

Arts in the Parks

Mounds State Park Property Profile

Website: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2977.htm>

Key Messages/Stories:

- Pre-Historic Mounds built by the Aden-Hopewell gave this park its namesake when established in 1930.
- A very well preserved earthwork complex that exhibits archeoastronomy is located only a 10 minute walk from the front gate.
- Visitors can walk through an 1840's style homestead house that was owned by the Bronnenberg family.
- Remnants of the 1900's amusement park can still be found on Trail 5.

Top Five Things to Do:

- Take a short stroll to the Great Mound Complex.
- Hike Trail 5 down to the White River and fen nature preserve.
- An interactive and informative Visitor Center is located just inside the gate and includes live critters, a wildlife window, and historical information.
- Swimming Pool and Children's Garden are hotspots for young kids.

Lodging: 75 electric campsites and youth tent camping.

General visitor profile: Majority of campers come just for the weekend but some camp during the week. Many visitors are from the local municipalities that are very close. A lot of families rent out our shelter for gatherings.

Potential arts venues:

- Amphitheaters available:
 - Campground- no screen, seats 20+, small with trees overhead
- Various shelter houses:
 - Pavilion- Restrooms, full kitchen, electric, fireplace, seats 120 people
 - Woodland Shelter- Restrooms, electric, grill, fireplace, seats 75 people
 - Locust Grove Shelter- Grill, playground, seats 60 people
 - Friends Shelter- Restroom, grill seats 60 people.
- Visitor Center:
 - Multi-Purpose Room- two sinks, bathrooms, water fountain, projector and screen, 80 chairs and 15 tables.
 - Outdoor amphitheater: no screen, seats 20+, no trees overhead
- If a stage was provided, there is a large lawn near the gate house that could hold hundreds of people. Park would need to be expanded though.

Visitation in FY2014: 384,000

Nearby Communities: Chesterfield, Daleville, Anderson, Alexandria, Pendleton, Muncie, Indianapolis.

