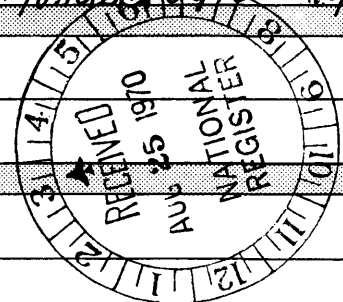


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Wisconsin	
COUNTY: Washington	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70.10.55.0010	DATE 10/15/70



**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Lizard Mound State Park

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
3 mi NE on Wis 144 and 1/3 mi E on County "A"

CITY OR TOWN:  
West Bend

STATE Wisconsin	CODE 53095	COUNTY: Washington	CODE 131
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <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 type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources

STREET AND NUMBER:  
4610 University Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Madison

STATE:  
Wisconsin

CODE:  
48

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Washington County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
West Bend

STATE:  
Wisconsin

CODE:  
48

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
None

DATE OF SURVEY:  
 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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

A small wooded park with numerous Indian Effigy Mounds grouped in its southern two-thirds. A footpath has been laid out for the visitor to follow in order to see the mounds to the best advantage. Mounds are about 3 1/2 feet high and vary in length and shape. Mounds to be found in the park are linear, tapering linear, conical, panther, bird, and lizard. The lizard-shaped mound for which the park is named is oriented northwest to southeast, with the head at the northwest end, and is about 250 feet long. It is located in the extreme southwest corner of the park.

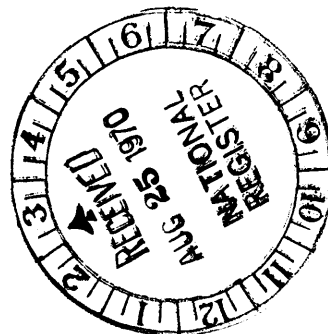
At the north end of the park are parking and visitor comfort facilities.

Of the original forty-seven mounds found in this grouping in 1883, thirty-one have been sufficiently well preserved to be enclosed within the park limits. Early farmers unwittingly destroyed some of the outlying mounds in cultivating the land, and, in a few instances, the mounds were altered, though not destroyed, by inexperienced, non-scientific excavators.

Within the park area, most of the mounds are complete and in their original condition.

DESCRIPTION OF BOUNDARIES OF HISTORIC SITE (see map).

A rectangular plot of land occupying the extreme southwest corner of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 32, Town 12 N, Range 20 E. Bounded on the west by a section line, on the south by a fence line dividing the N and S halves of the section, on the east by the park boundary lying at 88° 08' 16" East longitude and on the north by the park boundary lying at 43° 27' 53" North latitude.



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |                                       |                                       |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century             | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

*Latter half of 1st millennium A.D.*

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)<br>Archaeology |
| <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           |   |  | _____  |

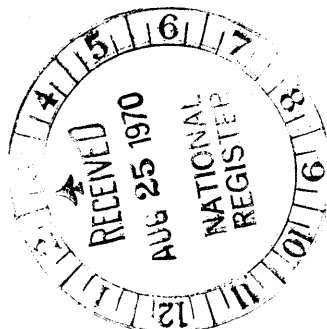
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

For a time in its prehistory, southern Wisconsin was occupied by a group of Indians whose peculiar practice of building low earthworks, three to four feet high, in conical and linear forms and in the forms of birds and a variety of animals, led to their identification as the Effigy Mound culture. The activities of this group in mound building were limited almost exclusively to the southern half of Wisconsin except for a slight northward extension in the very western part of the state. Effigy mounds are also found in narrow strips of southeastern Minnesota, northeastern Iowa and extreme northern Illinois, all immediately adjacent to Wisconsin.

The Effigy Mounds were used for burials but usually limited to the remains of one or two individuals, though some mounds were as long as 250 feet or so. From excavations, archaeologists have learned something of the life of this prehistoric Indian group. Most of their tools and weapons were bone, wood or stone and occasionally copper. They lived in small bands and fished, hunted and gardened for food.

Although the number of known Effigy Mounds in Wisconsin exceeds 5,000, the group of 31 in Lizard Mound State Park is probably one of the finest in the entire area occupied by the Effigy Mound culture. The mounds in this small park are what remains of an original grouping of at least 47 which were counted in 1883, of which many were destroyed when settlers cultivated the land. The park is named for its most outstanding mound. It is believed that such an excellent grouping of outstanding works of a prehistoric culture qualifies the site for inclusion in the National Register.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**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	
NW	43 ° 27 ' 53 "	88 ° 08 ' 27 "				
NE	43 ° 27 ' 53 "	88 ° 08 ' 16 "				
SE	43 ° 27 ' 43 "	88 ° 08 ' 16 "				
SW	43 ° 27 ' 43 "	88 ° 08 ' 27 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 31.0

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Donald N. Anderson, Assistant Director, Historic Sites & Markers Division

ORGANIZATION: State Historical Society of Wisconsin DATE: 3/25/70

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN: Madison STATE: Wisconsin 53706 CODE: 48

**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: Richard A. Erney  
 Richard A. Erney  
 Title: Acting Director  
 State Historical Society of Wis.  
 Date: 8/20/70

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

Ernest Allen Connolly  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: OCT 15 1970

ATTEST: William Woodford  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 Date: OCT 12 1970

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