



Relaxing ROMAN-STYLE

This bather would get even wetter nowadays. His Roman-style bath-house used to be where Priory Lake is now!



FACT

Not all Romans were Romans. Many Romano-British farmers were local. Some were ex-soldiers, who came from all over Europe, or from Africa and the Middle East.



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

Firewood store – dry firewood to heat the baths and the hypocaust underfloor heating system, pigs, cows, sheep, chickens, the buzzard, some hopeful dogs and the well.

How many different crops can you see? What time of year is it in the picture?



IMAGINE

Check out the butcher's yard. Can you imagine the smell on a hot summer's day? At least the workers could relax in the baths after work.

FACT

Walnuts were a popular new Roman-style food. Archaeologists have found them while excavating in the Marston Vale.



DID YOU KNOW?

Roman baths were more like a health suite than household bath. You cleaned off first, then hopped in the tub with your friends – and hoped for no bath-time bubbles!



Dig Deeper

Watch a video of how Roman-style bath suites and hypocausts worked – complete with underfloor slaves! <http://www.bedfordrivervalleypark.org/dig-deeper-roman-farm/>