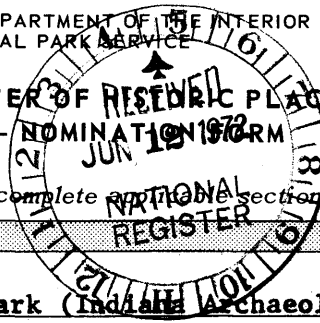


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



STATE: <b>Indiana</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Madison</b>	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
<b>JAN 18 1978</b>	

1. NAME

COMMON:  
**Mounds State Park (Indiana Archaeological Survey No. 12 M1)**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Vicinity of Anderson, Indiana, 3 miles west on State Road 32**

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE <b>Indiana</b>	CODE <b>18</b>	COUNTY: <b>Madison</b>	CODE <b>095</b>
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
**State of Indiana (Dept. of Natural Resources)**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: <b>Indianapolis</b>	STATE: <b>Indiana</b>	CODE <b>18</b>
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**County Recorder, Madison County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: <b>Anderson</b>	STATE: <b>Indiana</b>	CODE <b>18</b>
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Indiana Archaeological Survey**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1931 to present**     Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Indiana University**

CITY OR TOWN: <b>Bloomington</b>	STATE: <b>Indiana</b>	CODE <b>18</b>
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)			(Check One)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered			<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Mounds State Park is located on a bluff overlooking the West Fork of the White River. The total archaeological site may have contained at an earlier time as many as 15 aboriginal earthworks, but highway construction and cultivation have destroyed some of them. Eight mounds are presently definable within the park. Immediately prior to the area's acquisition by the State of Indiana in October, 1930, the region had served as a park for a local transit company. A number of amusement rides were constructed in the area of greatest mound concentration and at least one of the tumuli was severely damaged though it is yet visible. Others are well preserved.

The most striking of the earthworks are in the form of geometric enclosures. Construction was accomplished by excavating a trench into the soil and depositing the removed earth to the outside of the trench to produce a walled enclosure: circular (2), rectangular (1), panduriform (3). Commonly a narrow sector of the trench was unexcavated producing a ground level entranceway into the central region of the earthwork.

The largest of these features (A) is circular in ground plan and averages 360 feet in diameter. The defining trench was excavated to a depth of about nine feet and the encircling wall is presently approximately six feet in height. An opening to the south-southwest provides an entranceway to a central platform upon which was constructed a low mound. This later feature was a two-stage burial mound and there is additional evidence for a charnel house having been present.

In the immediate vicinity of this well-preserved impressive enclosure are other features constructed in a similar fashion, though they are smaller in size: circular (1), panduriform (3). The largest of the latter (H) measures approximately 180 feet by 120 feet. There is some suggestion that two low mounds may have been present within the two lobes defined by the shallow trench and low wall.

Also, two earth mounds were at one time located northwest of the large circle, but only one of these can presently be located with accuracy. Earlier reports suggest it, too, may have been an enclosure, but this is not apparent at present.

Approximately 1500 feet northeast of the major group is a large rectangular enclosure. Earlier reports indicate that two mounds formerly were present on each side of the entranceway, but no evidence of these remain.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century  
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal             | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic               | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture            | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture           | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce               | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications         | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation           |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of archaeological features in Mounds State Park is apparent at several levels.

1. The site, while still somewhat altered from its original condition, nevertheless is one of the better preserved stations representative of the widespread ceremonialism which occurred during the Middle Woodland Period (300 B.C.-A.D. 500) in the Eastern United States. It is also one of the few surviving sites of its kind formerly present in the immediate area.

2. Recent excavation at the site, while defining its placement within the above period, has succeeded in identifying a somewhat unique complex of traits representative of a highly restricted localized variant of this larger pattern. Therefore, it is of the highest priority that the archaeological features be preserved in order that a fuller future understanding of this variation might be possible.

3. The panduriform enclosures are rare, the only other recorded examples occur in adjacent Henry County.

4. It is the only site of its kind in the Eastern United States readily accessible to the public.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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White, Claude. Excavation at Mounds State Park: Season I (mimeographed).

Vickery, Kent. Excavations at Mounds State Park: Season II (mimeographed).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	40° 06' 34"	85° 36' 53"				
SE	40° 05' 29"	85° 36' 53"				
SW	40° 05' 29"	85° 37' 44"				

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **251.83**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**James H. Kellar, Director**

ORGANIZATION: **Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology** DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Indiana University, 9th and Fess Streets**

CITY OR TOWN: **Bloomington** STATE: **Indiana** CODE: **19**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: John R. Lloyd

Title: Director

Date: 5-24-72

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert H. Utley  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 1/18/73

ATTEST: Wm. M. ...  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 1-9-73