



Adventuring in Chessington

This challenging circuit round Chessington takes in a variety of green and open spaces, including woodland walks and countryside fields.

Distance 6.3 kilometers / 3.9 miles

Duration 2 hours and 30 minutes



Wildlife



Great views



Refreshments



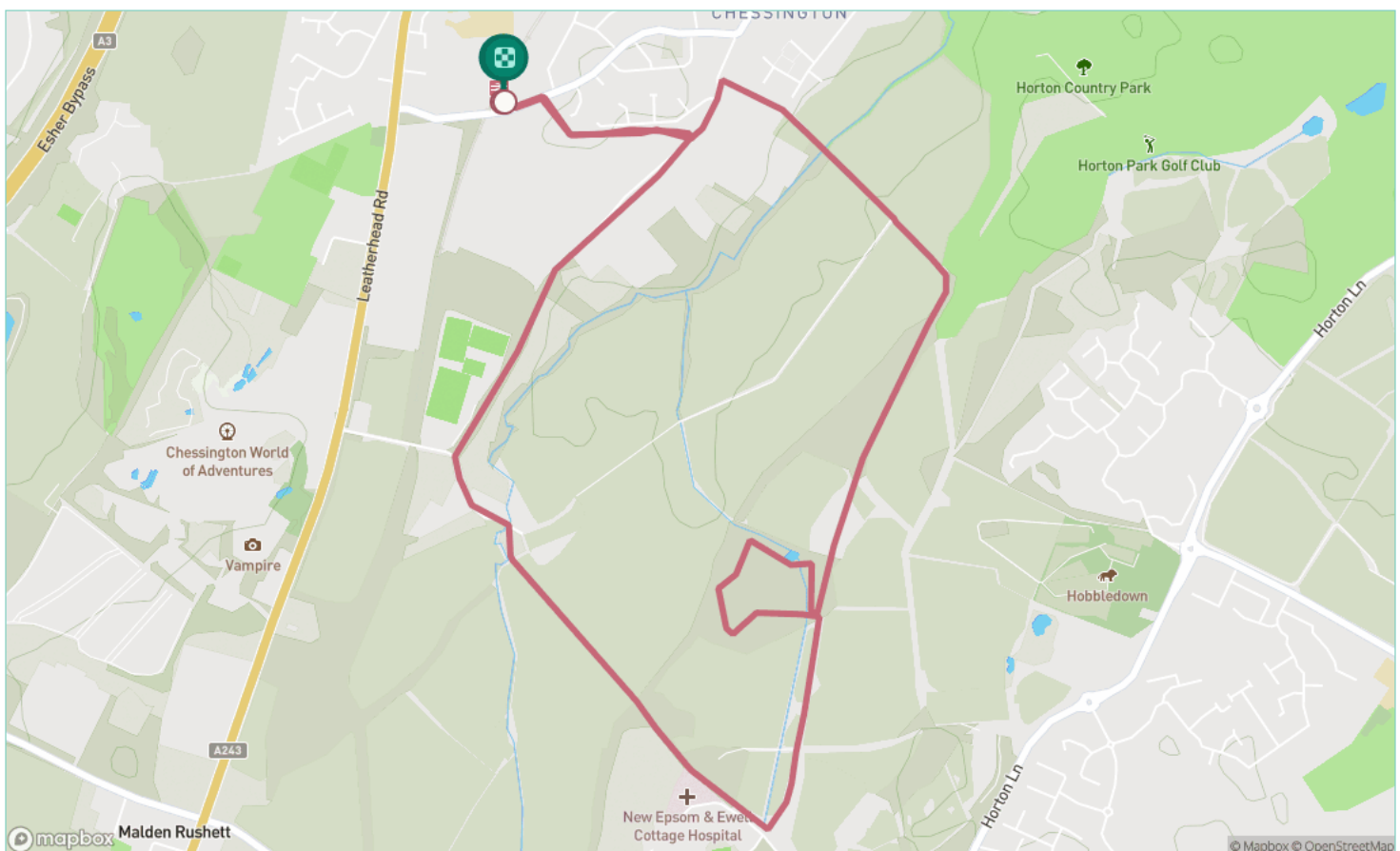
Public transport

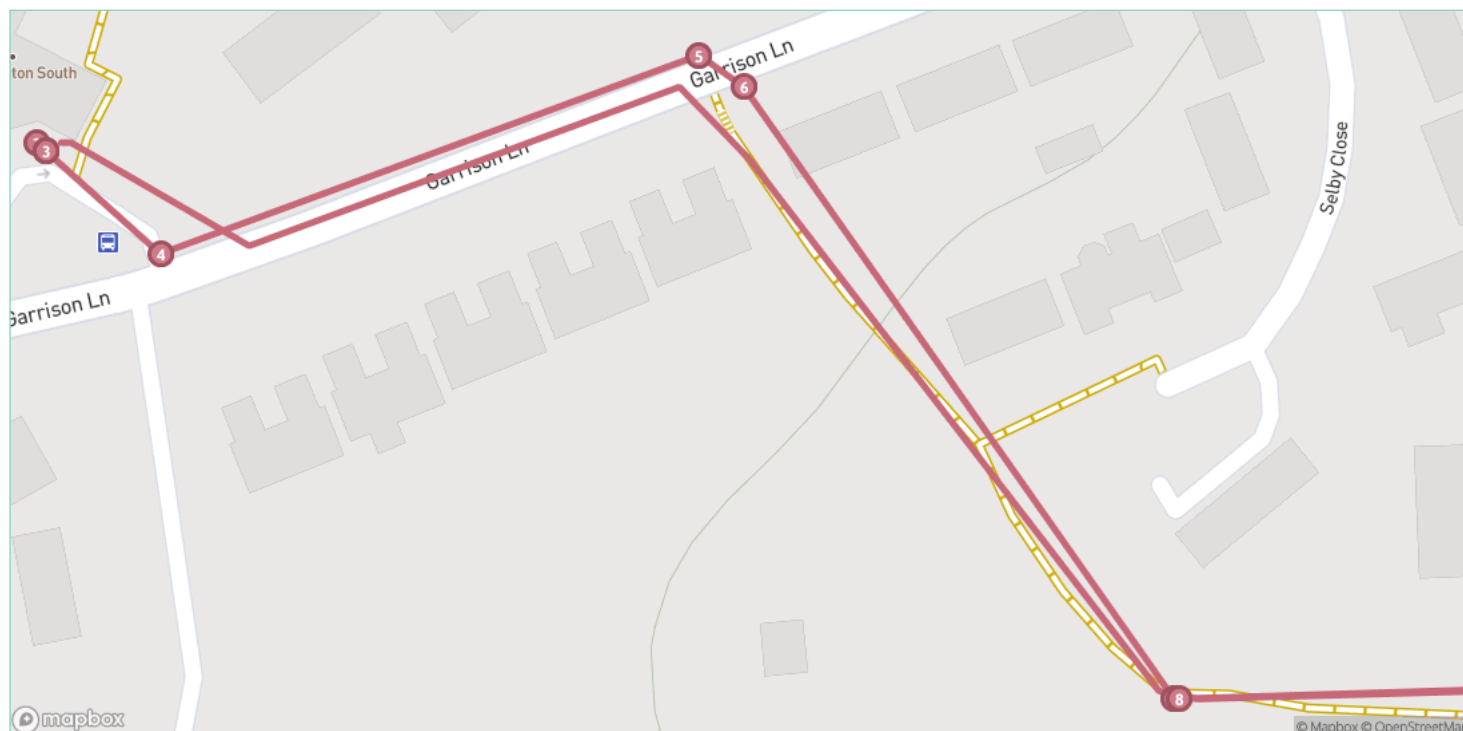


Hilly & steep



Botanics





Step 1: Welcome to Chessington South! This walk exploring local green spaces in Chessington begins at the train station.

Step 2: Southwestern Railway trains run between London Waterloo and Chessington South every half hour or so all day.

Step 3: This route contains some path sections in various states of repair, as well as fields shared with horses and other livestock. Accordingly, it might not be suitable for everyone.

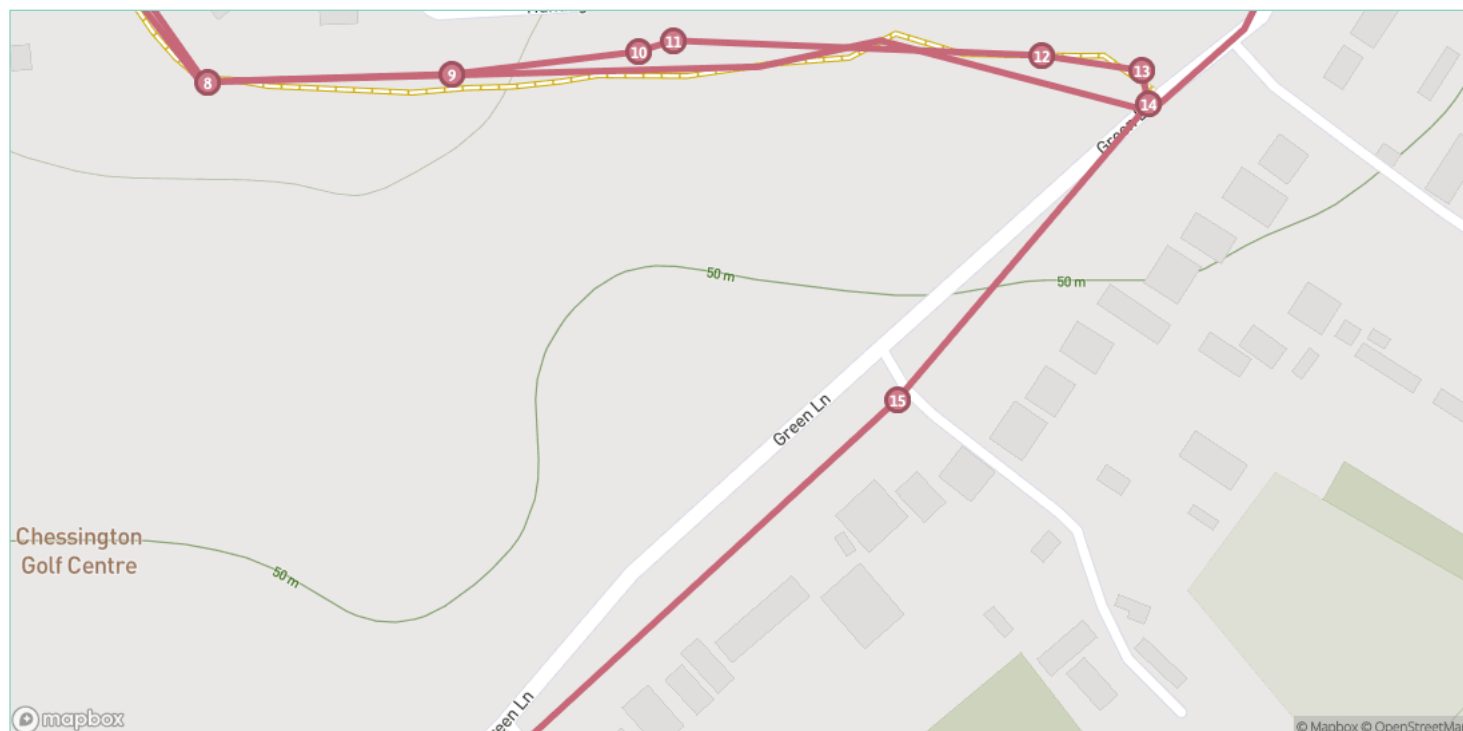
Step 4: Exit out the station. Follow the pavement to the left, and turn left onto Garrison Lane.

Step 5: Cross to the opposite side of Garrison Lane, and look out for the steps and ramp up. Turn right here.

Step 6: This space is taken care of by the community. We loved seeing the bee habitats and flower plantings along the route.

Step 7: At the honeycombs, follow the path to the left.

Step 8: This small park is really lovely, a perfect start to a green walk round Chessington. In spring & summer it will be alive with biodiversity.



Step 9: Stay straight ahead on the main dirt path, ignoring any paths to the left or right.

Step 10: Again go straight ahead, to the right.

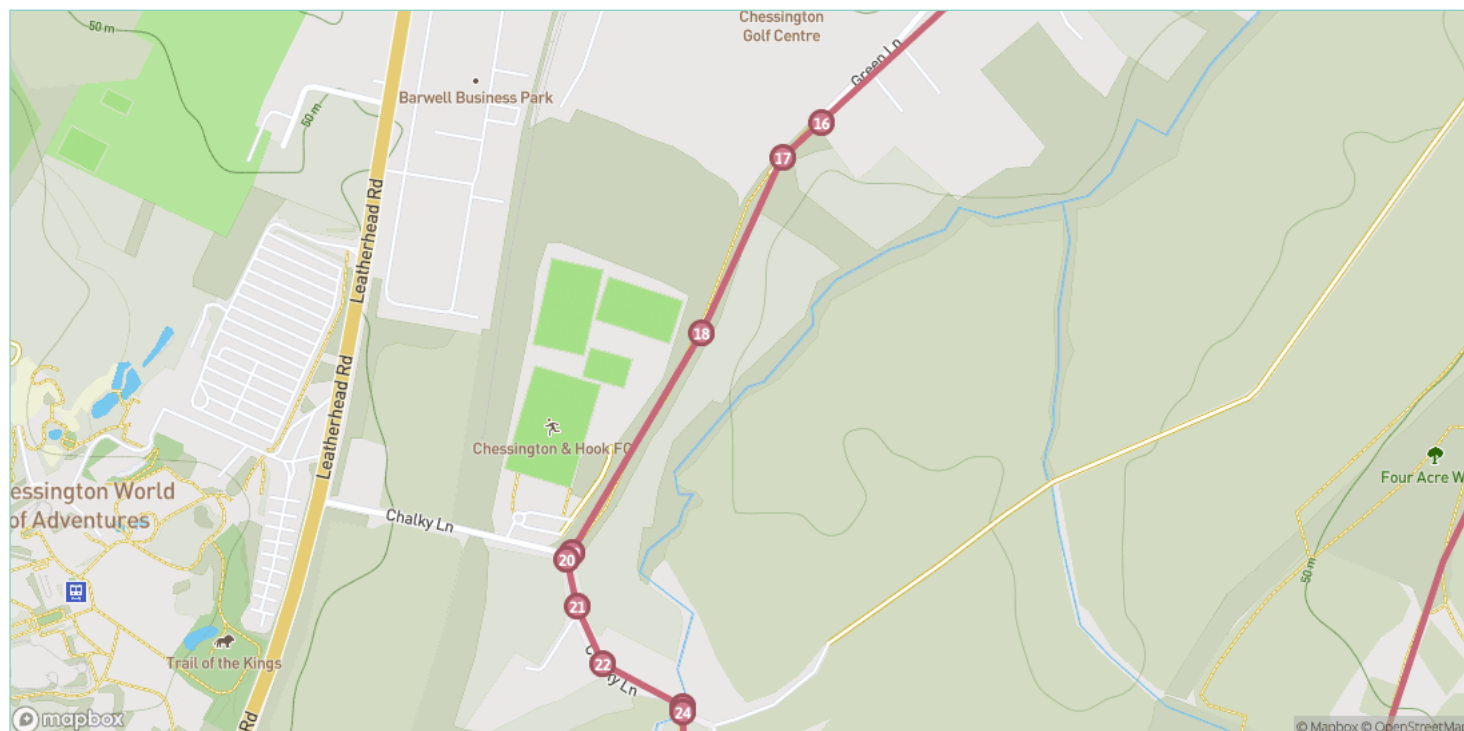
Step 11: Look out for this bug hotel. Can you spot any critters amongst the pile? Please don't move anything, just take a closer look.

Step 12: Continue ahead over this small wooden walk.

Step 13: Follow the path to the right and down the steps here.

Step 14: At the bottom, turn right. Be careful of oncoming traffic.

Step 15: It's a quiet road, but if you'd like to walk along the pavement, it's all the way on the far left of the street.



Step 16: Keep going along the street all the way until it ends. At the barriers here, continue straight as the road turns into a path.

Step 23: At a gate in the road, look out for the stile on your right and continue this way. Please note the livestock in the field.

Step 17: Go through the wooden gate and continue on.

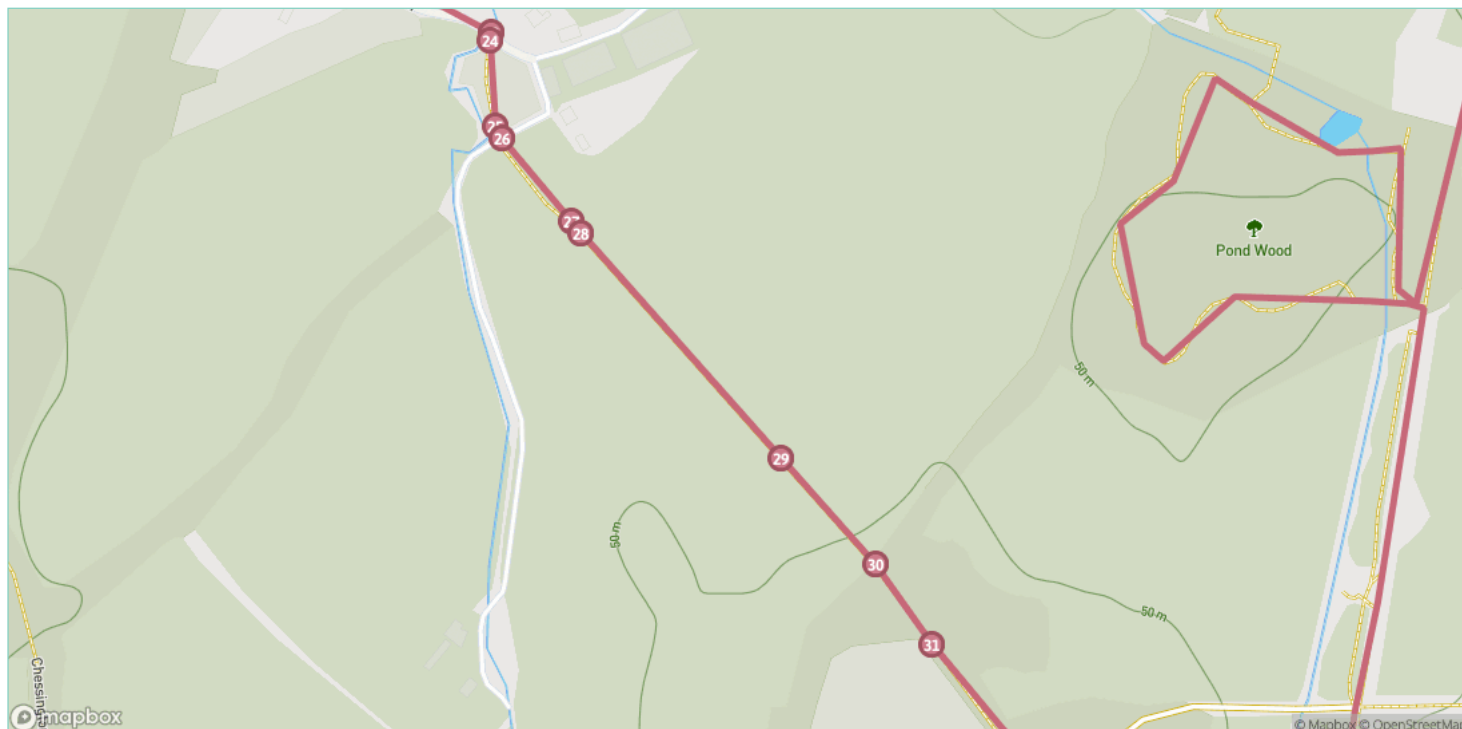
Step 18: Take your time admiring the towering trees overhead. Enjoy the dappled light through the tree branches or leaves.

Step 19: The path delivers you out to Chalky Lane. Go through the gate here.

Step 20: Out the other side, turn left to walk down the road. Please be mindful of oncoming traffic.

Step 21: Thankfully we're not going down that muddy track to the left here! We did stop to say hi to the horses on the way, though.

Step 22: Keep going along the lane as it bends to the left.



Step 24: When we visited, we said hello the friendly horse.

Step 25: Walk diagonally across the field to the opposite corner, where you'll find another stile.

Step 26: Directly ahead, across the track, find another stile.

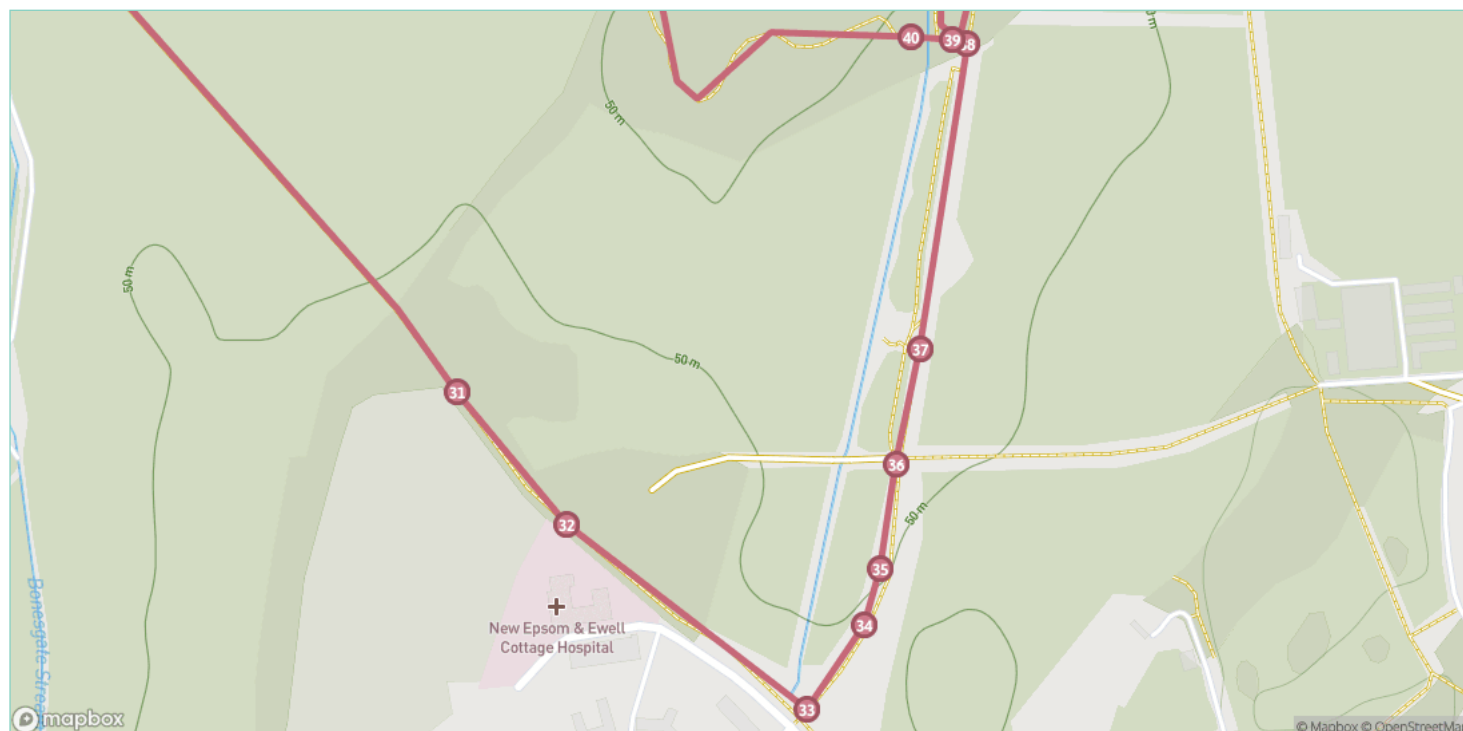
Step 27: And straight ahead across the field, you'll find another stile.

Step 28: The route continues straight ahead, in between two roped off fields. You should see the well-trodden footpath.

Step 29: There are plenty of horses in the fields on both sides. Some came to say hi, but none bothered us.

Step 30: Walk all the way to the edge of the wood, where there's one more stile to climb over. The route continues on the other side.

Step 31: This section of path looked like it was being taken care of, but it was a bit worse for the wear. Take your time and tread carefully along the uneven ground.



Step 32: For example, we encountered one or two downed trees. We had to walk around them - thankfully we didn't need to climb over them, at least.

Step 33: After a short stretch on this path, you arrive at a three-way path junction. Turn left, onto a well-loved track.

Step 34: Take your time, leisurely strolling along this stretch. It's flat, easy to walk along, and lovely with beautiful trees overhead.

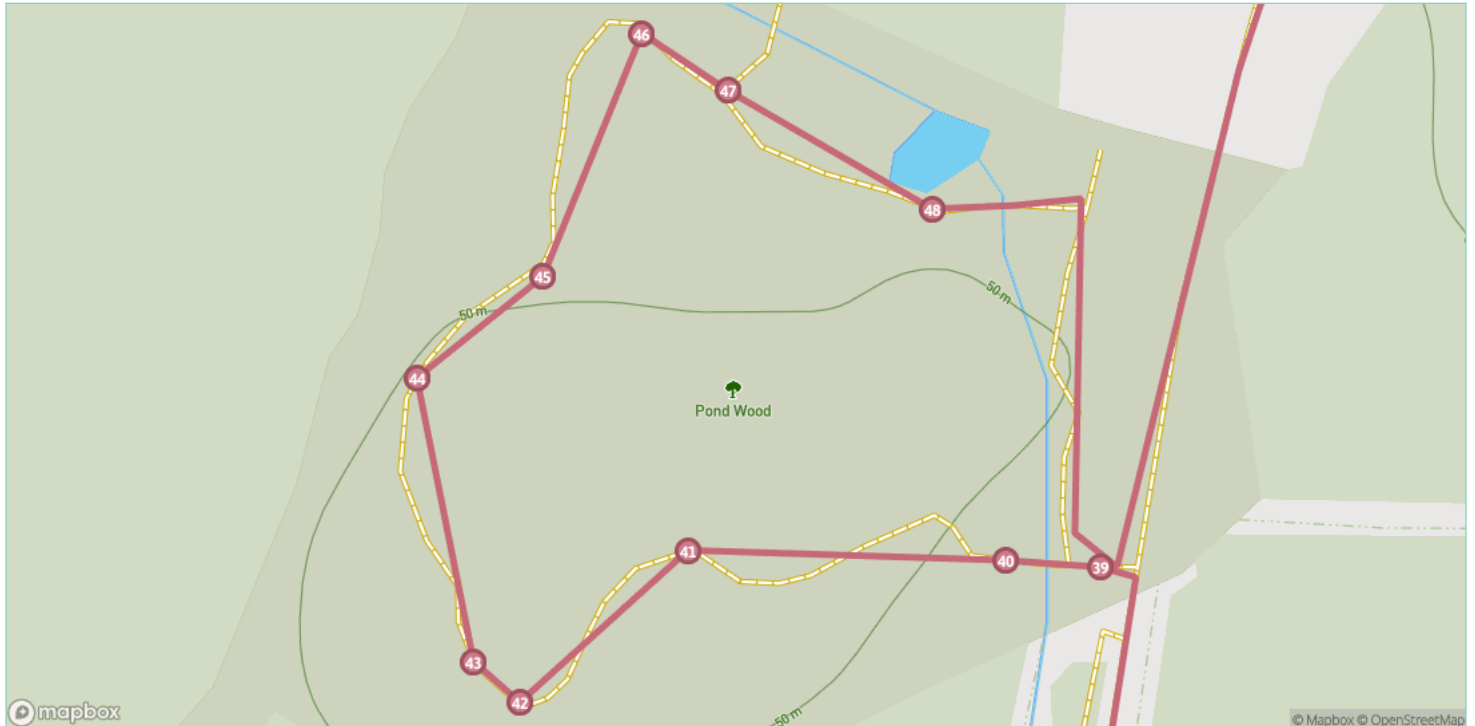
Step 35: It's very popular with walkers and cyclists, so do be aware of other travellers as you continue ahead.

Step 36: Go straight through the junction here.

Step 37: Look out for a handful of benches along the way, if you fancy a mid-walk water / snack / sit break.

Step 38: A bit further on, look out for this fingerpost pointing towards the Pond Wood Path. Go left here for a short loop around the wood.

Step 39: There are many small paths, but one major perimeter path. That's the one we'll be taking. Stay straight ahead here.



Step 40: We were lucky to see some gorgeous blooms as we went along.

Step 47: Go right at the fork here.

Step 41: Many of the trees were bare when we walked in February - how do they look when you're walking?

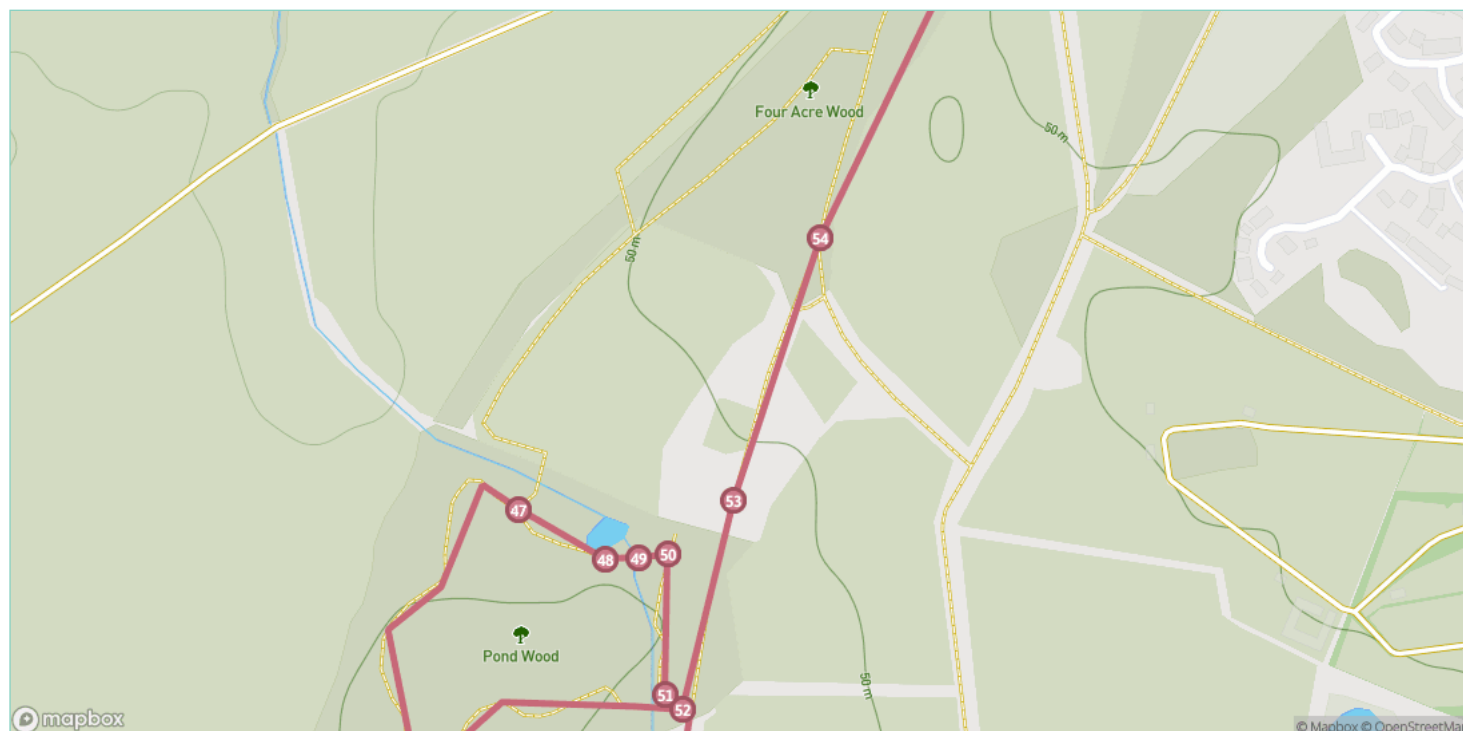
Step 42: Keep following the main dirt track round the wood.

Step 43: At the corner, go right.

Step 44: It wasn't very muddy, but the ground was a bit slick here. Good to be aware of depending on what time of year you're walking.

Step 45: Don't forget to look up. Are there any birds in the trees? Tune into their birdsong if you can. It's very relaxing.

Step 46: Continue ahead along the path around the wood.



Step 48: Stay straight ahead, walking past the tree on the side of the path.

Step 49: Continue pass a small pond. Can you spot any wildlife in the water today?

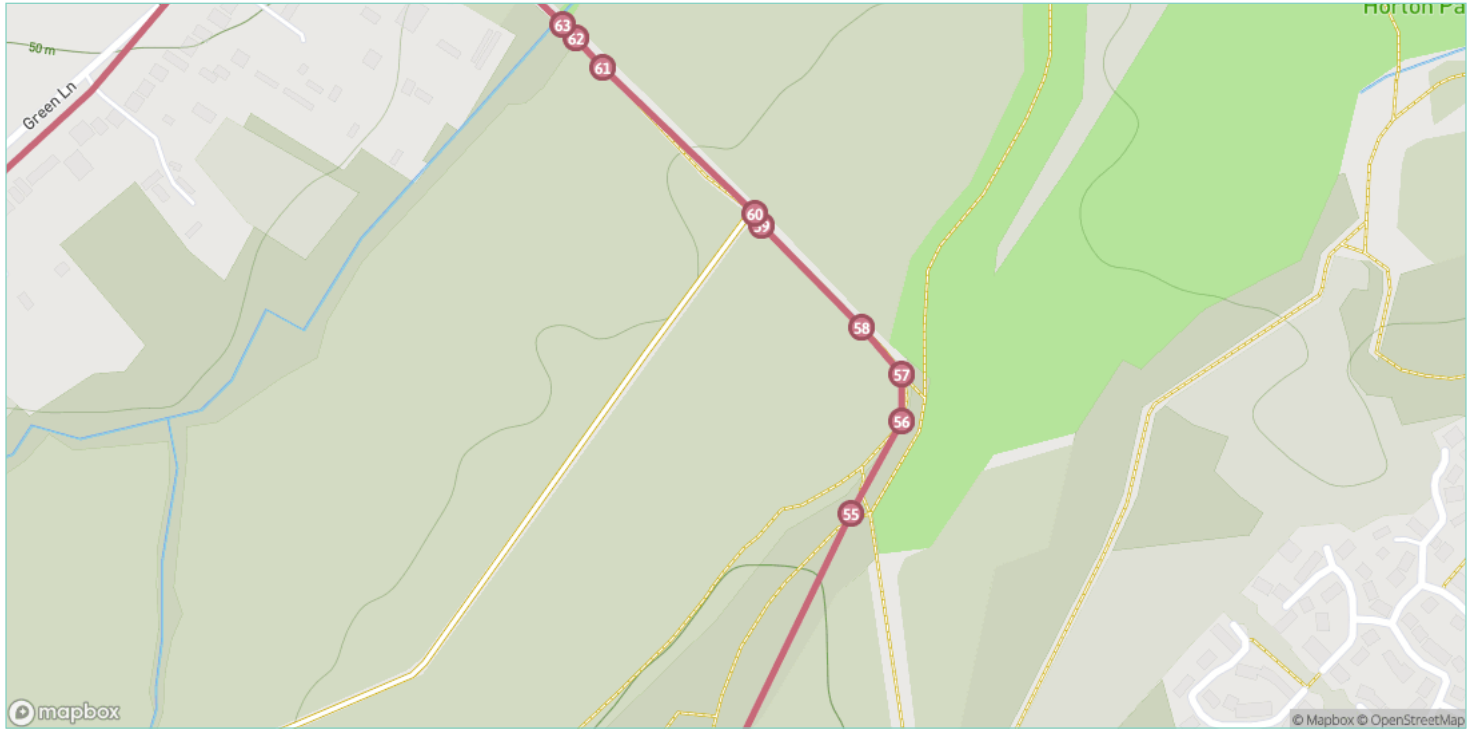
Step 50: When you're at the path junction, please continue right.

Step 51: Here, at the same junction you passed earlier, turn left.

Step 52: Next, go left, back on the same main track you were on earlier.

Step 53: Continue on. Take a moment to zoom into nature's details. Can you spot any fractals?

Step 54: At the path junction, stay straight ahead, following the top blue arrow. Continue ahead.



Step 55: Go straight here as well, ignoring the side paths.

Step 62: Follow the path to the right at the end of the field.

Step 56: Look out for this path on your left here, going down and back up the other side of a very shallow ditch.

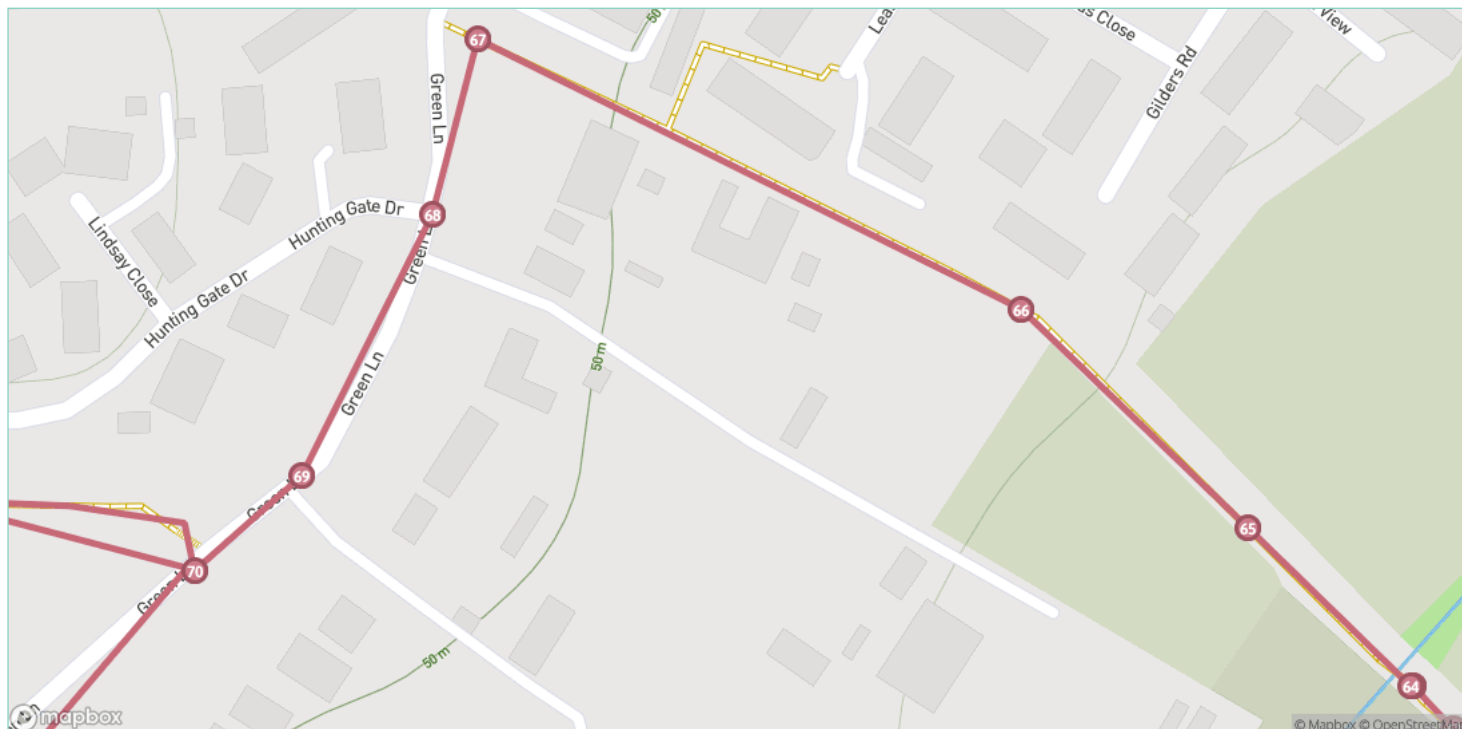
Step 57: Head down this path, veering right along the edge of the field.

Step 58: Follow along the dirt track, passing this excellent tree on the way.

Step 59: Keep going all the way to the end of the field, where you'll find a passage to the next field in the corner.

Step 60: Continue straight ahead along the right edge of the next field, too.

Step 61: Again, walk all the way to the corner of the field, straight ahead.



Step 63: Cross the footbridge here.

Step 64: This is a valley bottom at the stream. Now to begin the climb back to Chessington! Don't forget to wave hi to the horses opposite.

Step 65: The route continues straight ahead, down this path along the fence.

Step 66: Keep going, taking your time up the gradual incline.

Step 67: At the top, the path ends at this gate. Go through and turn left.

Step 68: Continue onto the pavement, facing left. Go straight ahead and cross to the far side when safe.

Step 69: The pavement vanishes, but it's a quiet road. Stick to the edge and listen out for oncoming vehicles.

Step 70: After a very short walk, look out for the wooden steps from earlier. Continue up the steps.



Step 71: At the top, follow the dirt track to the left, round the edge of the fence. You're retracing your steps back to Chessington South now.

Step 78: Soon enough, you're back at Chessington South! Cross the street when it's clear as you come in view of the station.

Step 72: Hot tip: why not have a seat and admire the view of the surrounding fields you've just explored?

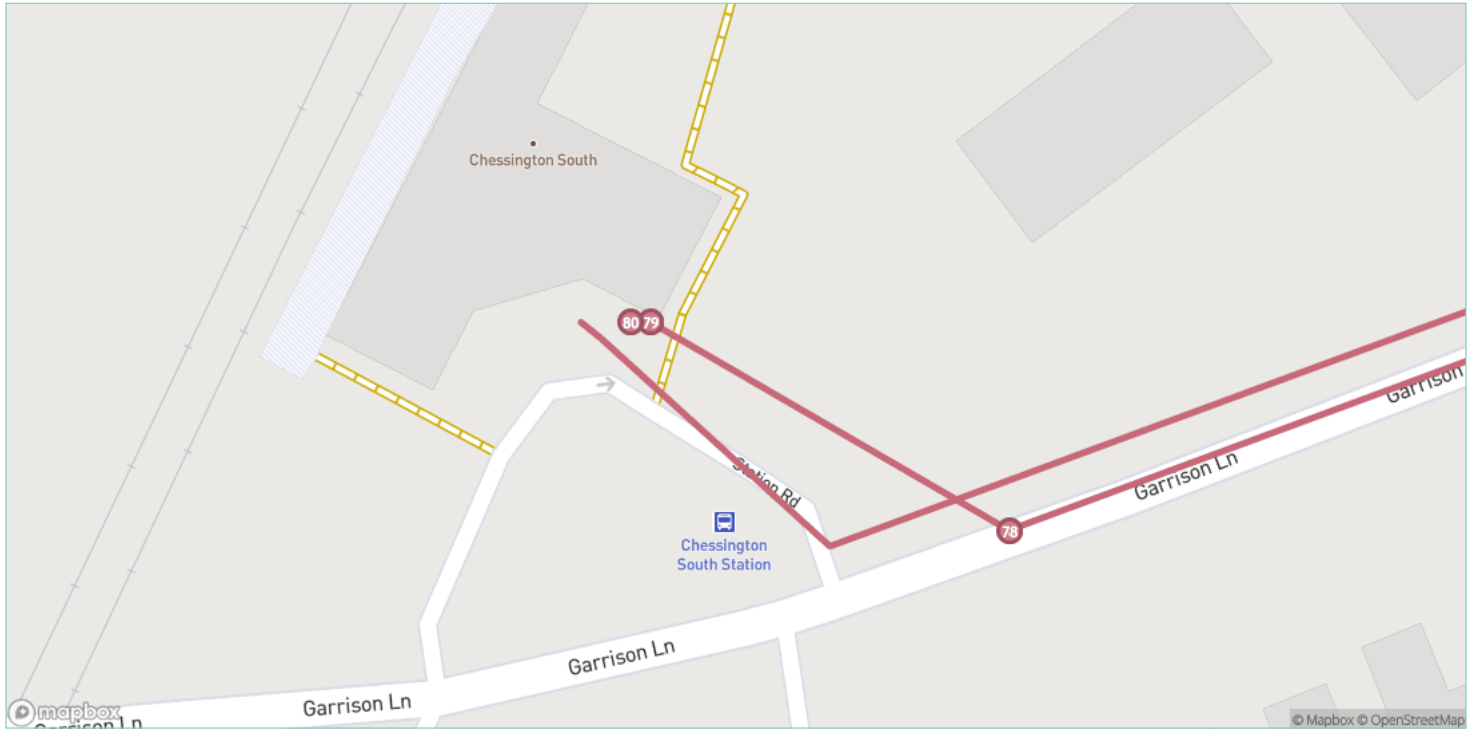
Step 73: Continue straight ahead along the main dirt track. Watch out for the uneven footpath here.

Step 74: Continue past the community planters and bug hotels from earlier.

Step 75: The path turns right and follows along the fence on your left.

Step 76: Take this path all the way back to Garrison Lane.

Step 77: On the pavement, turn left. Almost back where we started!



Step 79: And here we are! Excellent walking today. We hope you enjoyed this adventure round Chessington.

Step 80: From here, you can catch a Southwestern Railway train towards London Waterloo every half hour. Where will you walk next time? If you enjoyed this walk please tap the three dots and share it with someone you like.