



## A little bit of history

John Rennie designed the Avoncliff Aqueduct to carry the Kennet & Avon Canal across the wide Avon Valley without the need for locks. Opened in 1801, it was his first across the canal (the second being the Dundas Aqueduct nearby). Almost immediately, the central arch sagged!

Best of all  
it's FREE!\*


### Five things to do at Avoncliff Aqueduct

- Walk** to the tiny hamlet of Avoncliff and view the aqueduct from there. It's built of Bath stone that was transported from local quarries by the canal.
- Take** a picnic and watch the boats crossing the aqueduct.
- Cycle** up the towpath and visit the even more magnificent Dundas Aqueduct, opened in 1805.
- Spot** the modern mason's marks on the aqueduct made when it was repaired.
- If** you're really quiet kingfishers can often be seen in this area. Be quick or you'll miss them!

### Information

Avoncliff Aqueduct  
Avoncliff BA15 2HB

 Parking


 Toilets

 Café

 Pub

 Picnic

... Path

 Allow 1-2 hours  
for this visit

### What to Spot

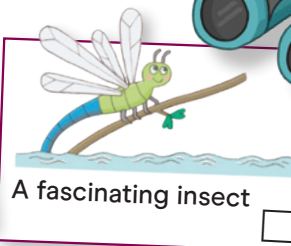
Explore the waterside together.  
How many of these can you spot?

A duck quacking




166

The number of a  
bridge or lock



A fascinating insect

An interesting  
stone or brick





The names of  
two boats




A face  
or animal  
in the  
clouds




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