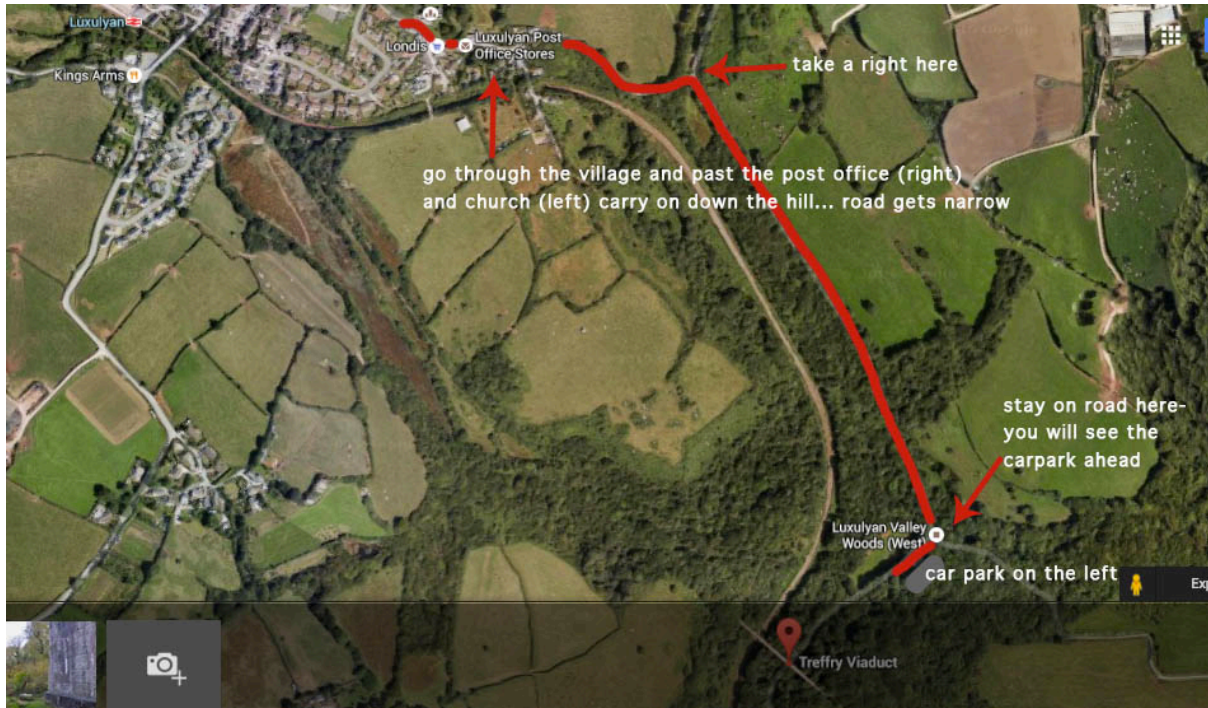


THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN VISITING TREFFRY VIADUCT

As with all off – site visits, a preliminary visit from the class teacher / leader is highly recommended. Following on from our workshops here, we have detailed below things we hope you will find useful when planning your visit.

Getting to Treffry Viaduct

Treffry viaduct is half a mile South East of Luxulyan and approximately 4 miles North of St. Austell. To get a complete sense of the Luxulyan valley and the industrial features there we advise starting the exploration at Pont's Mill where there is a drop off carpark and walking through the Valley until you reach the viaduct. This will be the end of your journey and is near another small car park outlined below-



If you don't have time to walk up from Ponto's Mill or have complications with transport, then you can always start at the viaduct and explore from here.

Our experience - the main challenges

The Luxulyan Valley and the Treffry Viaduct is a fascinating site that will really make children think about the challenges Joseph Treffry had to overcome in order to achieve his dream at this particular time in history. It is littered with industrial archaeology which will help the children refer back to the game they played on the first day of this project. The Valley, as a natural space is beautiful all year round with plenty of opportunities for the identification and recording of natural species. The main challenges we found when planning a visit were **lack of toilets and access for children with mobility issues**. In terms of toilets there are large areas of dense undergrowth for wild toileting and shelter if the weather turns bad. In terms of access, the tramway leading through the valley is rutted and uneven and unsuitable for wheelchairs.

Other challenges / risks to consider are...

- Traffic in car parks at Pont's Mill and Luxulyan Valley whilst alighting and returning to vehicles
Point out dangers to children and raise awareness of what is happening around them regarding other visitors.

- Poor access up tramway / track to the viaduct and across it. Very uneven and rutted surface with obstacles along the way. Not suitable for wheelchair users
Needs of children with mobility issues to be catered for. Supervision of all children when descending down very steep bank from viaduct to main car park.
- Slips / trips. Uneven surfaces all along the tramway. Opportunities for climbing, rushing down steps, banks
No climbing policy? No racing around? Extra supervision and care on Wheel Pit steps and descent to car park at end of visit.
- Water Hazards – Leat system crisscrossing the tramway and the River Par at base of Valley
Children made aware of these hazards and boundaries set. Keep away from the fast flowing river and steep sides of the leats.
- High points – number of high points on the journey including Wheel Pit, tramway edges and the viaduct itself.
Children made aware of these hazards. No climbing over railings or on the machinery at the Wheel Pit, or on viaduct walls. When viewing the landscape from the viaduct use the granite block alongside to stand on with supervision.
- Oak Disease – Rampant disease which has spread through the Valley resulting in many trees being felled.
To limit spread of disease no natural artefacts to be taken away.
- Picnic – brewing hot drinks?
Keep children away from heat source and hot liquids.
- Toilet – lack of facilities on site
Wild toileting / Portapotty at specific site.
- Members of public also sharing the site. Possibility of dogs roaming free.
Bring awareness of this to children.

In case of emergency

We found that we had mobile reception using O2 and Vodafone. Depending how far along the tramway you are emergency vehicles can either use the Pont's Mill car park or the car park closest to the viaduct.

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GPS

DD coordinates- 50.381 -4.738

DMS coordinates- 50°22'51.60" N -4°44'16.80" W



