



# Balsall Heath Blossom Walk

Join us on this urban nature trail to discover and explore some of the best blossom spots in Balsall Heath.



**Distance** 4.2 kilometers / 2.6 miles

**Duration** 1 hour and 30 minutes



Wildlife



Wheel friendly



Public transport



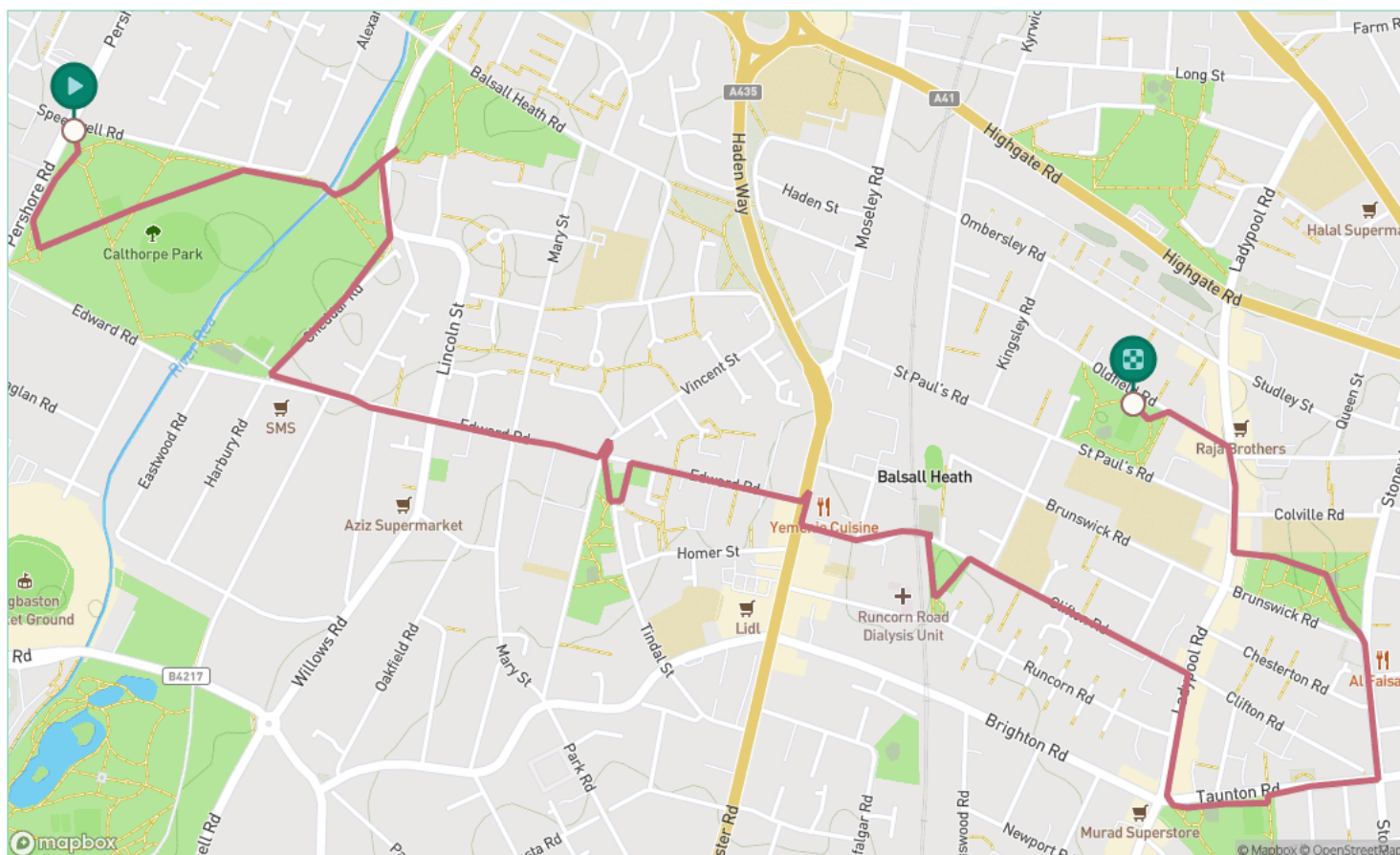
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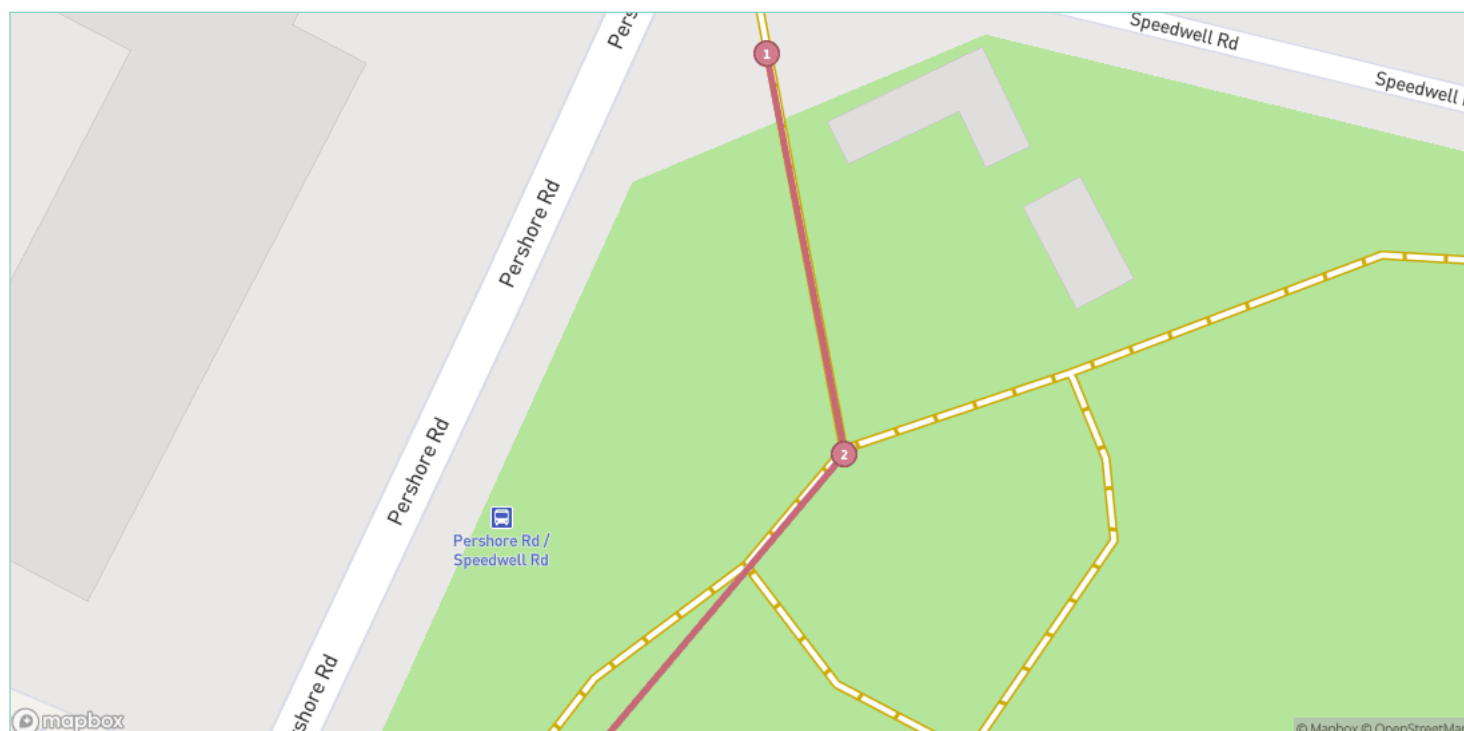
Child friendly




Botanics



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**Step 1:** This walk starts at the entrance to Calthorpe Park, by the junction of Speedwell Road and Pershore Road. Tap 'Read More' for travel info.

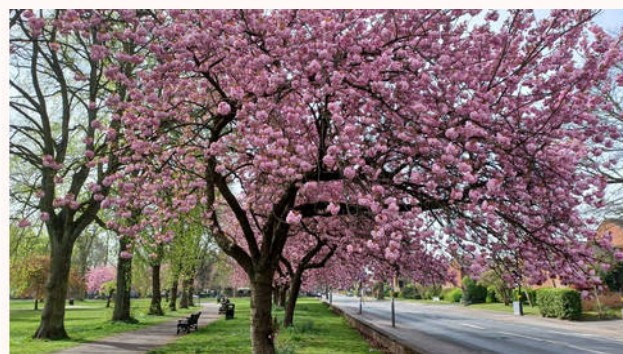
**Step 2:** Turn right onto the tarmac path in the park and walk along the avenue of pink cherry blossom trees adjacent to Pershore Road. More below 

### Transport & Visiting Information

Bus routes 45 and 47 stop at this junction and routes 61 and 63 stop just a short walk away on Bristol Road.

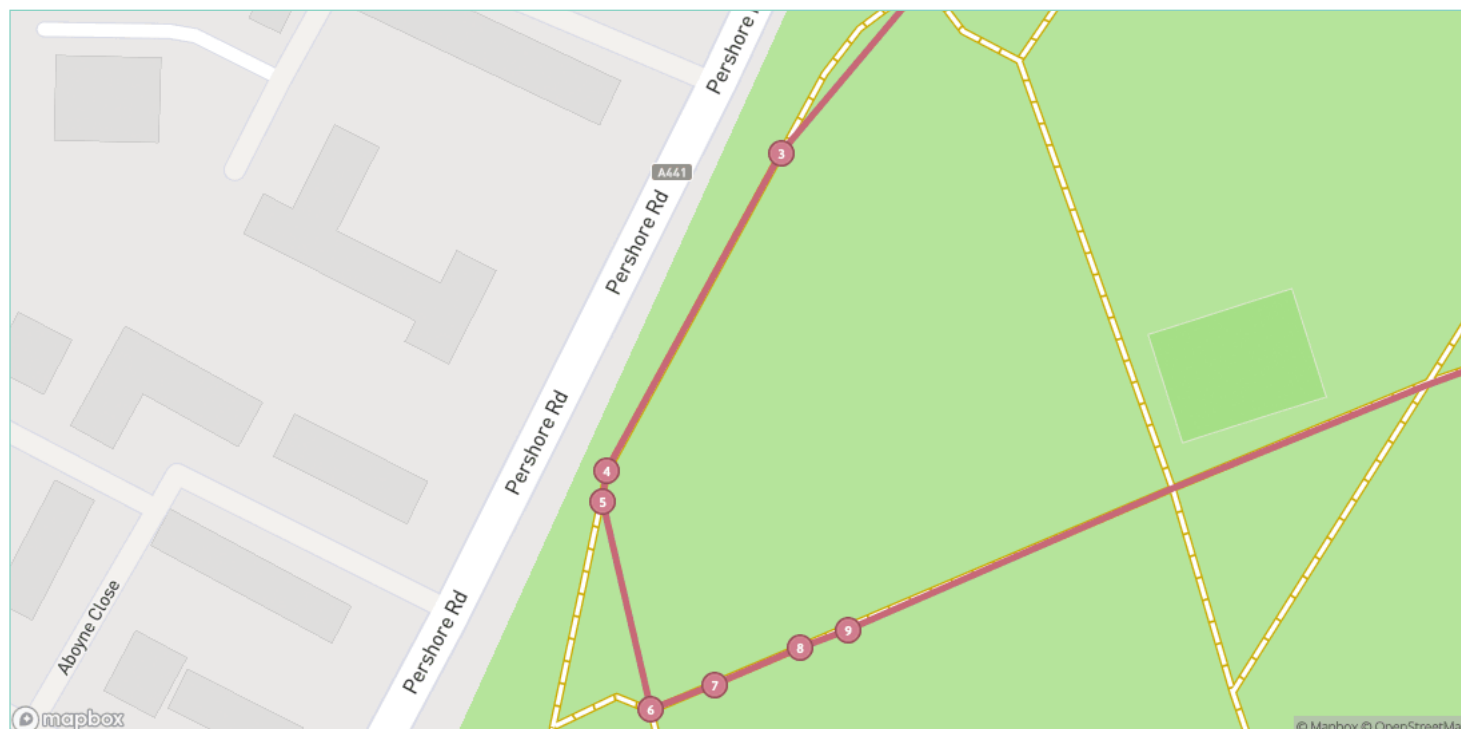
The route provided is step free and can be completed on pavements and park pathways, but you may wish to walk over grass to see the trees up close. The route will cross several roads, including one main road, so please use the pedestrian crossings indicated throughout the route. The route is not circular, so make sure you allow enough time to return to your starting point or walk to your onward transport. Although we have suggested the month when the blossom is most likely to be seen, weather conditions in the preceding months will affect when they flower, so we cannot guarantee you will see it when we have suggested.

### Blossoming Balsall Heath Project



Cherry trees in Calthorpe Park. Source: the National Trust.

As part of the National Trust's Blossoming Balsall Heath project, over 300 blossom trees were gifted to residents, schools, parks, and local organisations within Balsall Heath. Seventy-nine of these trees have now been planted in publicly accessible places such as parks and outside public buildings. To celebrate this new 'Blossom Neighbourhood', the National Trust have devised an hour-long walk which will take you past some



of the best places to spot blossom, which includes a mixture of large established trees and some of the community's new blossom orchards.

#### Learn more

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/our-cause/nature-climate/nature-conservation/how-were-bringing-blossom-back>

**Step 3:** To the left of the path discover a mixture of recently planted trees which bloom with white and pink blossom in spring. 🌸

**Step 4:** Continue along the avenue with Pershore Road on the right.


**Step 5:** When the cherry blossom is in bloom you'll be treated to a wonderful pink canopy.

**Step 6:** Turn left at the path roundabout. Then take the first left onto the path lined with trees that heads diagonally through the park.

**Step 7:** You'll spot small oak trees on both sides mixed with other trees. The catkins on oak are a valuable source of pollen to early pollinators.

**Step 8:** Depending on the season, this is a great spot for a game of nature bowling or acorn target toss.



**Step 9:** Look around for acorns and gather them up! Read more below to get started 

### Nature Bowling

Nature Bowling is a fun game you can play outside! First, find some pinecones, conkers, acorns or stones to use as bowling balls. Then, this one is optional but you can set up “pins” using sticks or do it like the French and use a stone or conker like you would in Petanque or Bowls. Take turns rolling the pinecones, conkers or acorns and see how many pins you can knock over or how close you can get to marker stone. Feel free to make up your own rules, keep score, or just play for fun!

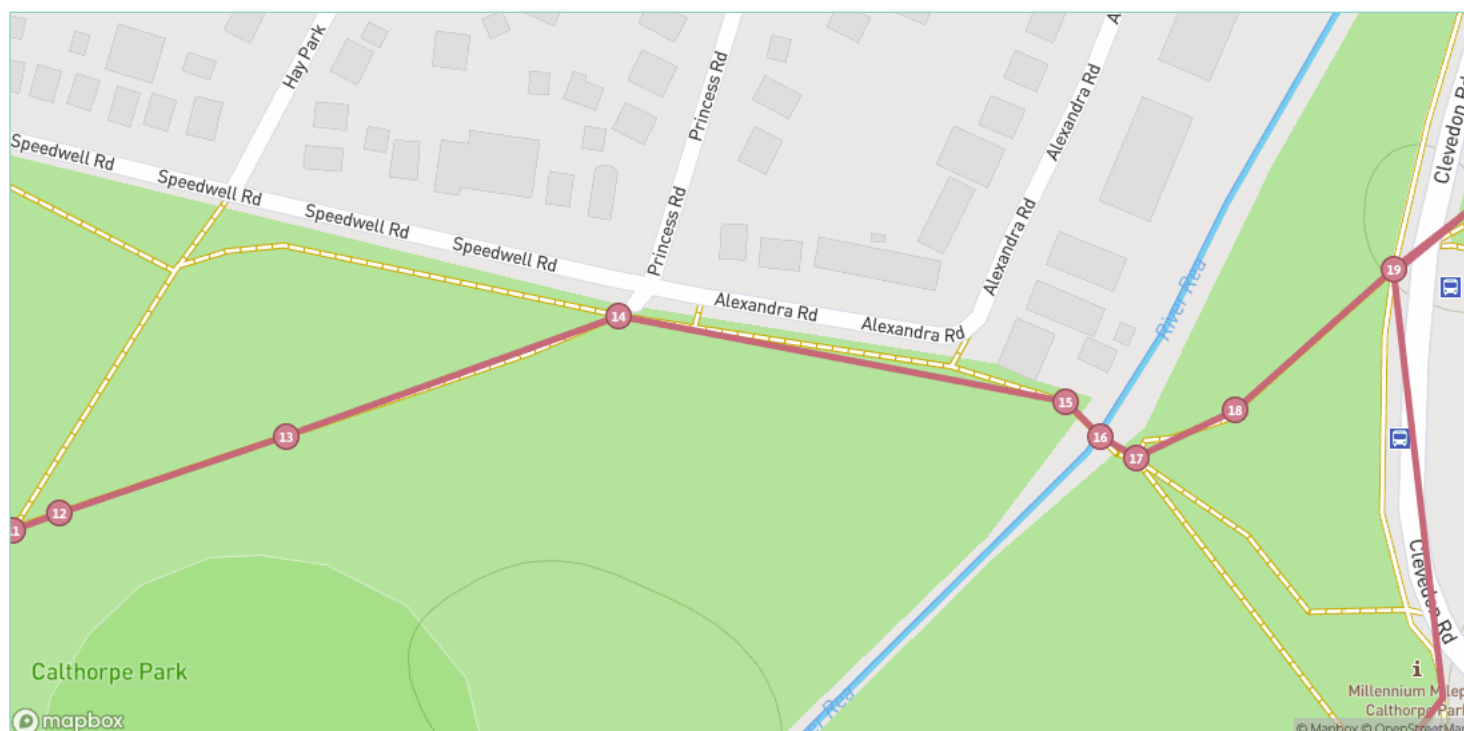
### Acorn Target Toss

This game is all about aim and fun! Collect some acorns (or pinecones, conkers or stones if there aren't any around) and choose a target such as a tree stump, a big stone, a chalk circle, or even just a spot on the ground. Take turns tossing the acorns and see who gets closest. It's a really simple game, but it makes being outdoors extra playful and keeps the little ones entertained. Top tip, sit on a nearby bench and use it as your base to throw

from. That way you get to have a little rest before you continue your journey.

**Step 10:** At the path junction, continue straight ahead, keeping the playing court to your left.

**Step 11:** At the cross paths continue ahead along the same path.



**Step 12:** To the left is a good area for a game of hide and seek in the trees and bushes. Find out more below. 🖱️

### Hide and Seek in Nature

Hide and seek gets even better outdoors - especially if you're in an enclosed garden or park! Trees, bushes, and big rocks all make brilliant hiding spots. Set the rules for the kids (like staying in a certain area) and take turns hiding and seeking, and see who can find the sneakiest place. Playing in nature makes you notice your surroundings in a whole new way and gives you plenty of chances to run, laugh, and explore. You'll truly be immersed in nature by playing hide and seek right amongst the trees.

**Step 13:** After your game, continue ahead on the same path. Have you spotted more of the newly planted trees on the left of this path? 🌳

**Step 14:** At the end of the path turn right onto the path that hugs the perimeter of the park.

**Step 15:** Head over the bridge.

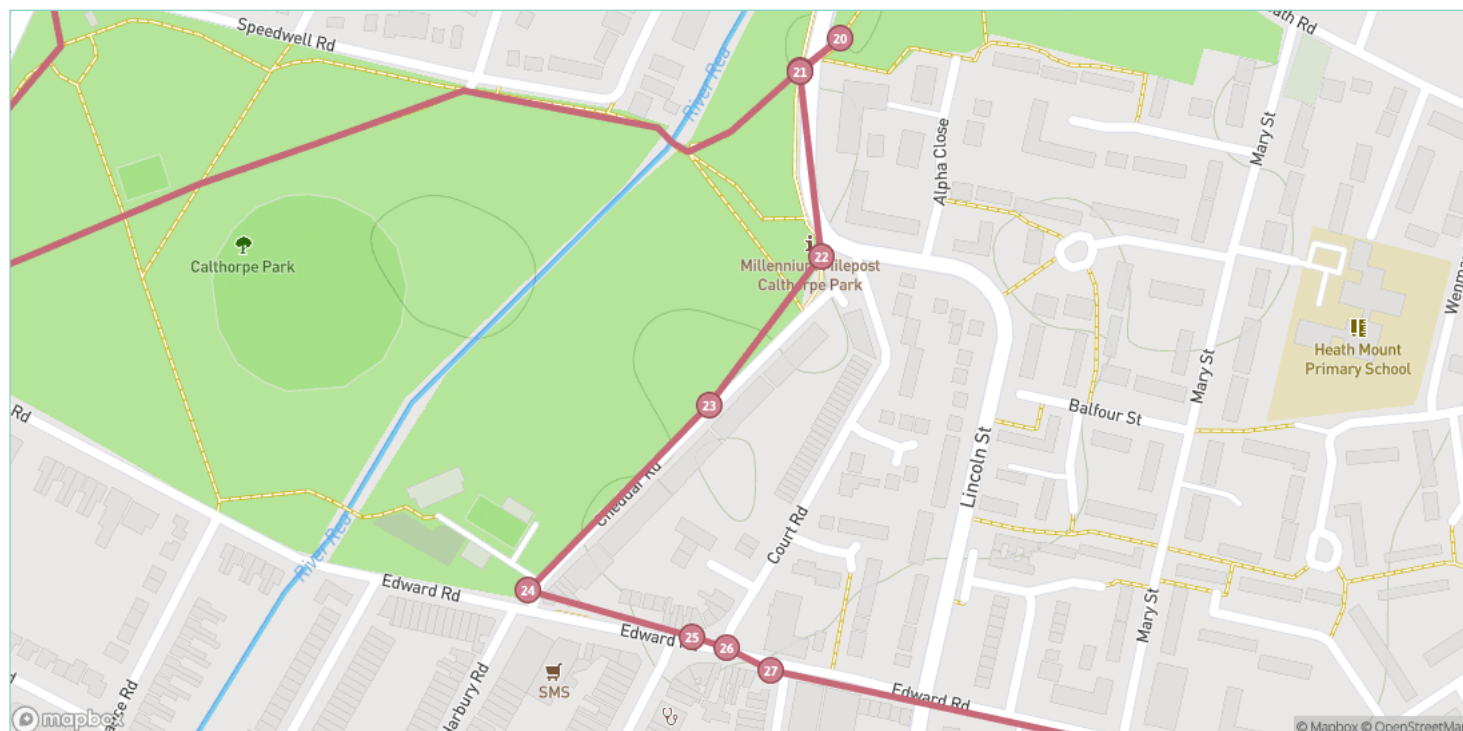
**Step 16:** Pass over the River Rea. It's a great place to stop and tune into the sights and sounds of nature.

**Step 17:** On the other side of the river, take the path on the left hand side.

**Step 18:** To the left there is a new orchard which offers a variety of beautiful blossom trees to observe, such as cherry, pear and apple. 🍏

**Step 19:** At the end of the path, carefully cross over the cycle path and Clevedon Road.





**Step 20:** In the park on the other side of the road there are even more blossom trees that have recently been planted. Learn more below 🖱️

### Reaside Forest Garden



Blossom in Reaside Forest Garden. Source: the National Trust.

This newly planted orchard offers a variety of blossom trees to observe, such as cherry, pear and apple. Wander across Clevedon Road to explore even more blossom trees if you have time! Blossoms throughout April and May.

**Step 21:** Carefully retrace your steps over the road. Turn left and continue along the pavement between the bike lane and road.

**Step 22:** As the road bends left, follow the path to the right and walk along Cheddar Road.

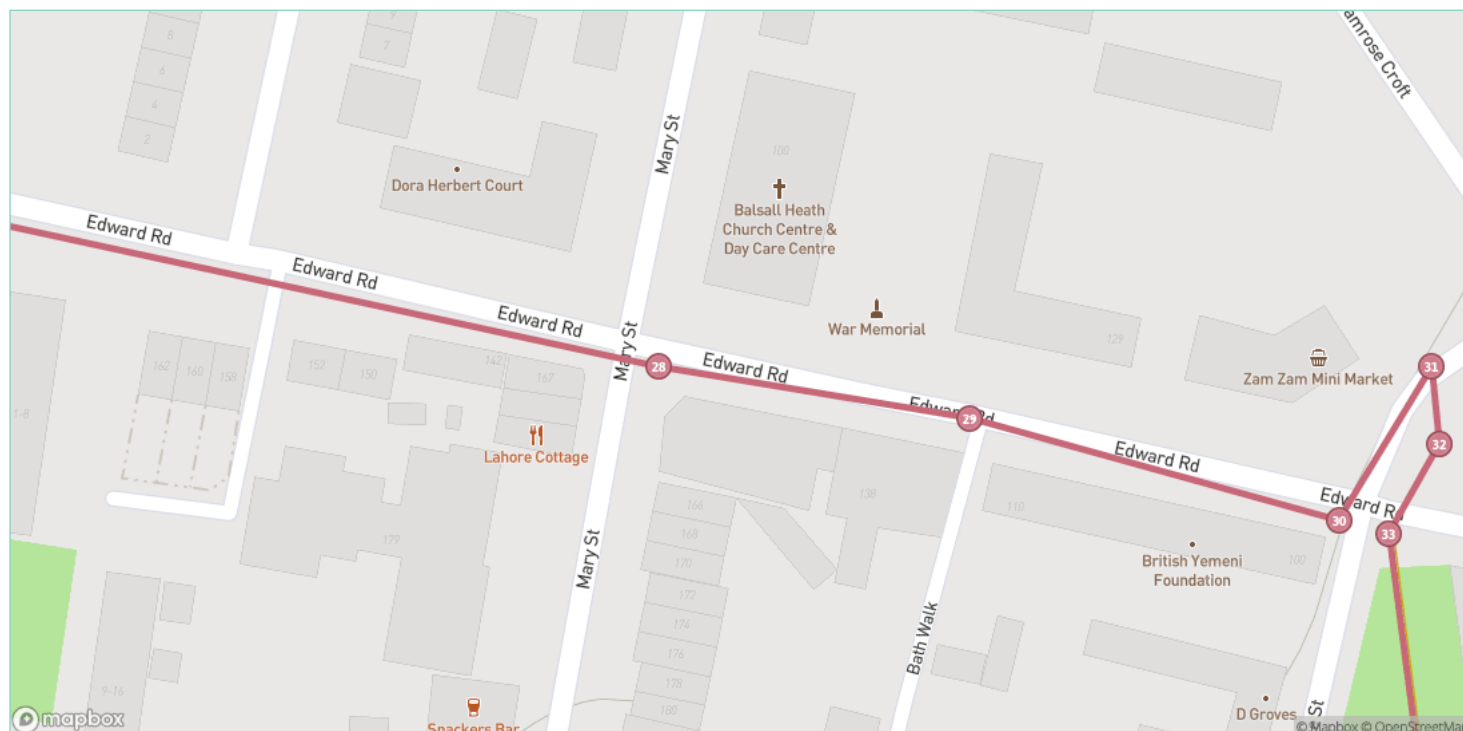
**Step 23:** Carry on along Cheddar Road. On the right look out for mature cherry trees. 🚲

**Step 24:** At the end of Cheddar Road, cross over on the left and head up Edward Road.

**Step 25:** Cross over at the zebra crossing on the right.

**Step 26:** Look for wonderful cherry blossom at this junction in spring! 🌸 🚲

**Step 27:** Then continue left along Edward Road on the opposite side. Take care when crossing the side roads.



**Step 28:** Keep heading up Edward Road. There are a few shops and cafes along here if you need to grab refreshments.

**Step 29:** Look out for beautiful pink blossom on the opposite side in springtime. 🌸 🌸

**Step 30:** Stop at the corner of George Street.

**Step 31:** On the left, on the opposite side of Edward Road, there is a small green space with mature trees on Vincent Street. Read more below



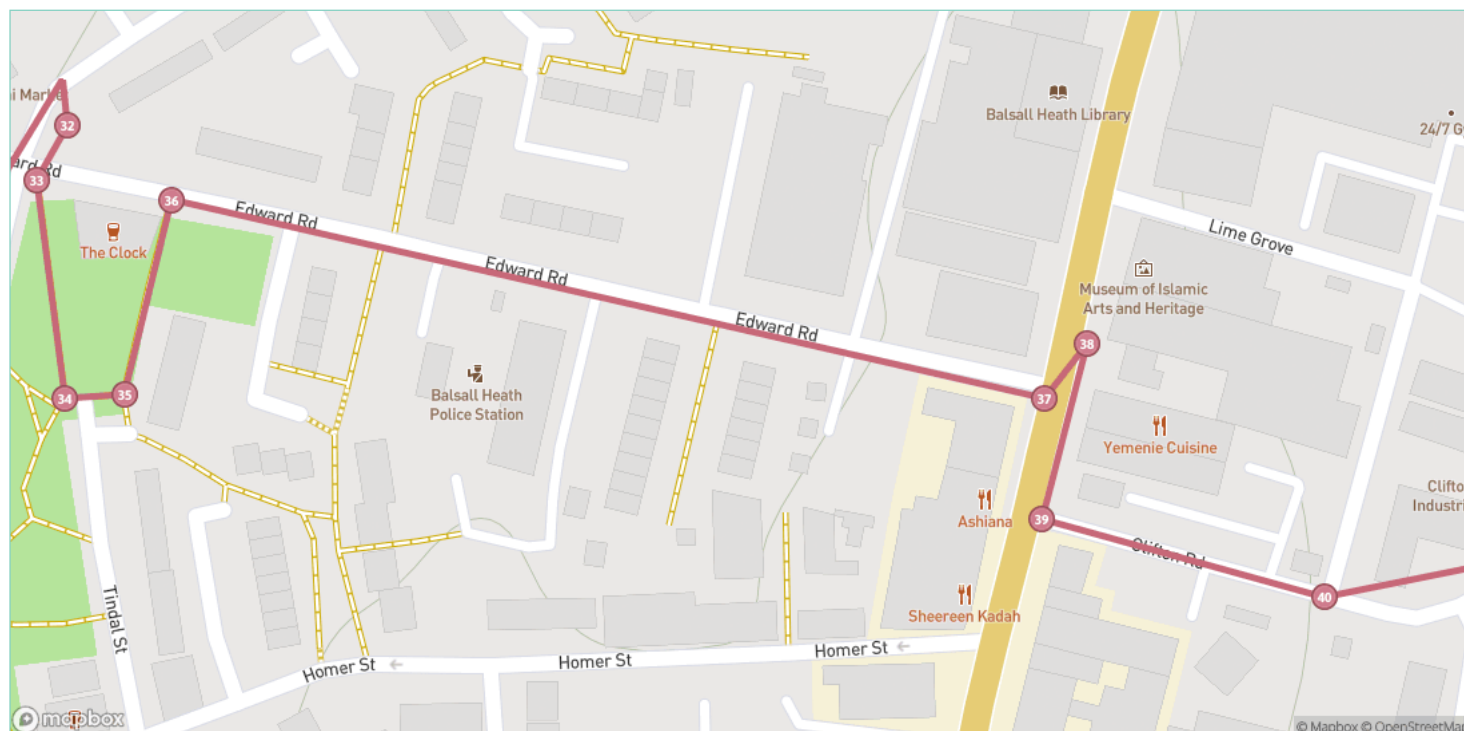
### Edward Road



Blossom on Vincent Street. Source: the National Trust.

There are a lot of blossom trees on Edward Road, but our favourites are the more established trees found between Balsall Heath Church and Vincent Street. Blossoms mid-April to May.

**Step 32:** Opposite the small green space there are mature trees beside the road. Go check them out if you'd like!



**Step 33:** Back on the George Street side, cross the road and bear right to head into the small park.

**Step 34:** You'll soon see more newly planted trees in the southern part of the park.

**Step 35:** Head left and along this paved path to exit the small park back into Edward Road.

**Step 36:** Turn right and continue on Edward Road. Look out for blossom trees along the street as you go. 🌸

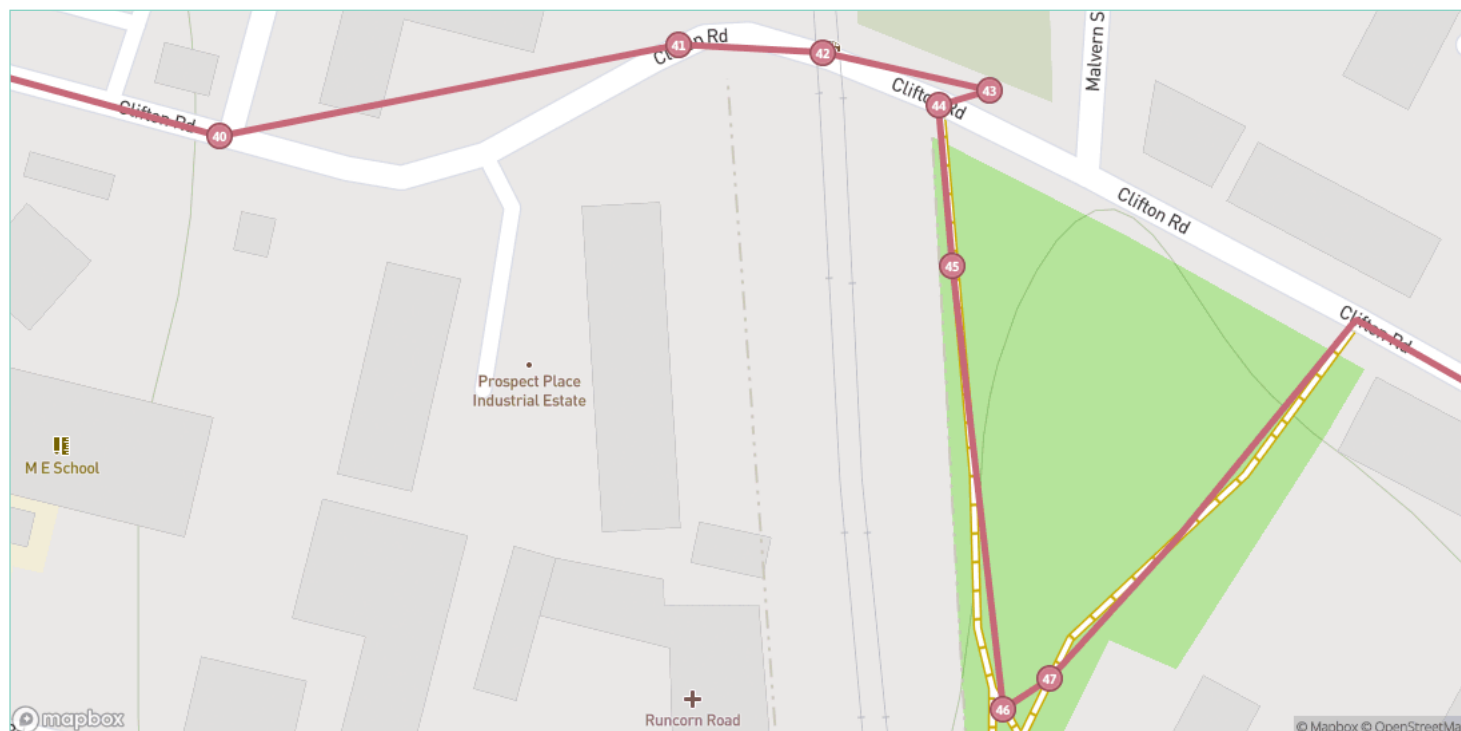
**Step 37:** At the end of Edward Road, cross over Alcester Road at the crossing.

**Step 38:** Briefly head left along Alcester Road to The Old Print Works. Notice the blossom trees planted in a cute little street garden.

**Step 39:** Turn around and head back past the crossing and take the first left onto Clifton Road.

**Step 40:** Carefully cross the side road, in this industrial area.





**Step 41:** Around the corner head under the railway bridge.

**Step 42:** The pavement is very narrow under the bridge so for step free access you will need to use the drop kerb that gives access via the road.

**Step 43:** Once under the bridge, look for Balsall Heath City Farm on the left where you can find more blossom. Drop in if they're open!

**Step 44:** Over Clifton Road on the right is the small but lovely Seven Streets Park. Cross the road to enter.

**Step 45:** Stick to the tarmac path on the right hand side and walk until you get to a path junction. Learn more about the blossom here below. [👉](#)

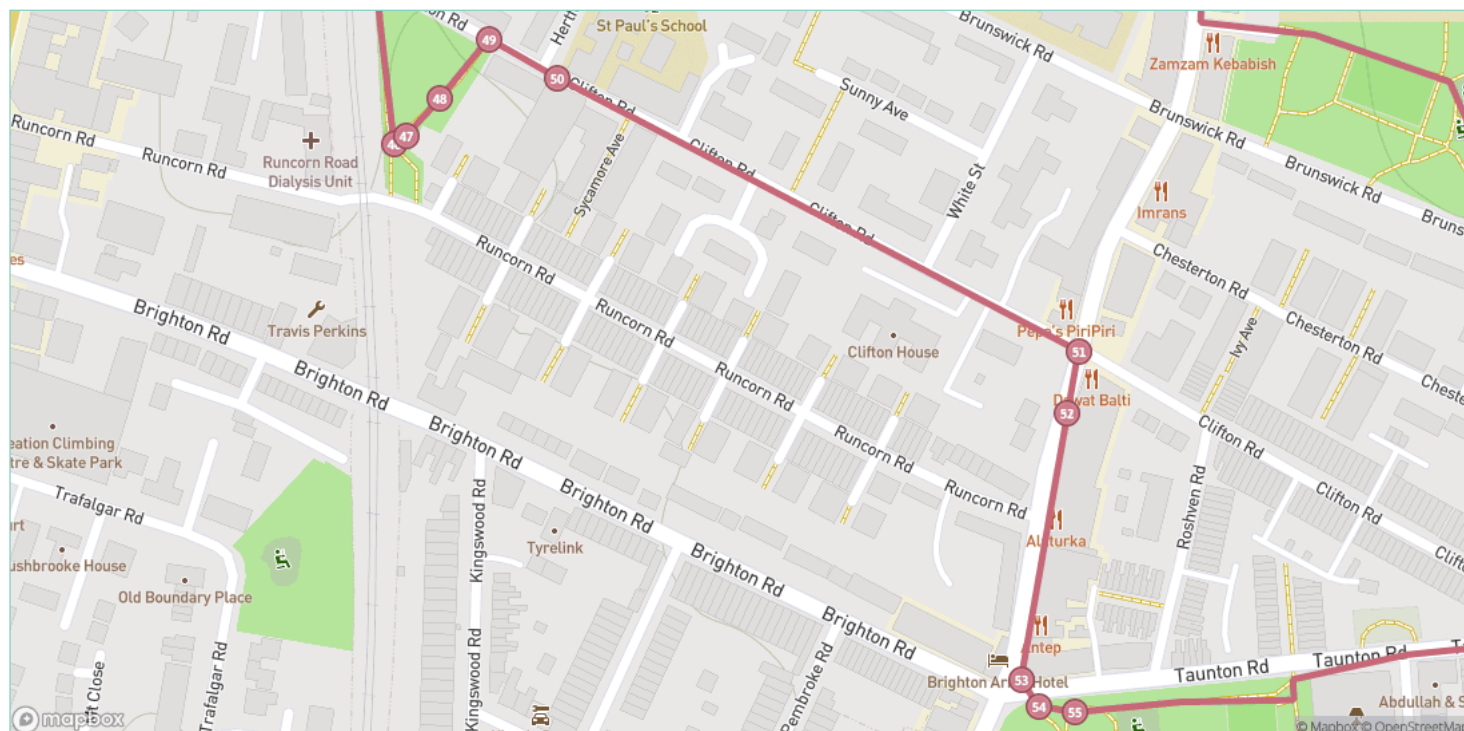
### Seven Streets Park

You can see twelve of the project's newly planted blossom trees at this site which features cherry, plum and pear trees. Blossoms throughout March to May.

**Step 46:** Here you'll find this lovely seating area, a great place to sit and play some nature charades or storytelling. Learn more below. [👉](#)

### Nature Charades

Get ready to throw some shapes! Take turns and act out animals, trees, or even weather patterns while others try to guess what you're mimicking. Sounds fun? You bet! You can be a squirrel hopping around, a tree swaying in the wind, or even a thunderstorm rumbling. The more creative, the better! It's a great way to bring nature to life and get moving. Ready to give it a go? Who's first?



**Step 47:** Also take a look at the nature icons engraved into the wooden columns. How many can you recognise?

**Step 48:** Head left along the path back towards the road. You'll pass 12 newly planted blossom trees, including cherry, plum and pear. 🌳

**Step 49:** After exiting the park, turn right and continue on Clifton Road.

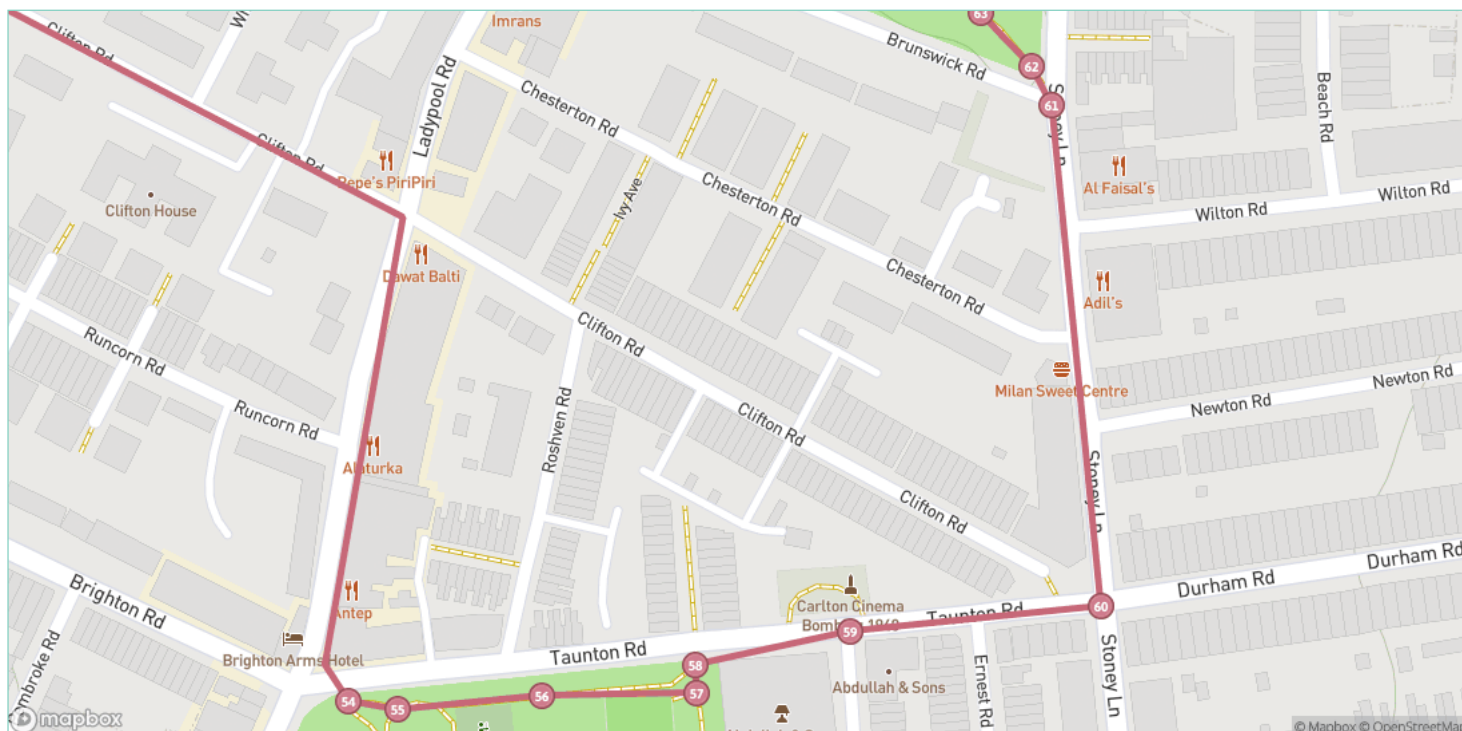
**Step 50:** Look out for the old building next to the school to see how nature is recolonising this space! 🍯 Ivy is a great source of nectar in autumn.


**Step 51:** Turn right onto Ladypool Road and carefully cross onto the opposite side.

**Step 52:** Continue along Ladypool Road on the left hand side of the road.

**Step 53:** At the junction with Taunton Road, cross over at the lights to access our next park.

**Step 54:** Head into Balsall Heath Park on the tarmac path.



**Step 55:** Observe cherry blossom trees planted in and around the circular pathway. Read more below 

### Balsall Heath Park



Cherry blossom in Balsall Heath Park. Source: the National Trust.


Blossom can be found elsewhere in the park on mature trees. These usually bloom from March to April.

**Step 56:** Head left along the tarmac path on the left hand side of the park.

**Step 57:** Other more mature blossom trees can also be found elsewhere in the park.

**Step 58:** Exit at the far end of the park.

**Step 59:** Turn right and continue along Taunton Road.

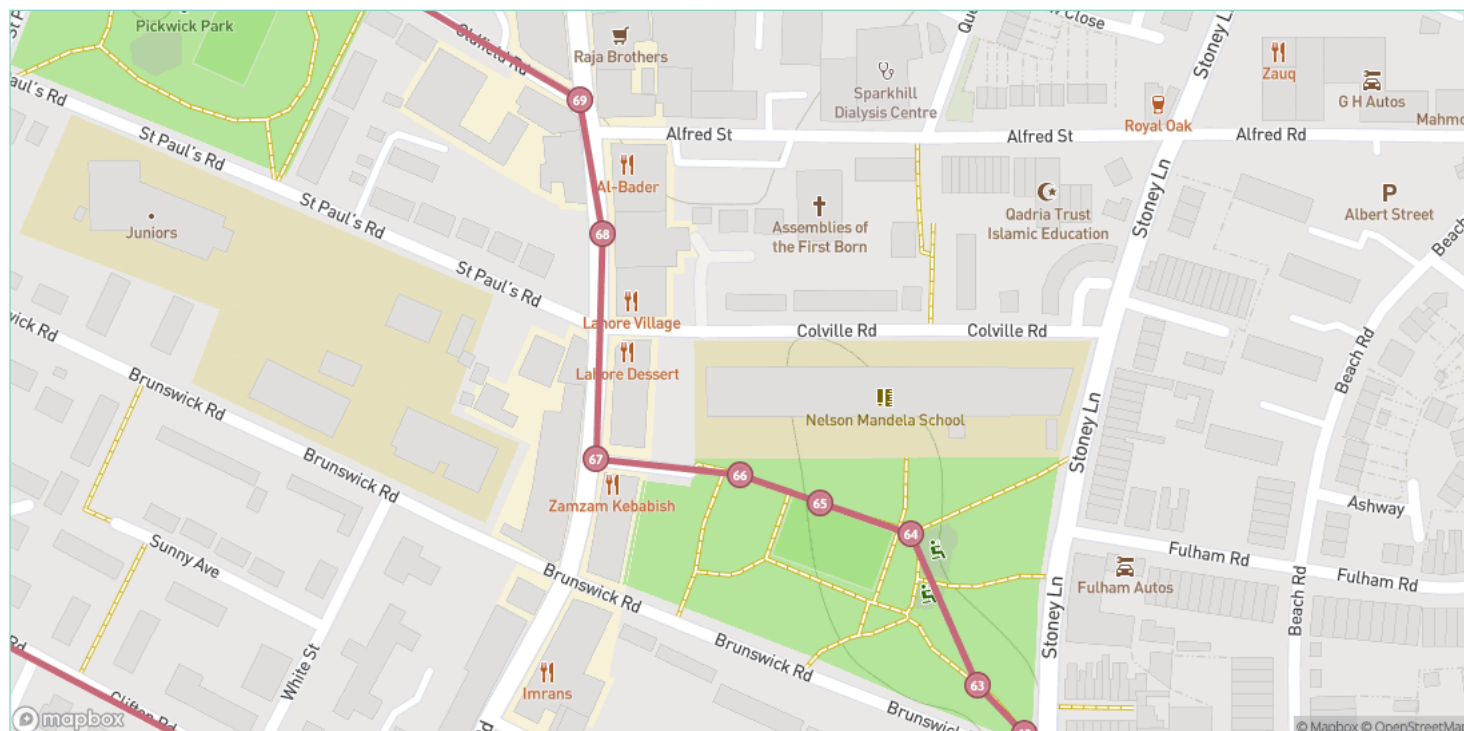
**Step 60:** At the end of Taunton Road, turn left at the lights and then continue ahead along Stoney Lane. Learn more about the tree opposite below 

### Robinia Tree

Robinia is a deciduous tree which is native to North America. It has clusters (known as racemes) of yellow and white flowers in June.

**Step 61:** Further along Stoney Lane, cross over Brunwick Road to enter our next park.

**Step 62:** Enter Spark Green Park through the ornate archway.



**Step 63:** This park has a mixture of blossom trees. Discover more below 

### Spark Green Park



Blossom by the entrance to Spark Green Park. Source: the National Trust.

This site is a mixture of mature blossom trees and newly planted trees, ranging from ornamental cherries to apple and pear trees. Can you spot the newly planted fruit orchard and blossom trees adjourning each entrance? These usually blossom in April.

**Step 64:** Head right past the play areas. Then near the gates to the school turn left and continue along the path through the park.

**Step 65:** There is a sports area to the left with murals celebrating local sporting heroes.

**Step 66:** Continue ahead as the path leads you to the exit of the park.


**Step 67:** Turn right and head along Ladypool Road once again.

**Step 68:** Carefully cross over Ladypool Road at the crossing.

**Step 69:** Turn left on the opposite side and then head left onto Oldfield Road.





**Step 70:** Soon after, you'll meet Pickwick Park on the left, with an iconic pink cherry tree. Read on below 

### Pickwick Park



Cherry blossom in Pickwick Park. Source: the National Trust.

Take in the beauty of the iconic pink cherry tree that dominates the view from Oldfield Road. The perfect place to end the walk and enjoy a picnic! Blossoms in March.

**Step 71:** Enter the park and follow the path on the right. We hope you enjoyed getting to know the local trees.    

**Step 72:** This park is the perfect place to end the walk & enjoy a picnic if the weather is good! Read below for onward transport information.

### Onward Transport

Bus routes 2 and 3 go from the Brunswick Road stop on Stoney Lane. 8A and 8C Circle routes go from Highgate Road. St Pauls stop on Moseley Road is served by routes 50 and 50A.