



Recreating the Alps

The Chatsworth Rock Garden



Learning resource presentation: KS2

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In 1838 Joseph Paxton and the 6th Duke visited the Alps.

They were so inspired by the mountains that they decided to create a rocky landscape at Chatsworth.

Building the Rock Garden

The Rock Garden was inspired by Derbyshire rock formations, such as the Wheel Stones.

Paxton brought massive boulders to Chatsworth to create one of the biggest rock gardens in England.



Can you see similarities between the Wheel Stones and the Rock Garden?



Building the Rock Garden

Building the Rock Garden was not easy as heavy rocks had to be shifted and lifted.

Paxton designed special equipment, but he also used simple machinery such as levers and pulleys.



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Naming the Rock Garden

The Duke of Wellington rock

Some of the rock formations are named after important Victorians.

The tallest (14m) is named after The Duke of Wellington.

Two other formations are named after Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

