Loop Around the River Leen

A lovely, nature-filled route around the River Leen. Lots of benches along the way and some historic points of interest.

Distance 2.1 kilometres / 1.3 miles
Duration 20 minutes

Wheel friendly | Water feature | Public transport | Picnic spot | Dog friendly | Child friendly

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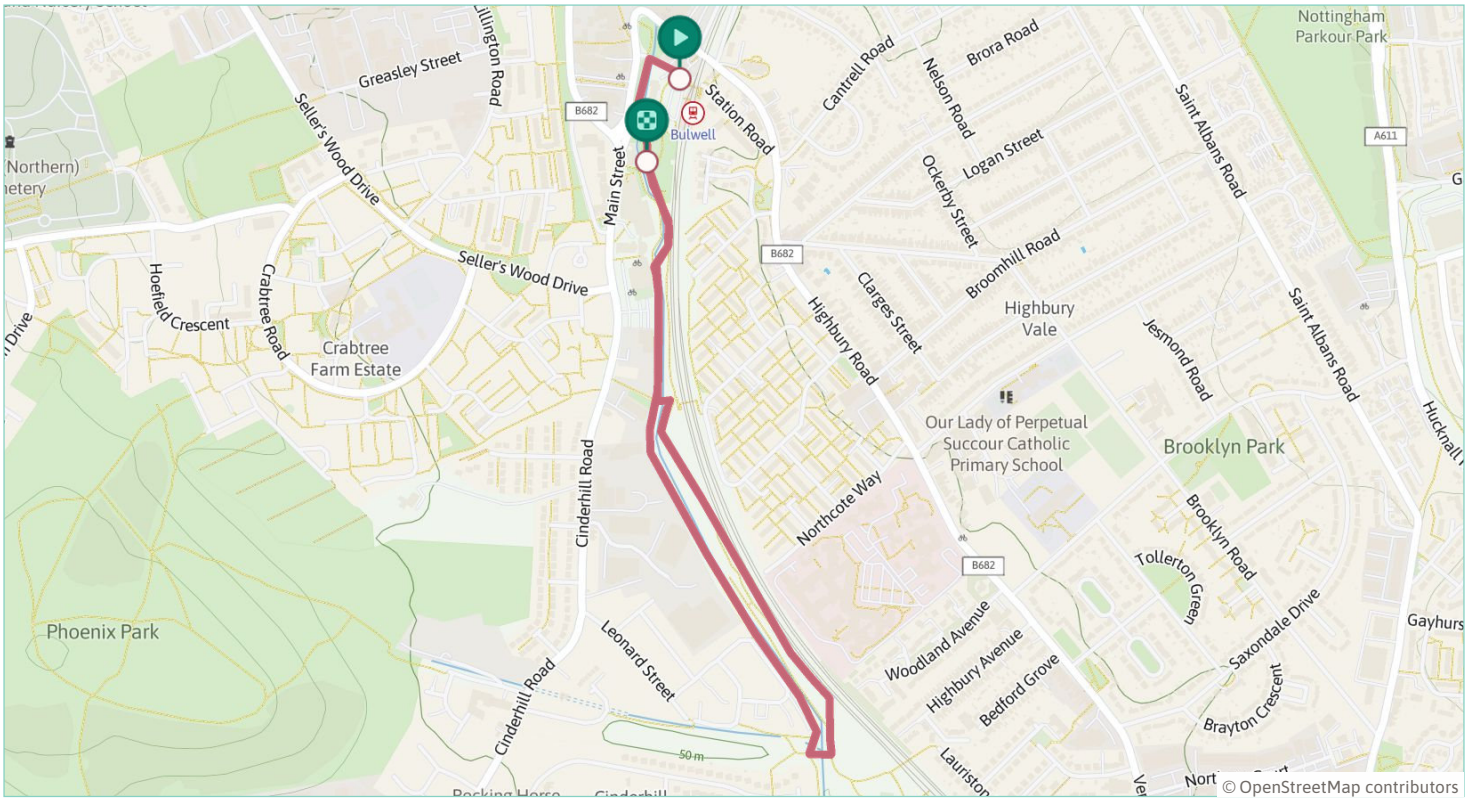

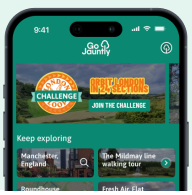

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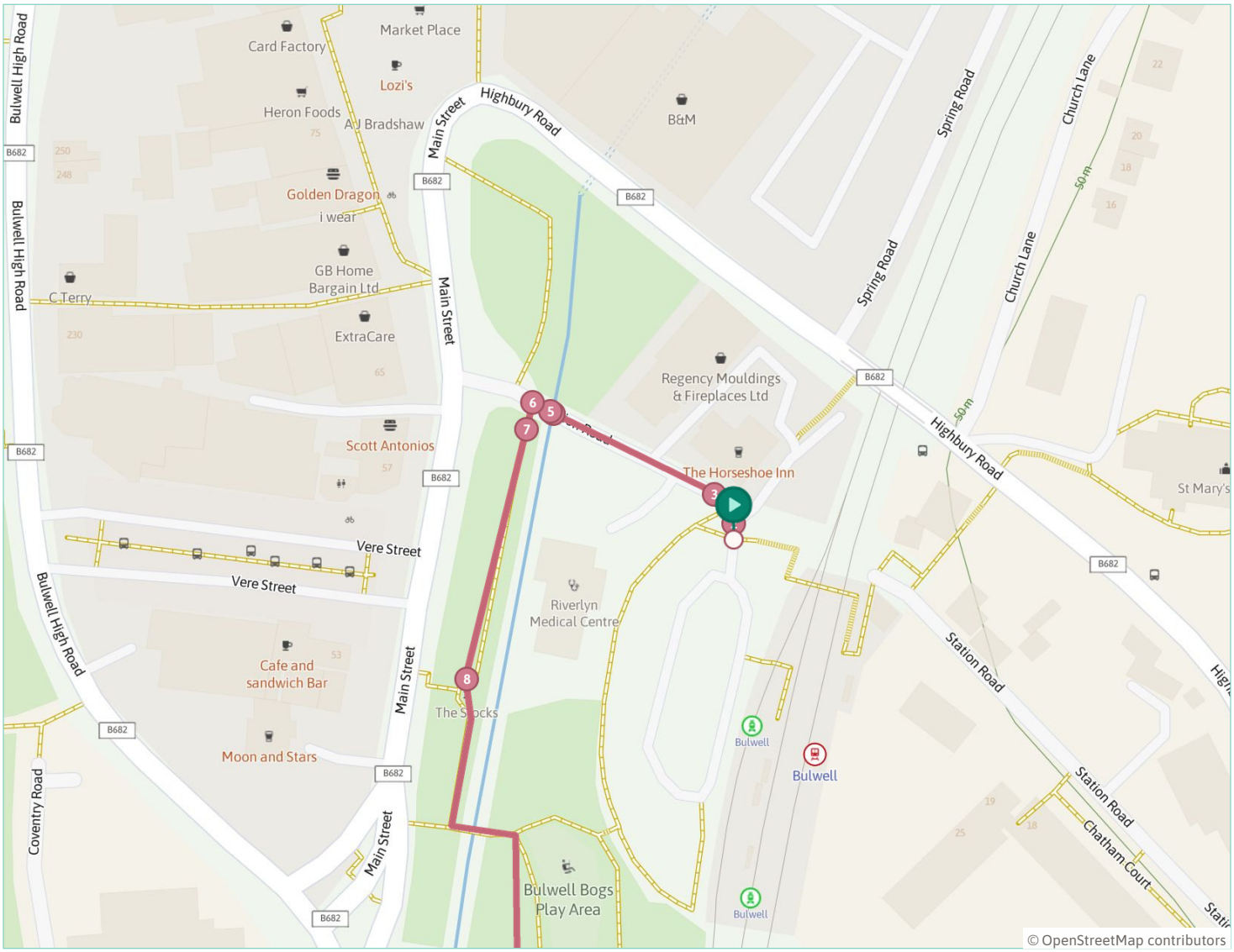

Step 1: This walk begins at Bulwell Railway Station and takes you on a lovely loop following the River Leen.

Step 2: Trains run to and from Worksop, Mansfield, Sutton Parkway and Nottingham. Bulwell bus station is also nearby.

Step 3: Pass the Horseshoe Inn on the right as you make your way up Station Road.

Step 4: Pass over the River Leen. This is the first of many views of the river on this jaunt today.

Step 5: The River Leen has always been an important source of water and power for the area.

Step 6: Once on the other side of the river, turn left onto the footpath running parallel with Main Street and the Leen.

Step 7: Behind to the left is The Stone Bridge you just crossed. It was built in 1833 and then restored in 1979.

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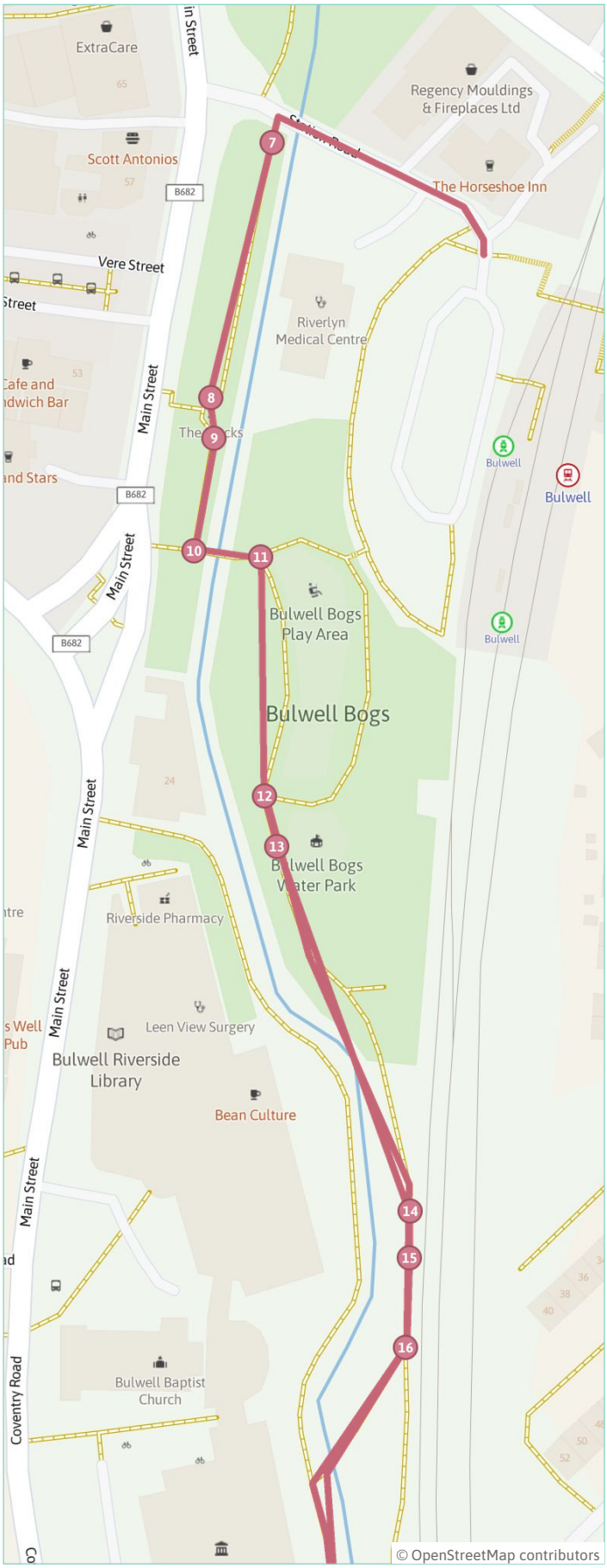
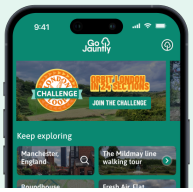


Step 8: On the left you'll find the stocks. In 1911 it was recorded that the stocks stood here rather than the market place as once thought.

Step 9: Continue along the path. There are lots of benches along here so it's a great place to sit and watch the water and ducks go by.

Step 10: Turn left to pass over the river using the metal footbridge.

Step 11: Bulwell Bogs Play Area is ahead of you. If you're walking with kids why not stop here before or after the walk today?



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Step 12: Turn right to keep the playpark to the left. Continue following the tarmac riverside path - the water will now be on your right.

Step 13: Little pockets of white spring up along the rivers edge in summer. This is cow parsley. What does it look like when you visit?

Step 14: Keep going. Pass under the beautiful trees, with a tall metal fence on the left.

Step 15: On the right of the river is Bulwell Riverside and Bulwell Library. Look out for a footbridge coming up on the right.

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Step 16: Now turn left to cross over the River Leen using the footbridge. Take note of nature as you go.

Step 17: During summer the brambles on your left will be bursting with blackberries. Perfect food for the birds and for you.

Step 18: Continue straight along the path by the low brick wall.

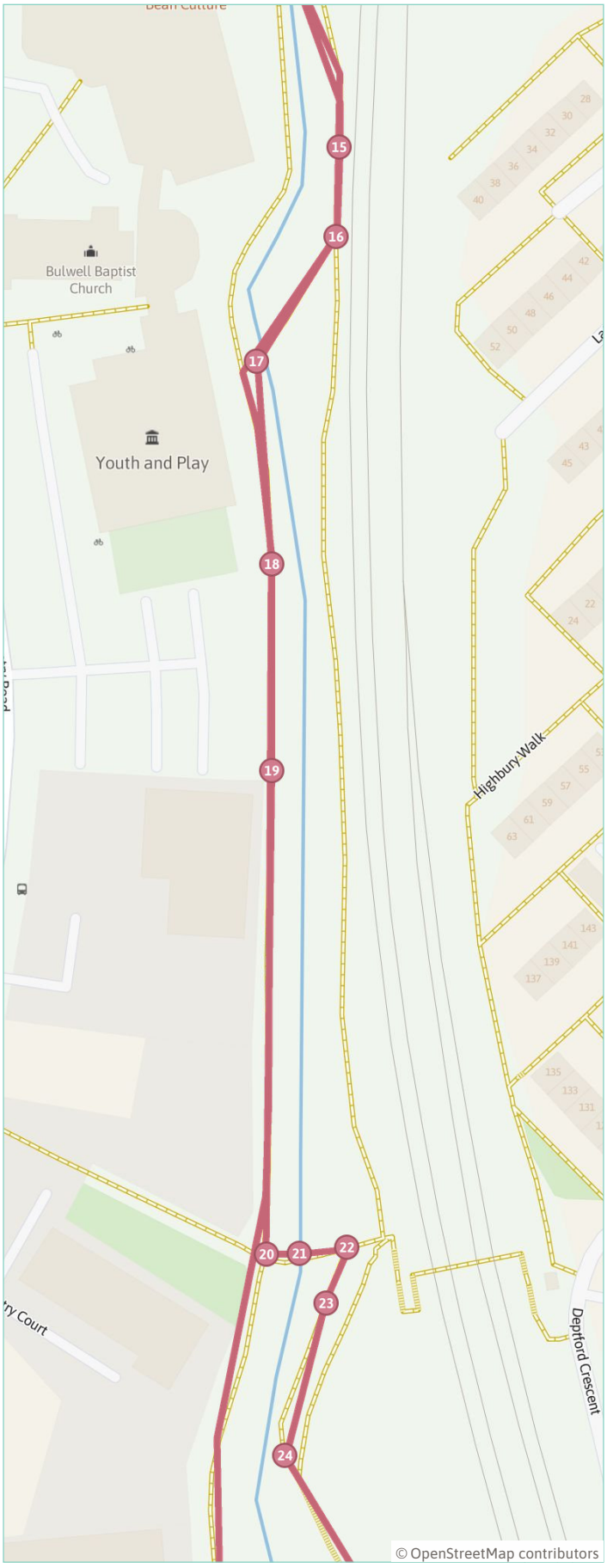
Step 19: Continue on along the river on the gravel path. What notice nature around you?

Step 20: Now turn left and cross the river using the bridge.

Step 21: As we made our way across lots of ducks came over to say hello.

Step 22: Once across the river, take the path on your right, past the lampost.

Step 23: Continue ahead keeping the river on your right. Pass a wooden bench perched on the river's edge.



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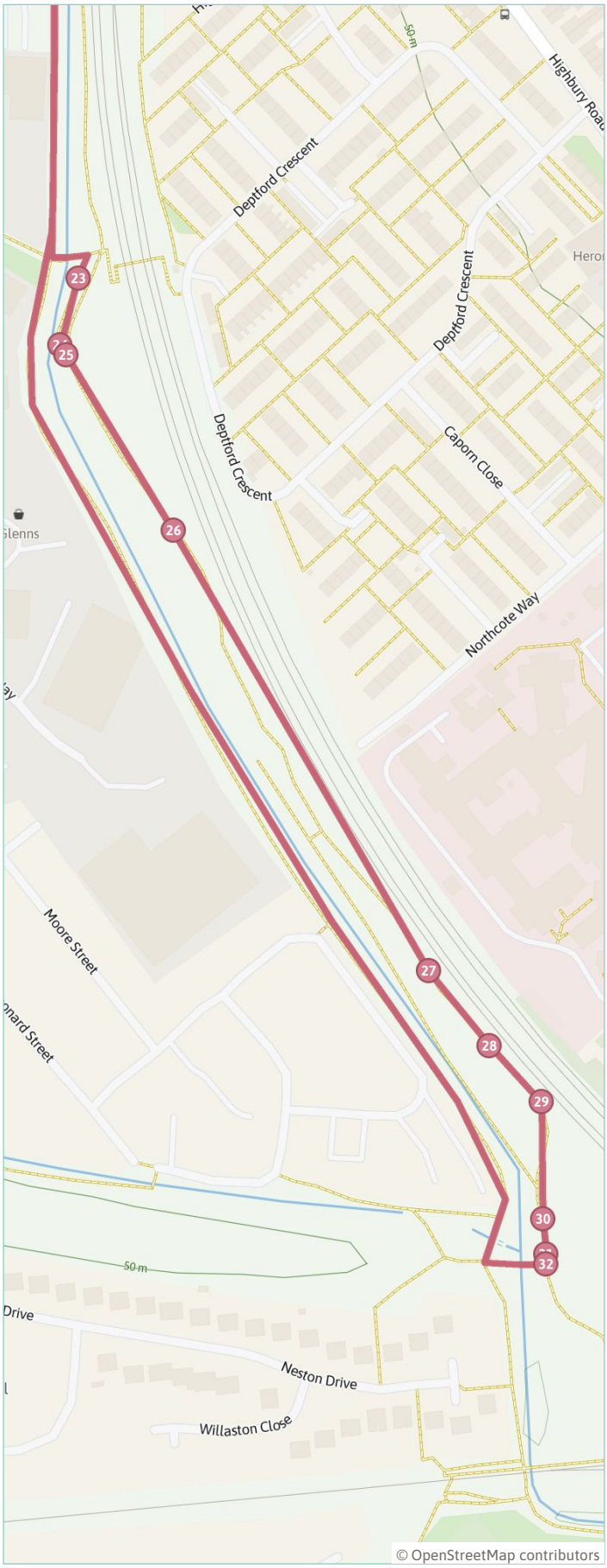

Step 24: The path bears to the left here. Soon you'll approach a set of stairs.

Step 25: There are stairs and a handrail on the left or a steep sloping path to the right you can use.

Step 26: Pears grow along this stretch of the river. Are you able to spot them?

Step 27: Have a look for luscious ferns in the undergrowth.

Step 28: We spotted some holly bushes along the way. What can you see?

Step 29: Bear slight right to follow the path through the trees. The railway tracks are on the left so please keep dogs on leads and kids in hand.

Step 30: There is a bench here. Do take a break if you need to, or just spend some time relaxing along the river before continuing on.

Step 31: There will be hawthorns along this section. During autumn they are covered in red berries. In the spring and summer flowers will appear.

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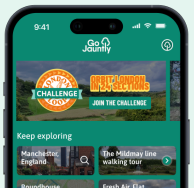
Step 32: Turn right and cross the River Leen using the blue metal footbridge.

Step 33: Enjoy the river views from here.

Step 34: As you exit the bridge turn right to join the path, there is a large stone here on your right.

Step 35: Along the water in summer are huge bindweed hedges. Take some time to admire the delicate white flowers.



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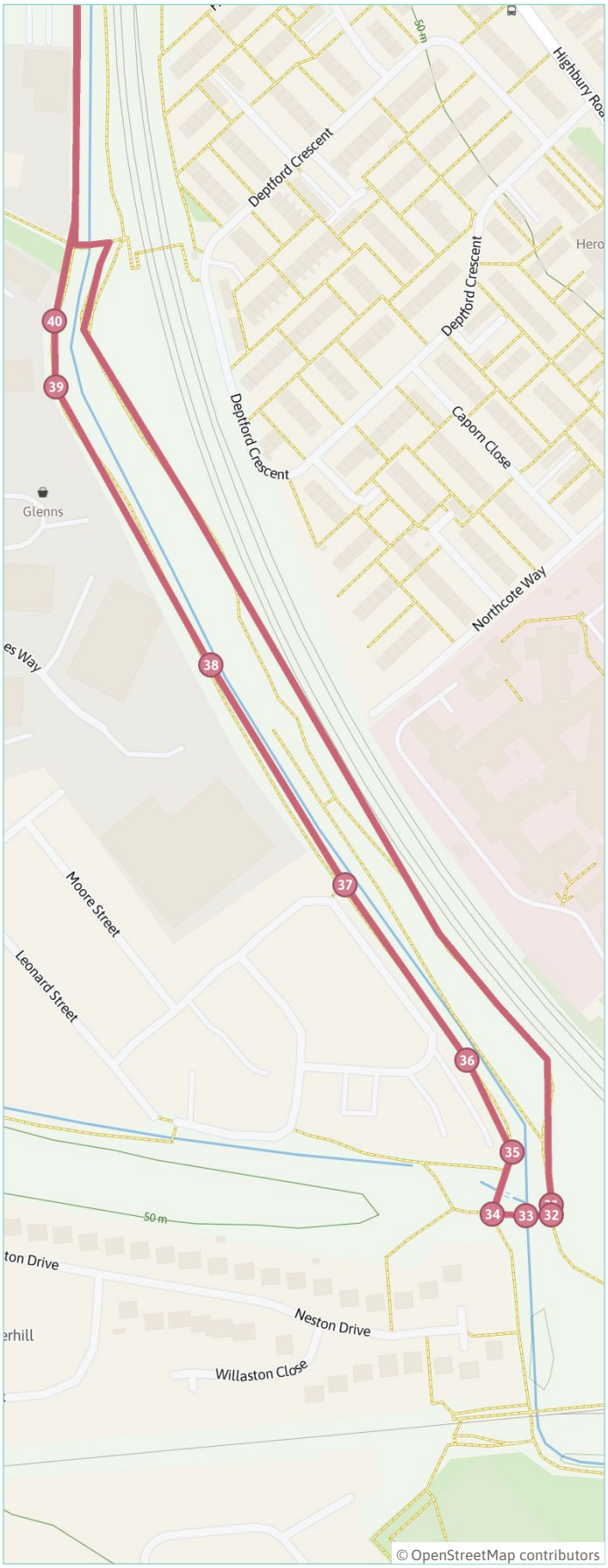
Step 36: If you look closely you'll see large fish in the River Leen. This makes it a great spot to watch for herons too.

Step 37: What other wildlife can you see or hear whilst wandering along the river?

Step 38: You may spot ducks paddling along the water. But remember not to feed them bread as it can make them unwell.

Step 39: Follow the river as it winds left and right. Depending on the season you may see cow parsley, dock leaves and stinging nettles along here.



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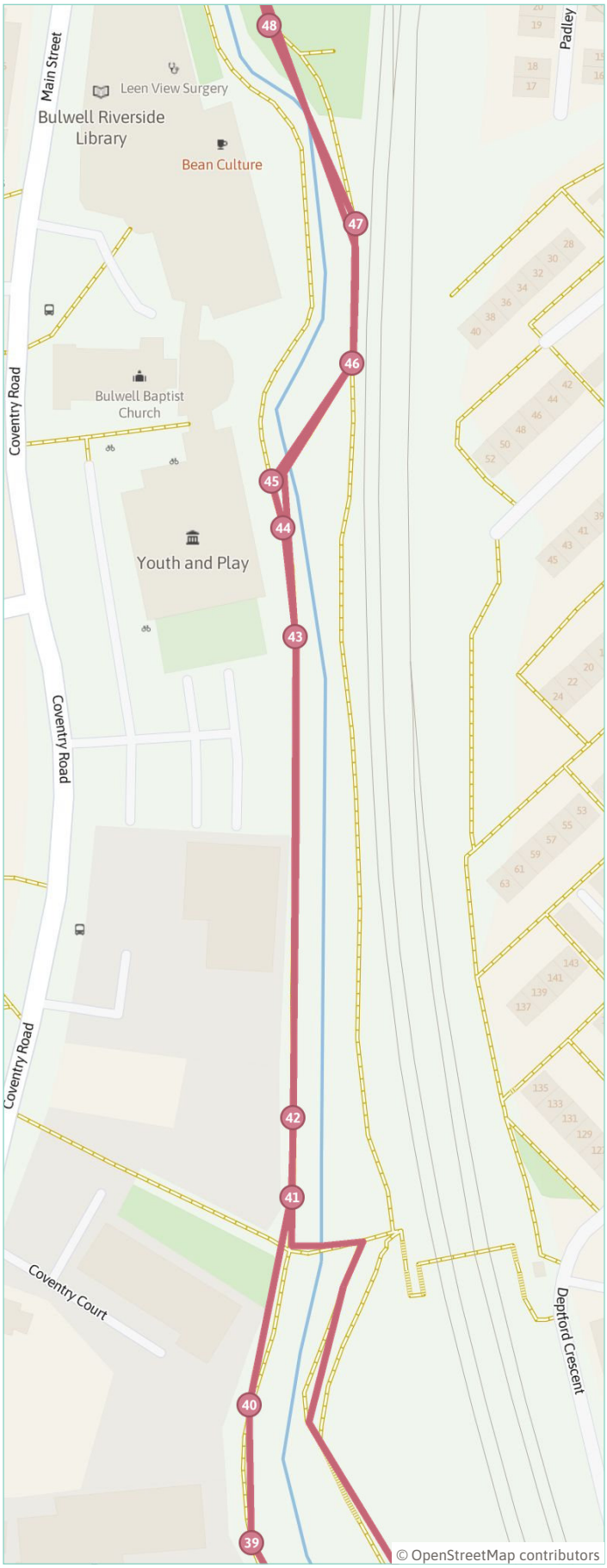

Step 40: Continue ahead. On your right will be the bridge you crossed earlier. Ignore it and continue straight on.

Step 41: You are now retracing your steps back along the River Leen towards Bulwell station.

Step 42: On the left you may notice Pyracantha. In autumn and winter this shrub is covered in red, yellow or orange berries. It flowers in spring.

Step 43: Pass the low brick wall and tree again, this time on the right.

Step 44: Continue on. The path is slightly uphill here but not for very long.

Step 45: Turn right and cross the river using the bridge.

Step 46: Turn left on the opposite bank.

Step 47: Keep the water to the left and the metal fence to the right.

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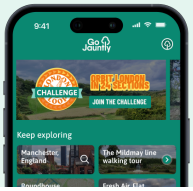
Step 48: Take the path to the left of Bulwell Bogs Water Park.



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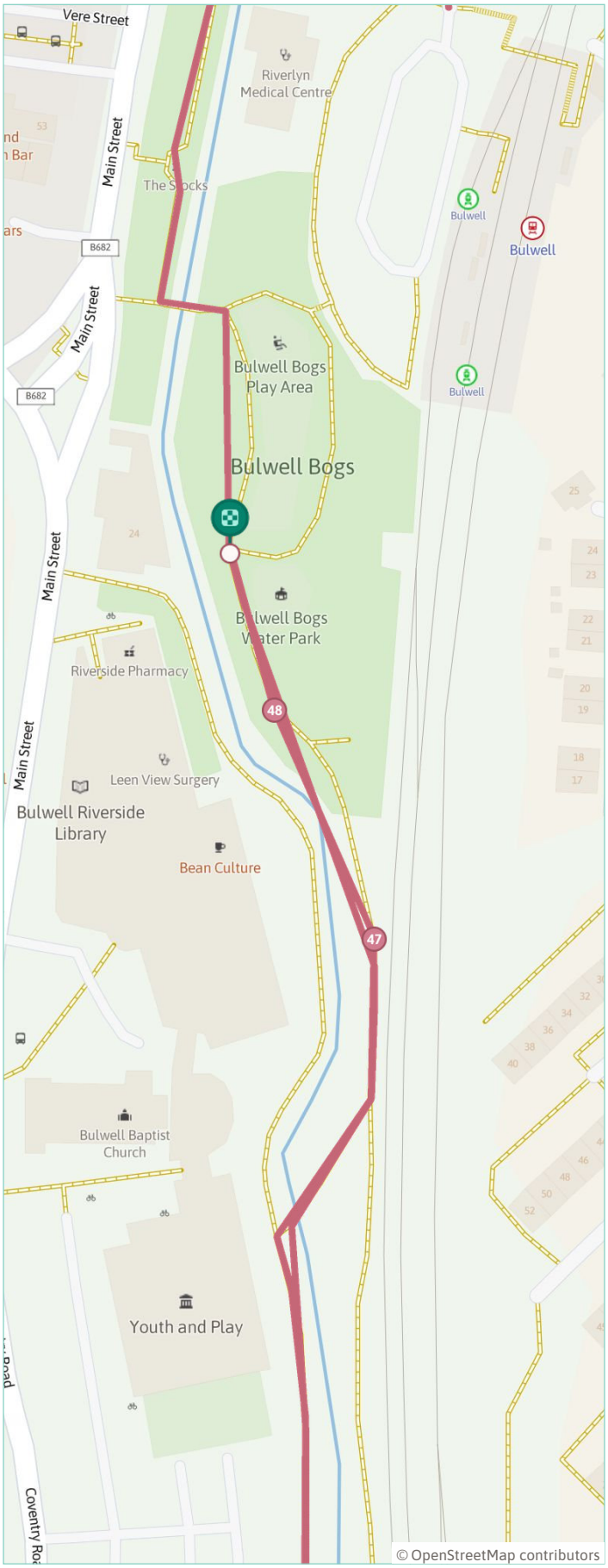
Step 49: You'll soon arrive at a lovely picnic spot by the park. Spend time here before heading to the station or try another Bulwell walk in-app 😀.



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