



# Paddington Nature Pilgrimage- short

Explore local nature spots, enjoy waterside strolling and celebrate the incredible local libraries as you collect stamps for your passport.

**Distance** 3 kilometers / 1.9 miles

**Duration** 35 minutes



Wildlife



Water feature



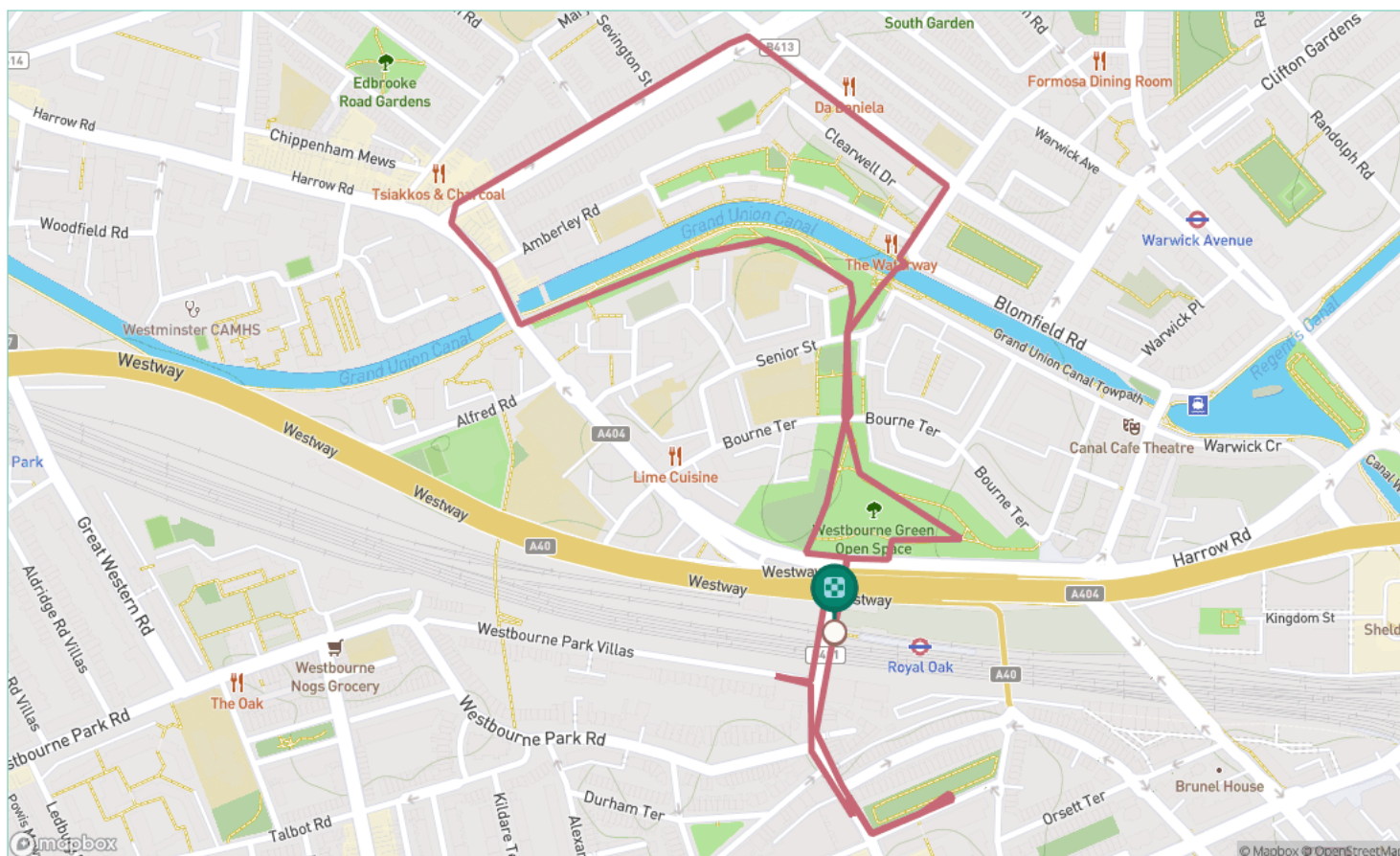
Public transport



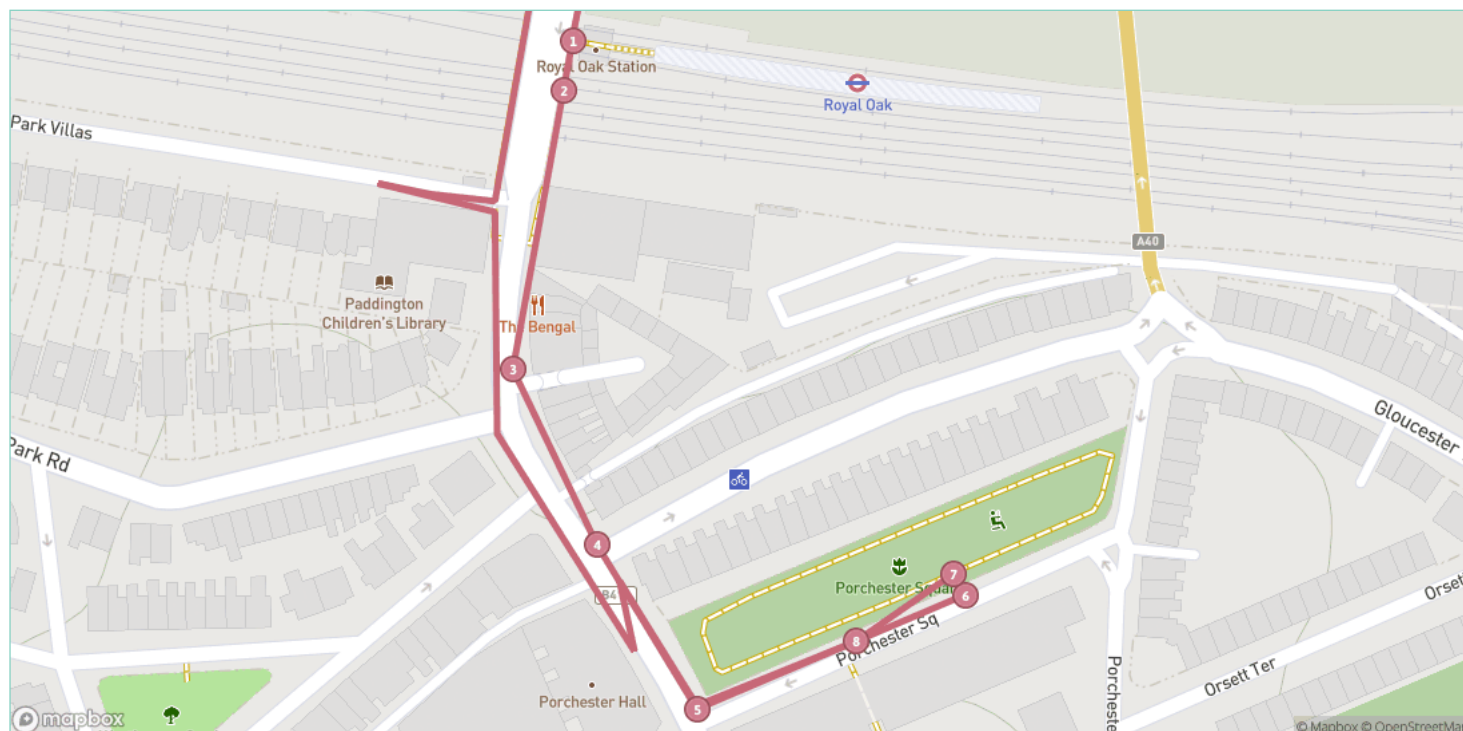
Picnic spot



Dog friendly



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**Step 1:** We start this walk at Royal Oak Station which is on the Circle and Hammersmith & City lines. Read below to learn more about this walk



### North Paddington Nature Pilgrimage

This project is funded by the Europe Challenge & is a collaboration between Westminster Libraries & the Paddington Development Trust.

Inspired by the Camino de Santiago, where for centuries pilgrims have walked a shared route and collected stamps in Pilgrim's Passports to remind them of their journey, we have developed a pilgrimage around North Paddington. You can collect 13 stamps designed by local children at cultural, ecological, and community-based points of interest in the area, to stamp your very own Pilgrim's Passport, which you can collect from any of the libraries on the route. Once you've collected all the stamps, head to Paddington Library to collect your prize!

The stamps on the Camino de Santiago symbolise your journey, and your personal progression, and people use them to share stories. Once you've finished your pilgrimage, take a moment to look at the stamps you've collected and think about your journey. A common phrase used by pilgrims whilst

walking is 'Bon Camino', which literally translates to 'good way'. We hope you have a good way on this pilgrimage!

**Step 2:** Turn left outside the station and head over Lord Hill's Bridge.

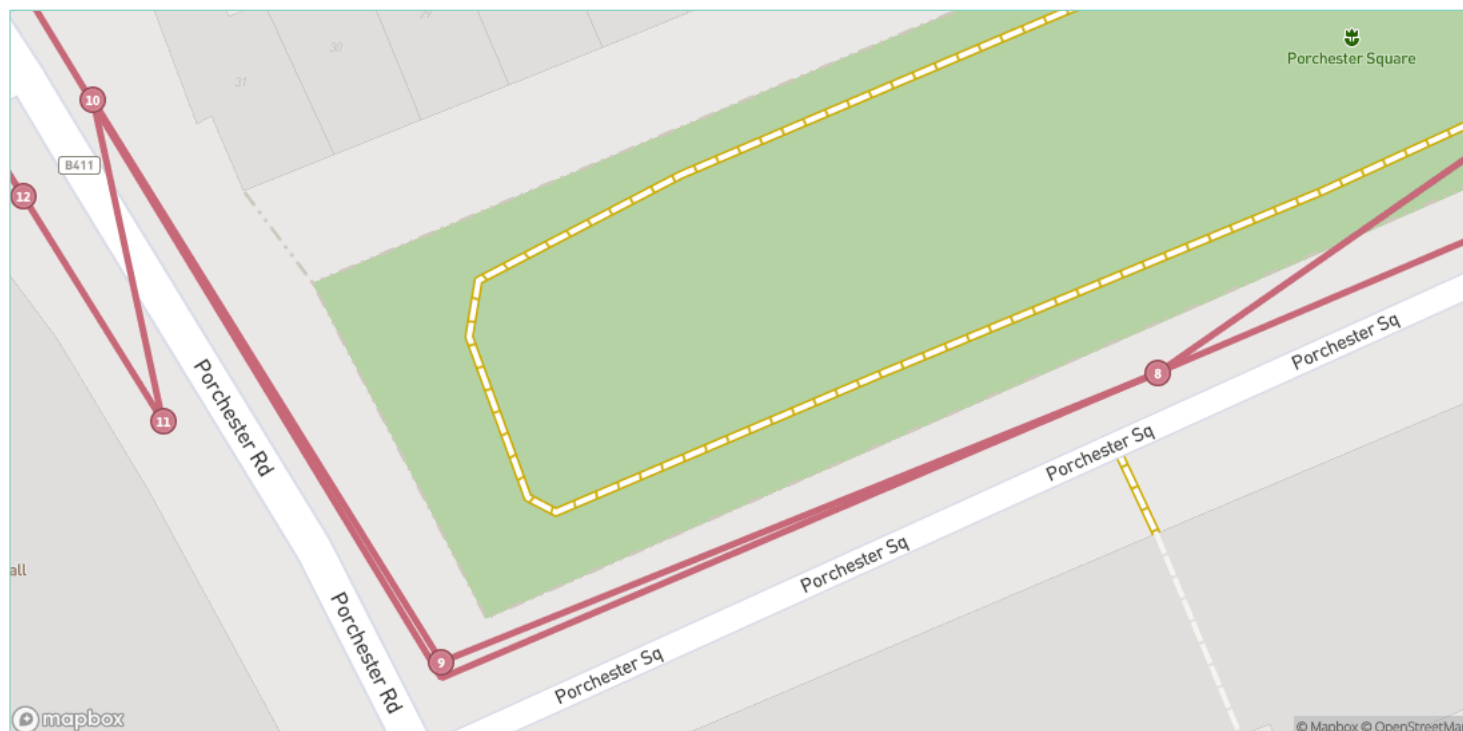
**Step 3:** Continue along Porchester Road.

**Step 4:** Use the zebra crossing to cross Gloucester Terrace.

**Step 5:** Continue down Porchester Road, then turn left onto Porchester Square.

**Step 6:** Halfway along Porchester Square, go through the garden gates on the left.

**Step 7:** Here you'll find a small oasis of calm, with plenty places to sit and relax amongst the wonderful trees.



**Step 8:** Exit through the same gates, turn right and continue back along Porchester Square.

**Step 9:** At the end of the road, turn right and walk along Porchester Road.

**Step 10:** Turn left and cross the zebra crossing on Porchester Road.

**Step 11:** Turn left and continue along Porchester Road to find the ornate Porchester Hall entrance on the right which houses the Paddington Library.

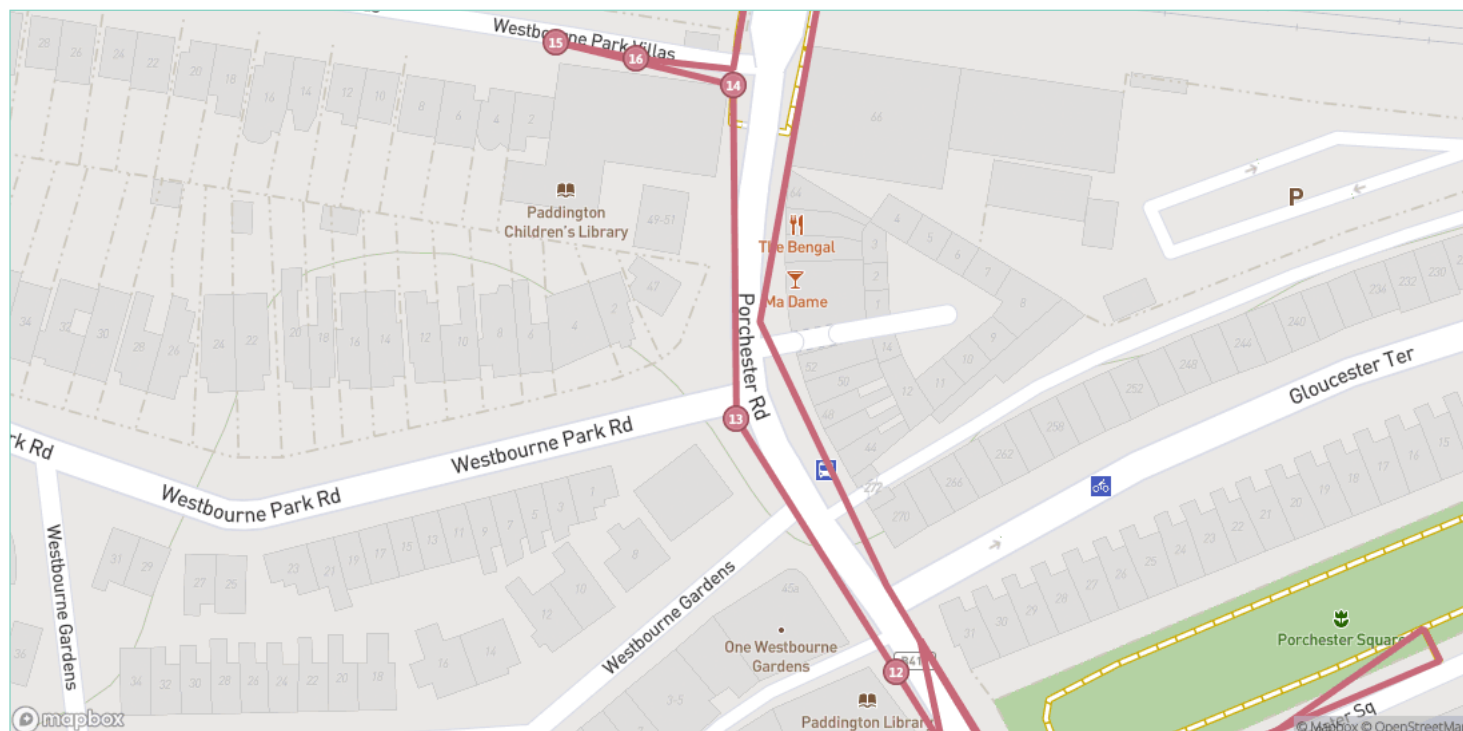
### Paddington Library

**100 year old library!**



This stamp was created by the Junior Climate Champions and was designed to show off their love of reading.

Paddington Library is a vibrant community centre and book depository space located in Westminster, London. It offers a range of services including digital skills teaching, community events, and resources for leisure and learning. The library is accessible to everyone, with facilities



for people with disabilities and free entrance. It provides cozy reading areas, quiet zones for studying, power outlets, and high-speed Wi-Fi for visitors.

**Step 12:** Head back along Porchester Road, with the library now on your left.

**Step 13:** Cross Westbourne Park Road at the zebra crossing and continue on Porchester Road.

**Step 14:** Turn left along Westbourne Park Villas.

**Step 15:** Just after Westbourne Park Baptist Church, look for the small alleyway on the left. At the end is the Paddington Children's Library. Tap



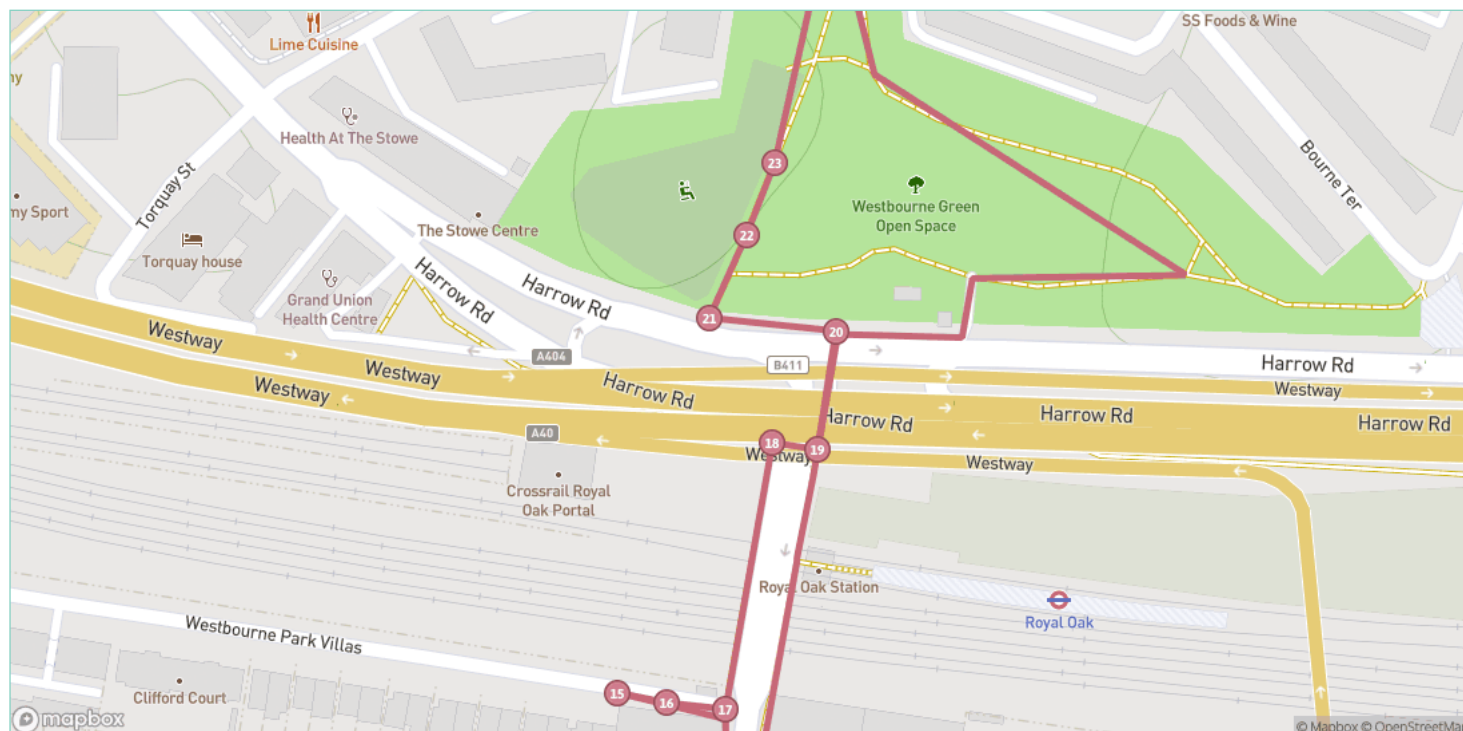
### Paddington Children's Library

**Dedicated space for children!**



This stamp was created by the Junior Climate Champions and was based on the Westbourne Baptist Church, where the library is located.

Based in Westbourne Baptist Church, this is a library specifically for children from all backgrounds, with books in multiple languages and reading levels, with regular activities and fun for all ages. Make sure to say hi to the dedicated



team of children's librarians!

**Step 16:** After visiting the library, turn right and head back along Westbourne Park Villas.

**Step 17:** At the end of the road, turn left and cross the road at the zebra crossing and then continue ahead over Lord Hill's Bridge.

**Step 18:** At the end of the bridge, turn right to cross over the road, with the Westway overhead.

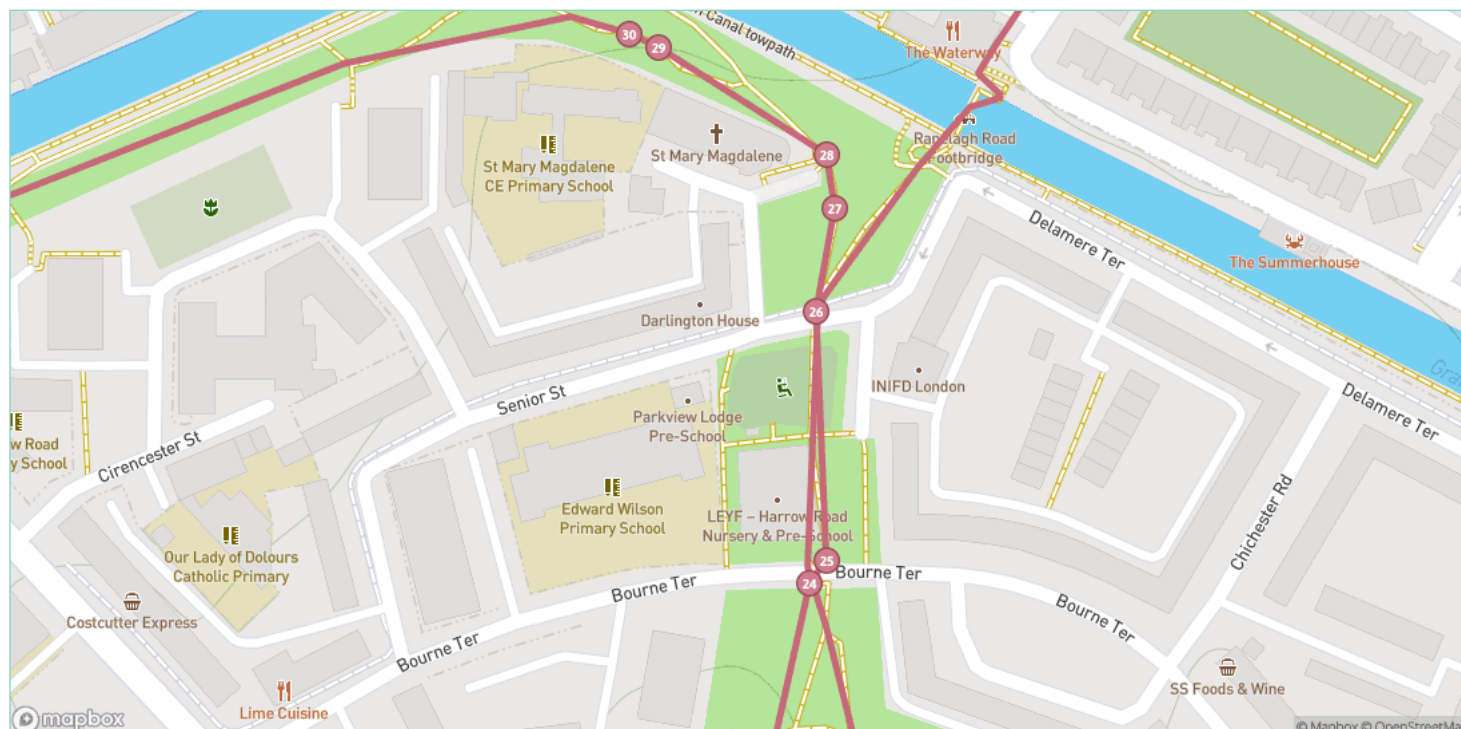
**Step 19:** Once over the first set of pedestrian lights, turn left and cross Harrow Road at the lights.

**Step 20:** Once over the road, turn left.

**Step 21:** Then turn right and enter Westbourne Green Open Space. Walk onto the path straight ahead.

**Step 22:** The park has a playground on the left.

**Step 23:** And lots of outdoor gym equipment on the right.




**Step 24:** At the other side of the park, exit and turn left onto Bourne Terrace. Carefully cross the road at the zebra crossing.

**Step 25:** Continue ahead along the tree lined path through the green space.

**Step 26:** Carefully cross over Senior Street and head along the path on the left in the green space.

**Step 27:** Grand Junction, St Mary Magdalene's Church, will be on the left.

**Step 28:** Continue along the path as it bears left alongside the church.

**Step 29:** Further up the path on the left is the Grand Junction Cafe. Read more below 

## Grand Junction

### Community and religious space!

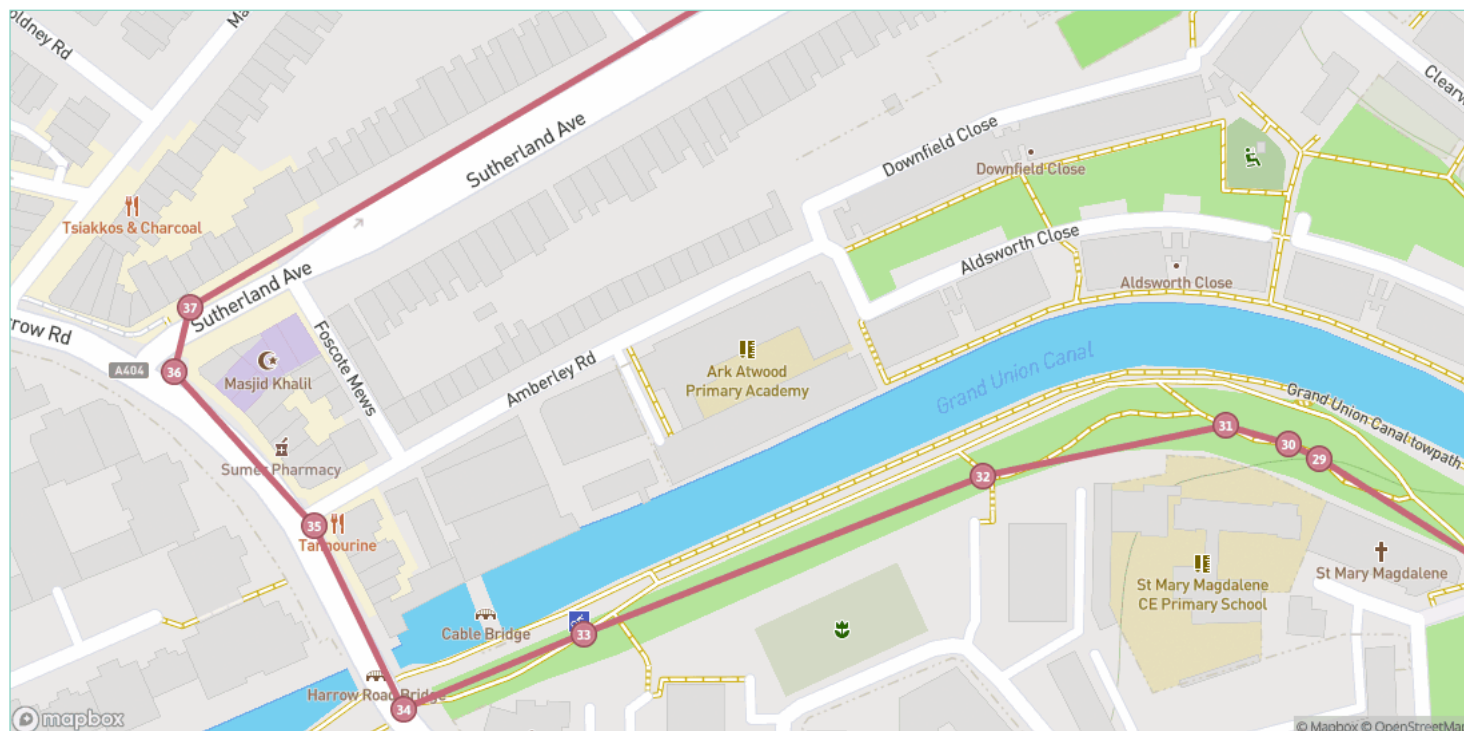


This stamp was created by the Climate Champions and represents the 19th century building of Grand Junction.

Grand Junction is a venue for arts, culture, and community, based at St Mary Magdalene Church. We create and present an eclectic programme of music, arts, and heritage for young people, families, and adults.

### Find out more

<https://grandjunction.org.uk/>



**Step 30:** Continue up the same path.

**Step 31:** Look out for the play animals that can be found either side of the path. Can you recognise any of them?

**Step 32:** Turn left and head along the Grand Union Canal towpath.

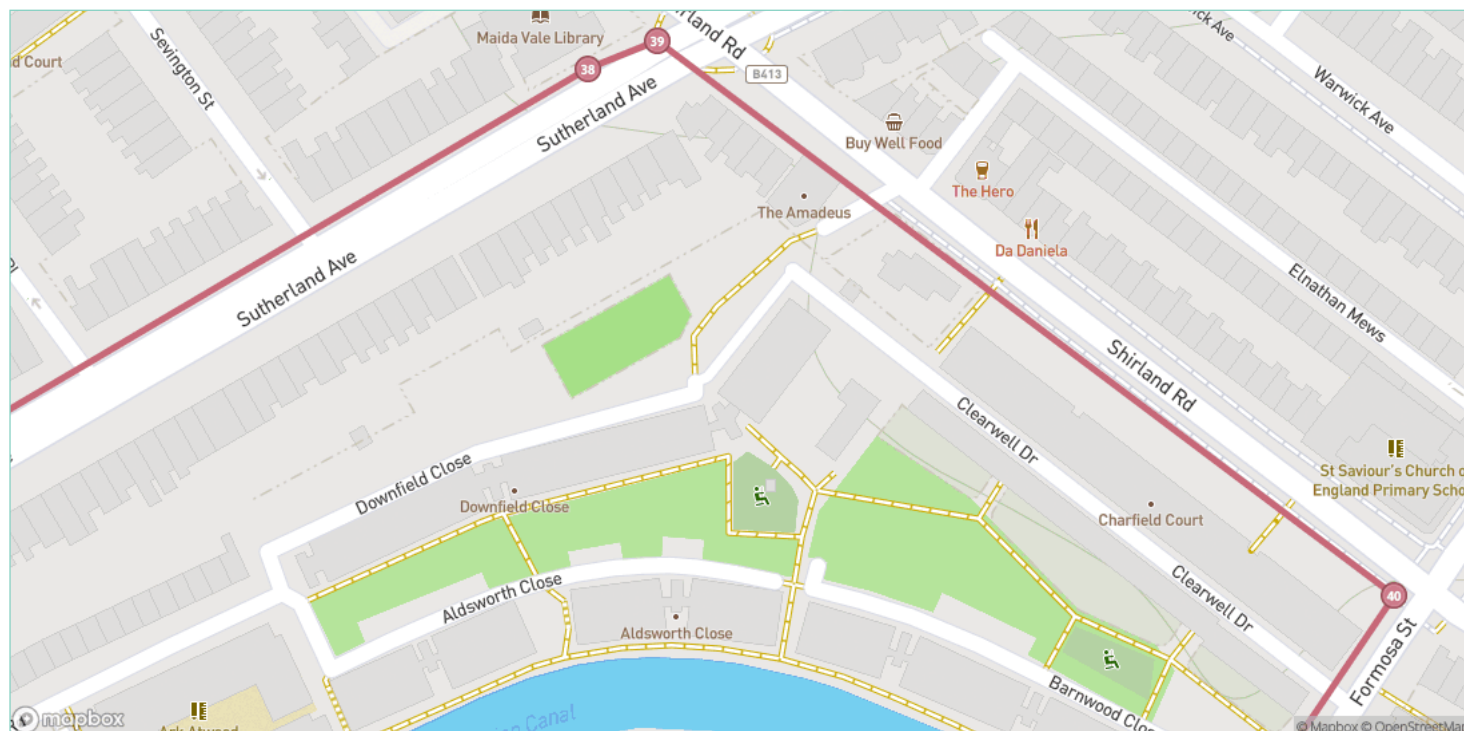
**Step 33:** When the path splits, keep left and head up towards the road away from the canal.


**Step 34:** Turn right and head over the bridge along Harrow Road.

**Step 35:** Carefully cross over Amberley Road.

**Step 36:** Then cross over Sutherland Avenue at this zebra crossing.

**Step 37:** Then turn right and continue along Sutherland Avenue.



**Step 38:** Further ahead on the corner of Sutherland Avenue and Shirland Road we find Maida Vale Library. Read more below 

detective skills inspiration, check out the crime fiction section inside the library today!

## Maida Vale Library

### Historic library



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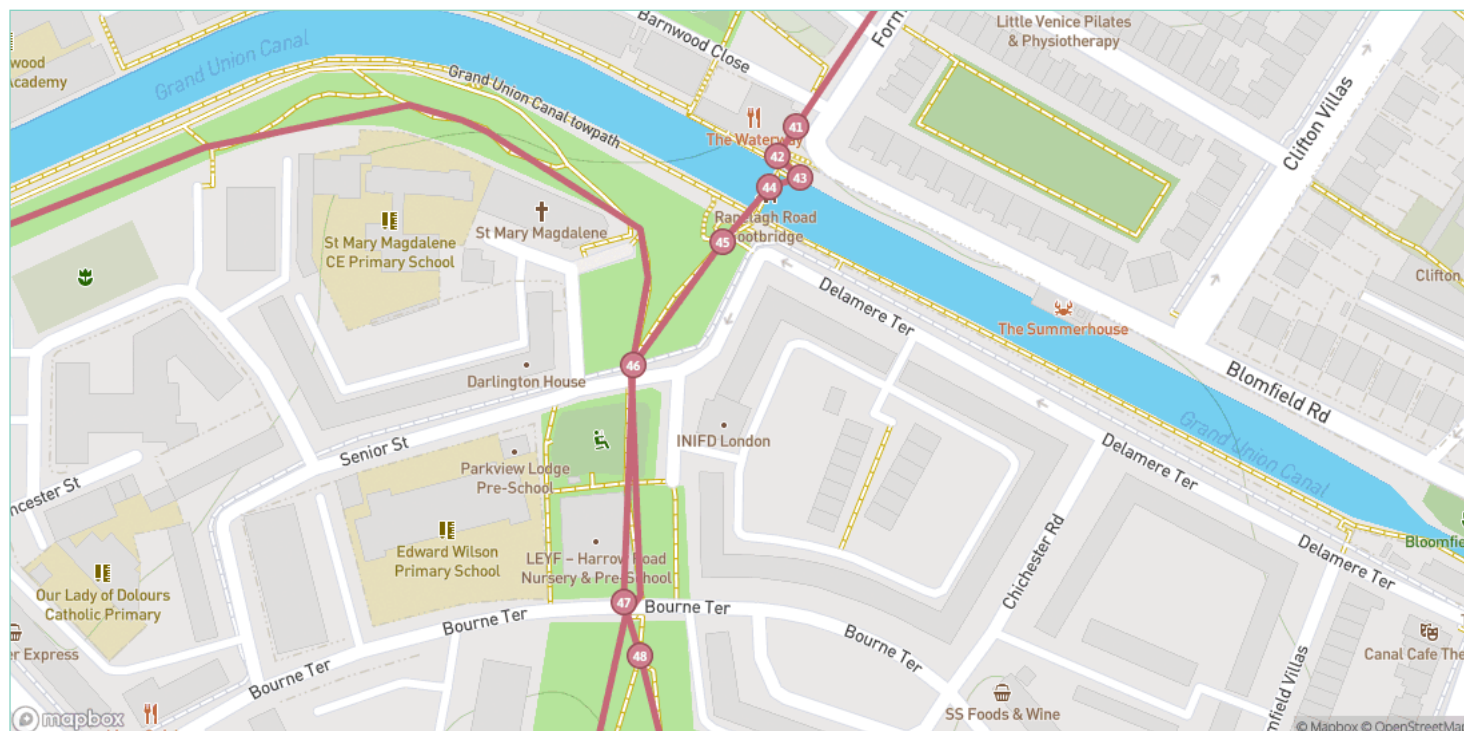
Originally a Church, then becoming a private subscription library, this lovely building was converted by Westminster Council in 1948 to be a public library. The original subscription library was owned by a French woman known as 'The Mademoiselle', who later disappeared - could you be the one to find out what happened? For some



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**Step 39:** After visiting the library, cross Sutherland Avenue at the lights and walk ahead on Shirland Road.

**Step 40:** At the end of Shirland Road, turn right and walk up Formosa Street.



**Step 41:** As the road bends to the left, head up these steps on the right as we get ready to cross over the canal once again.

**Step 48:** Enter Westbourne Green Open Space again and now take the path on the left.

**Step 42:** The Grand Union Canal comes back into view.

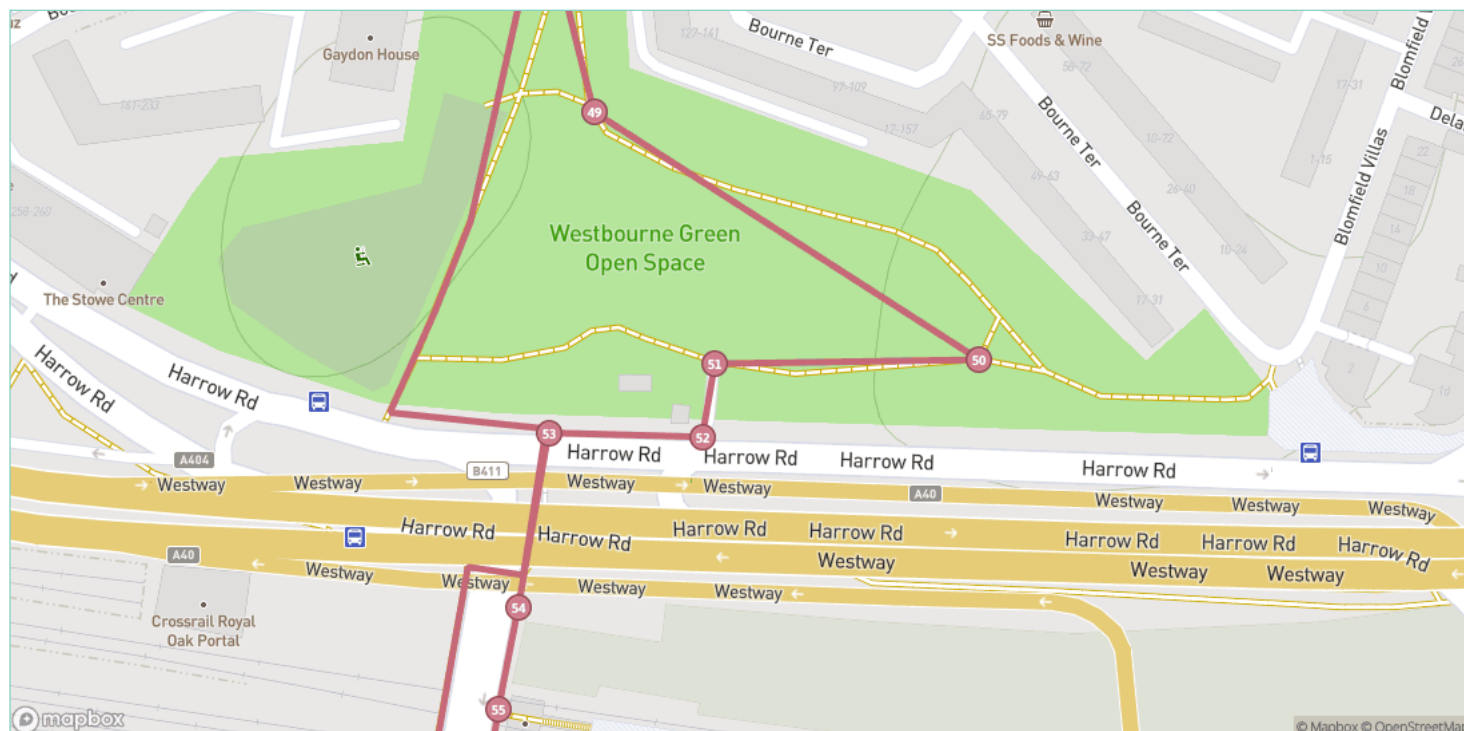
**Step 43:** Head to the footbridge with St Mary Magdalene church in the background.

**Step 44:** Cross back over the stunning canal.

**Step 45:** Once over the bridge, take the path on the right hand side through the small park beside the church.

**Step 46:** Cross over Senior Street, continue ahead with the playground on the right on the same path from earlier.

**Step 47:** Cross the zebra crossing on Bourne Terrace.



**Step 49:** Continue left and follow the path around the edge of the park.

**Step 50:** At the far end of the park, take the path to the right.

**Step 51:** Then turn left and head out of the park.

**Step 52:** Outside the park, turn right and continue alongside Harrow Road as we make our way back to the station.

**Step 53:** Cross Harrow Road at the lights on the left as before.

**Step 54:** Then continue ahead along Lord Hill's Bridge.

**Step 55:** Well done! You've arrived back at Royal Oak Station, where this walk ends. We hope you enjoyed it.