

History Explorers

Location 6 on our downloadable map



These iron smelters would be very surprised to find themselves near a main road today!

Magnificent Metal Melters



RIVER OR ROAD?

If you needed to go a long way in the Iron Age, the river was simpler than roads. Can you see how wet the land is all around the river's edges?

ROUNDHOUSE OR SQUARE?

The Roman invaders brought new habits and technologies, including rectangular buildings. Many people preferred to stick with the roundhouses they knew and loved. What would you choose, and why?

Look at the illustration on the panel. Can you find...?



The wooden bridge over the River Great Ouse, flock of sheep, haystacks drying, a boat, a carter bringing imports from the river, the old Bronze Age burial mound.

We don't know if the burial mound was special to the Iron Age farmers – do you think there was any way they could have known what it was?

Dig Deeper

You can watch a 10-minute film about living in an Iron Age roundhouse at www.bedfordrivervalley.org/dig-deeper-ancient-settlements

Find out what people ate, wore, how they brewed beer, and smelted metal from rocks.



LISTEN



What sounds can you hear around you that the Iron Age farmers would not have heard 2,800-2,000 years ago?



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