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Copper mining remains in the valley.

And the other thing that we've got in this area is actually, we've got the remains of copper mining, yet another extractive industry, which was probably running alongside, at the same time as the limestone quarrying. Two of the copper mines we know now lie under the waters of the reservoir but we've got one still quite impressive copper mine; if you walk up the Red-a-ven Brook there's the mining remains up there, there's three blocked shafts, there's a wheelpit, there's an adit, there are a lot of spoil heaps there; and if you look on the other side of the Red-a-ven Brook, that's the southern side, you can also see what appears to be trial pits there and again, the mine I'm referring to goes under several names, its called Meldon Mine, Wheel Marie, or Red-a-ven Mine, and was worked sporadically throughout the 19th century but I think by the 1880s again it had ceased working.