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Description of the valley.

We're here on the east bank of the West Okement and we're standing looking down at the finger dumps which are associated with the limestone quarrying; the big quarry is on the west side of the Okement, that's Meldon Pool now, which is now full of water; here on the east bank we've actually got the earlier quarrying, which we're pretty sure is mid 18th century. Looking north we've got this magnificent viaduct, which was completed in 1874, if we look south from these finger dumps we're looking back to Meldon Dam, which was finished in 1972, so this whole area is very magnificently framed by these two great monuments which span almost a hundred years.