

Viaduct Ventures - spring

Sounding out spring

Spring is when the countryside starts to wake up after long, dark and cold winter days.

If you're quiet you'll hear the countryside come alive. Stand still and quiet with a friend or one of your family and close your eyes for a minute.

Take turns describing something that you can hear.

On the viaduct



How many different things are growing on the viaduct?

What's the white stuff growing on the stonework?

Do their shapes look like anything? Perhaps a face, an animal or a flower?

Underneath the arches

How many things on the viaduct remind you of a castle?

Find the listening post and wind it up to hear some 'viaduct' sounds and people talking about it.

Why do you think the arches of the viaduct are a bit crooked? (Clue, which way is the river flowing?)

Stay safe!

Be careful when near water
Be prepared for midges in summer
Don't lean over the viaduct parapet or drop stones from it
Protect plants and animals too

150 years ago there was no forest or reservoir here...

Just a castle surrounded by hills that were owned by the Duke of Northumberland. Then, a railway company asked the duke if they could build a railway line up into Scotland that would go past his castle. He said yes, but only if the bridge they wanted to build over the river nearby would look special. So, the railway company employed a clever architect to design a bridge that would look a bit like the duke's castle.

At home

My medieval viaduct
If you were going to design a bridge that looked like a castle, what would it look like?
Add some decoration to this outline.



For more fun activities and how to find this secret viaduct visit www.visitkielder.com/play/history



DEVELOPED BY KIELDER WATER & FOREST PARK DEVELOPMENT TRUST
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1139328
MEMBERS: NORTHUMBRIAN WATER, FORESTRY COMMISSION,
CALVERT TRUST KIELDER AND NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL.