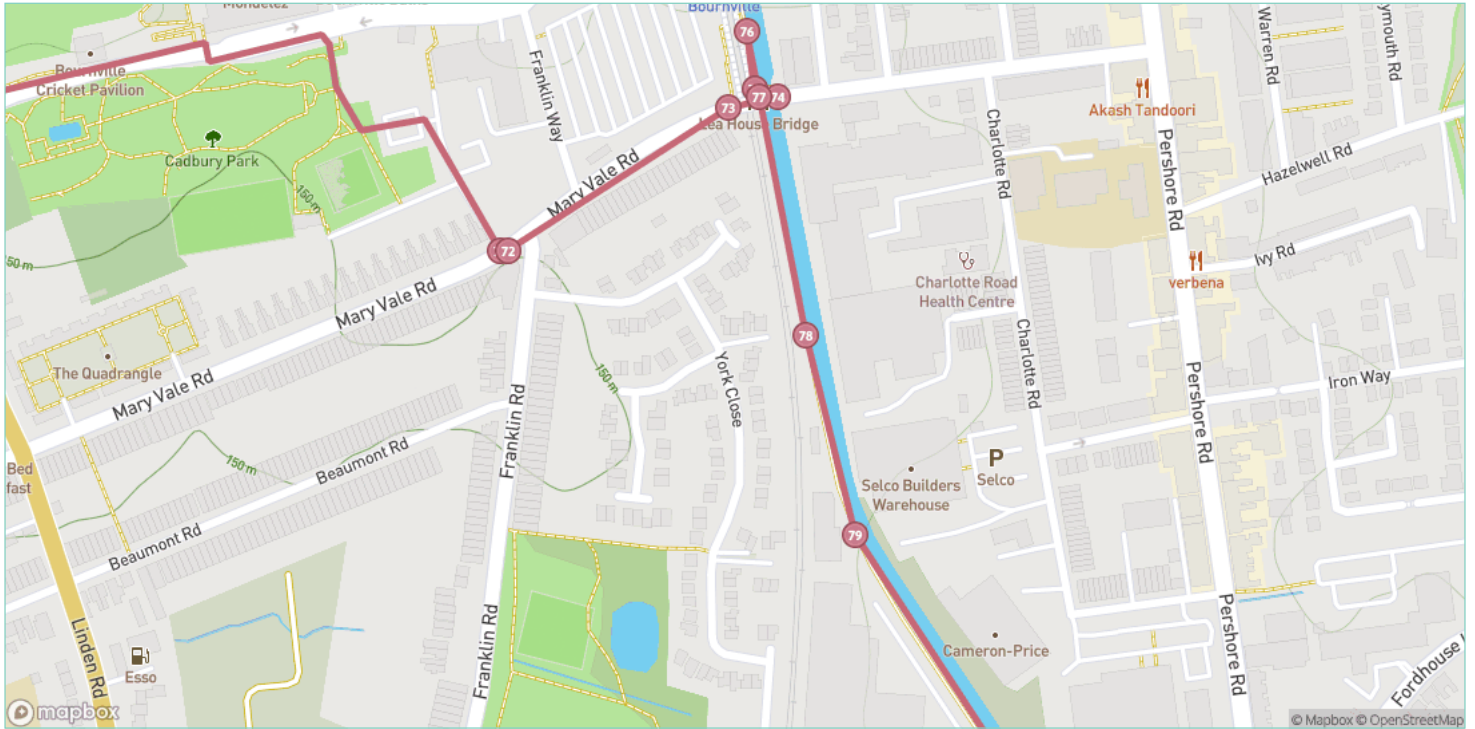
Step 67: Turn right into Cadbury Park. There are steps and a ramp.

Step 68: This is a lovely landscaped park you can explore. Wander as you wish!

Step 69: You can head up the steps here to Mary Vale Rd or for the step-free option...

Step 70: Exit left through the car park for a step-free route and follow the lane to the road.

Step 71: Turn left, as the sign says, on Mary Vale Road.



Step 72: Mary Vale Road is home to some of the oldest surviving houses on the Bournville estate, built in 1895 as part of George Cadbury's model village. Turn right to see the house fronts or continue left with us.

Step 73: This is the entrance to Bournville train station and the end of the step-free route. More adventures lie ahead with steps across the bridge.

Step 74: Cross the bridge and turn left through the purple archway.

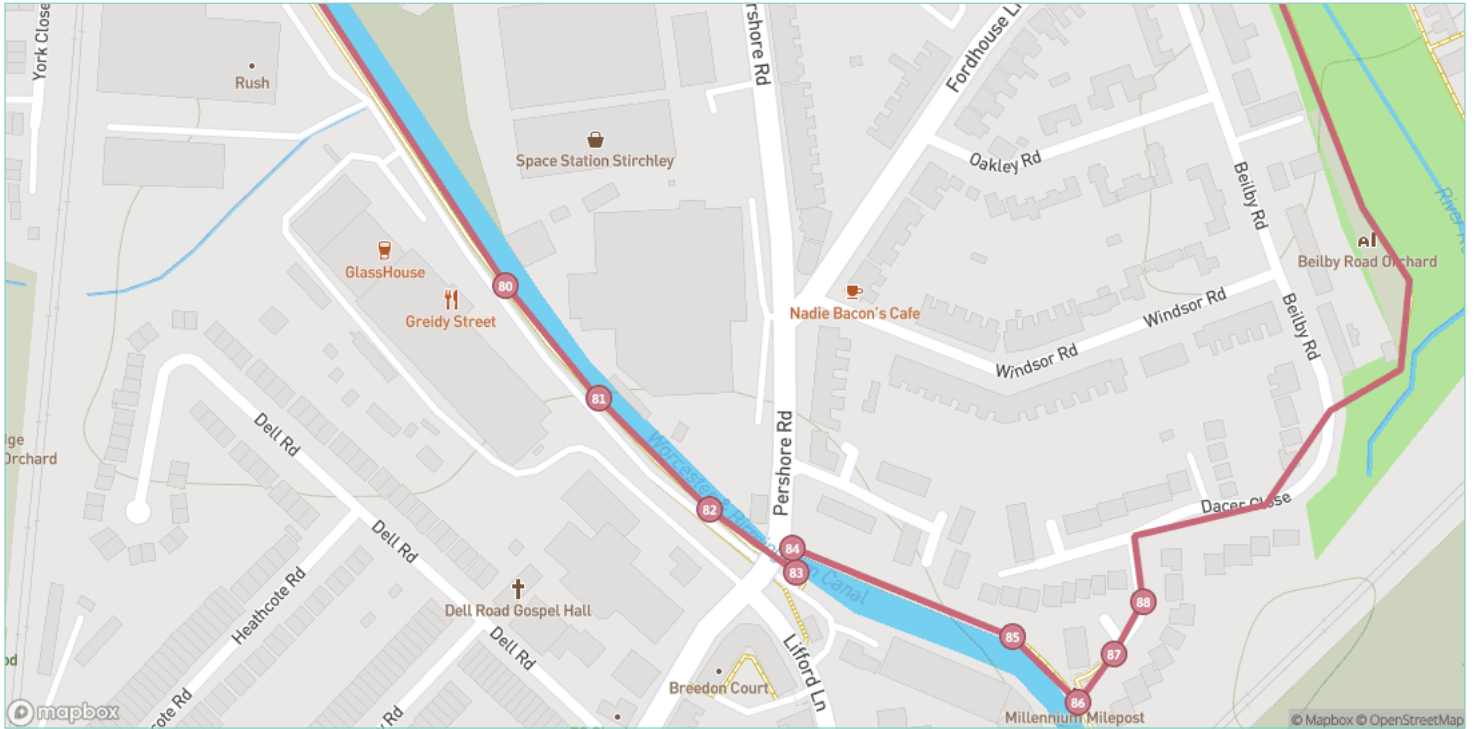
Step 75: Head down the ramp.

Step 76: Turn right to walk along the towpath of the Worcester and Birmingham Canal.

Step 77: Keep an eye and ear out for oncoming cyclists on the towpath.

Step 78: Be respectful to the napping water bird residents! 🐦 Enjoy the change of scenery as you stroll along the waterway.

Step 79: The canals were a vital network of transportation infrastructure in the late 19th century. By 1960s their use had dramatically declined.



Step 80: Now they provide quiet and pleasant ways for us to walk at our leisure and travel on foot, by wheels and by bike. 🚶 🚲

Step 81: Can you spot signs of the area's industrial history as you go?

Step 82: We'll be using the bridge ahead to switch sides. Head under the bridge first.

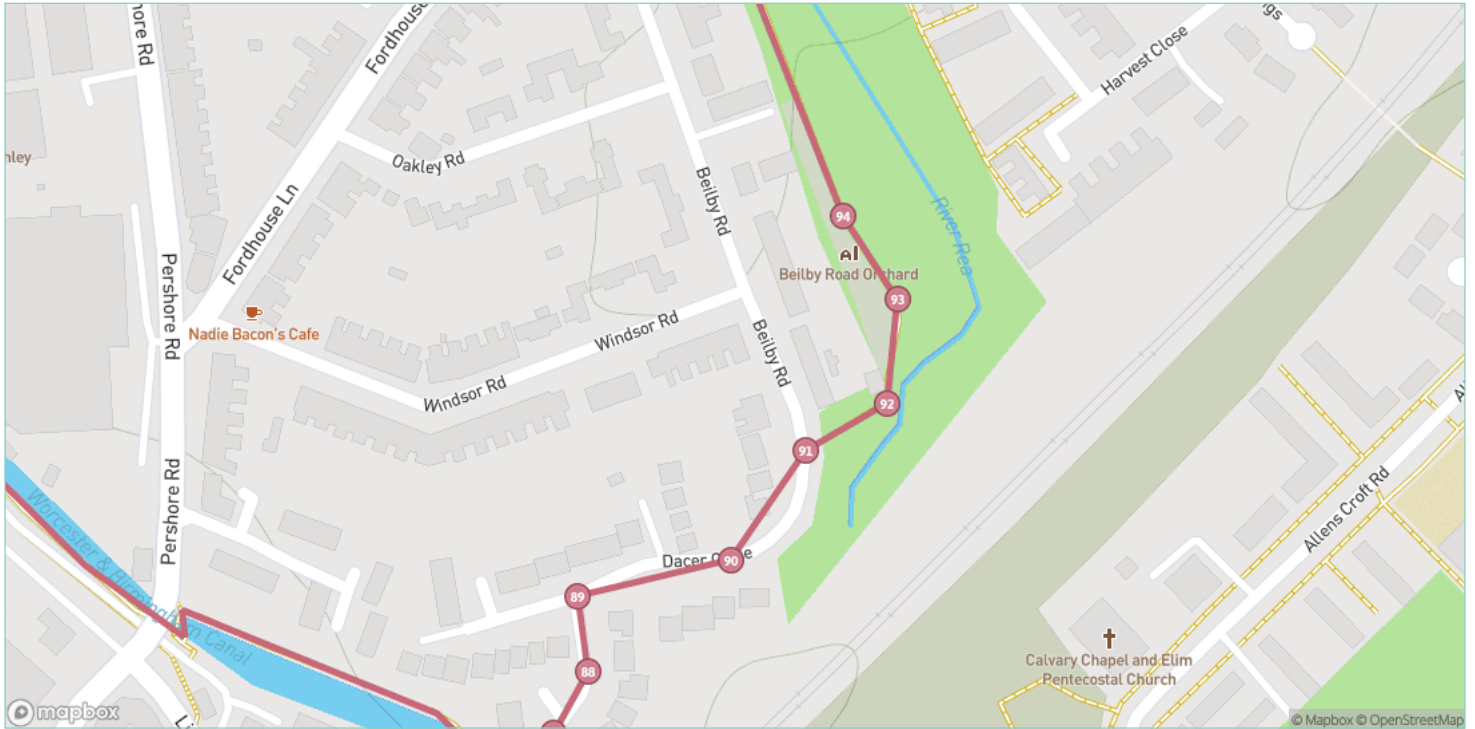
Step 83: Up the ramp and steps to cross the bridge.

Step 84: Then go down the ramp on the opposite side to continue along the towpath.

Step 85: Follow the path until you reach the first footpath on the left.

Step 86: Turn left by a milepost continue on the footpath.

Step 87: Enter Dacer Close and keep to the right.



Step 88: Follow the road round to the junction.

Step 89: Turn right to continue on Dacer Close. We're not hanging around the residential streets for long!

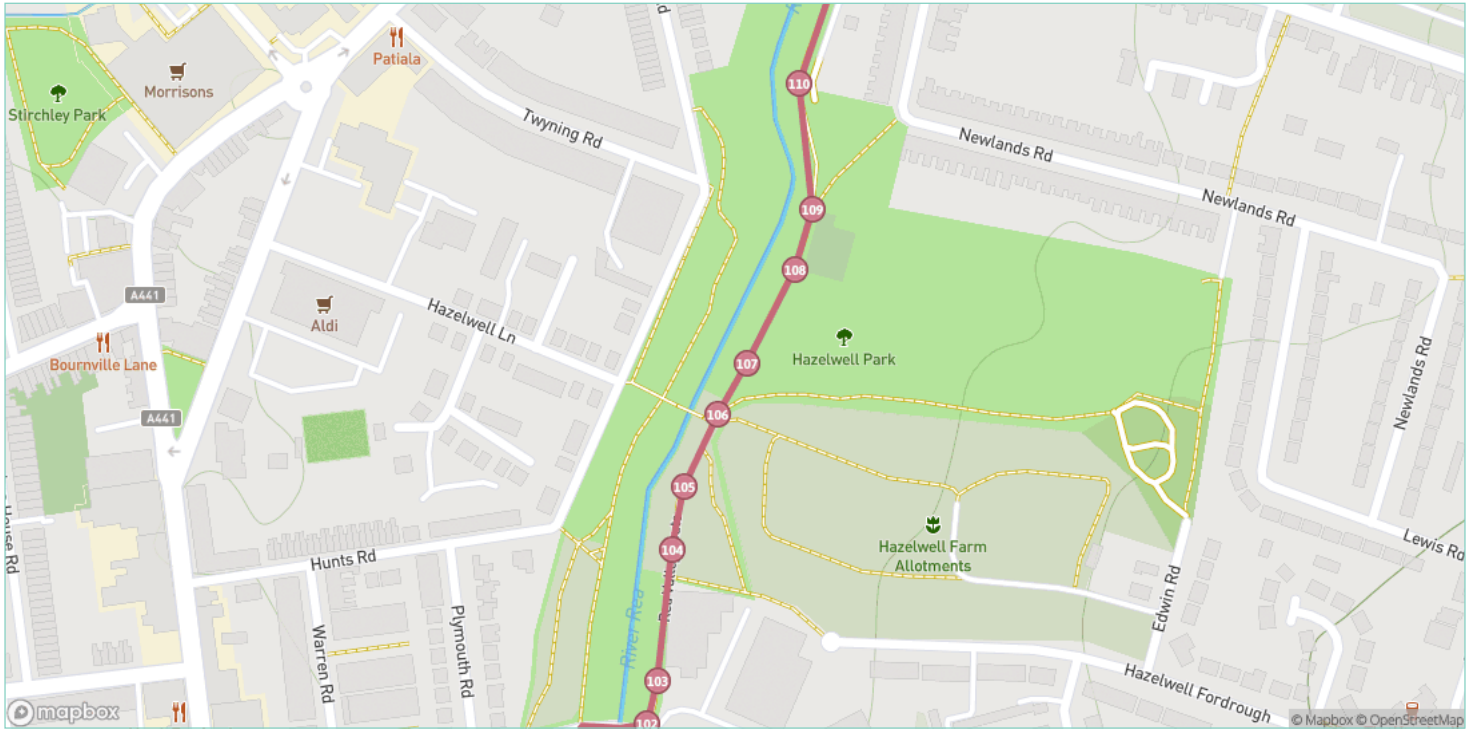
Step 90: Follow the road to the left. The trees ahead are a sign of what's coming next...

Step 91: Enter the Rea Valley Route and get into our next green corridor. Mind the bollards as you go.

Step 92: Follow the path alongside the River Rea.

Step 93: Pass the Beilby Road Orchard. Any blossom in bloom or fruits maturing when you visit?

Step 94: Keep an eye out for blossom on this stretch.



Step 103: This could be a well timed point to stop for refreshments at the Birmingham Brewing Company if that takes your fancy?

Step 104: Otherwise continue ahead past another community forest garden! 🌳

Step 105: Keep your eyes peeled for more blossom too.

Step 106: Continue ahead at the path junction, into Hazelwell Park and past the allotments.

Step 107: Follow the path ahead. Or take a moment in nature on a bench.

Step 108: We're nearly at the end of the route - this makes a perfect picnic spot and there is a playground here if you're with littles.

Step 109: Bear left at the fork by the noticeboard.

Step 110: Follow the path to the end of this green space.



Step 111: Enjoy the last big dose of green and blooms.

Step 112: The route ends here with two options for your onward journey.

Step 113: You could continue your walking adventure but crossing the road and continuing on the shared path towards the city centre...

Step 114: Or head to Ripple Road bus stop right here on Cartland Road where you can get route 27. We hope you had a wonderful walk.

Step 115: We hope to see you soon! You can discover more walks in-app or tap the 3 dots below to share this walk with friends. 📍
