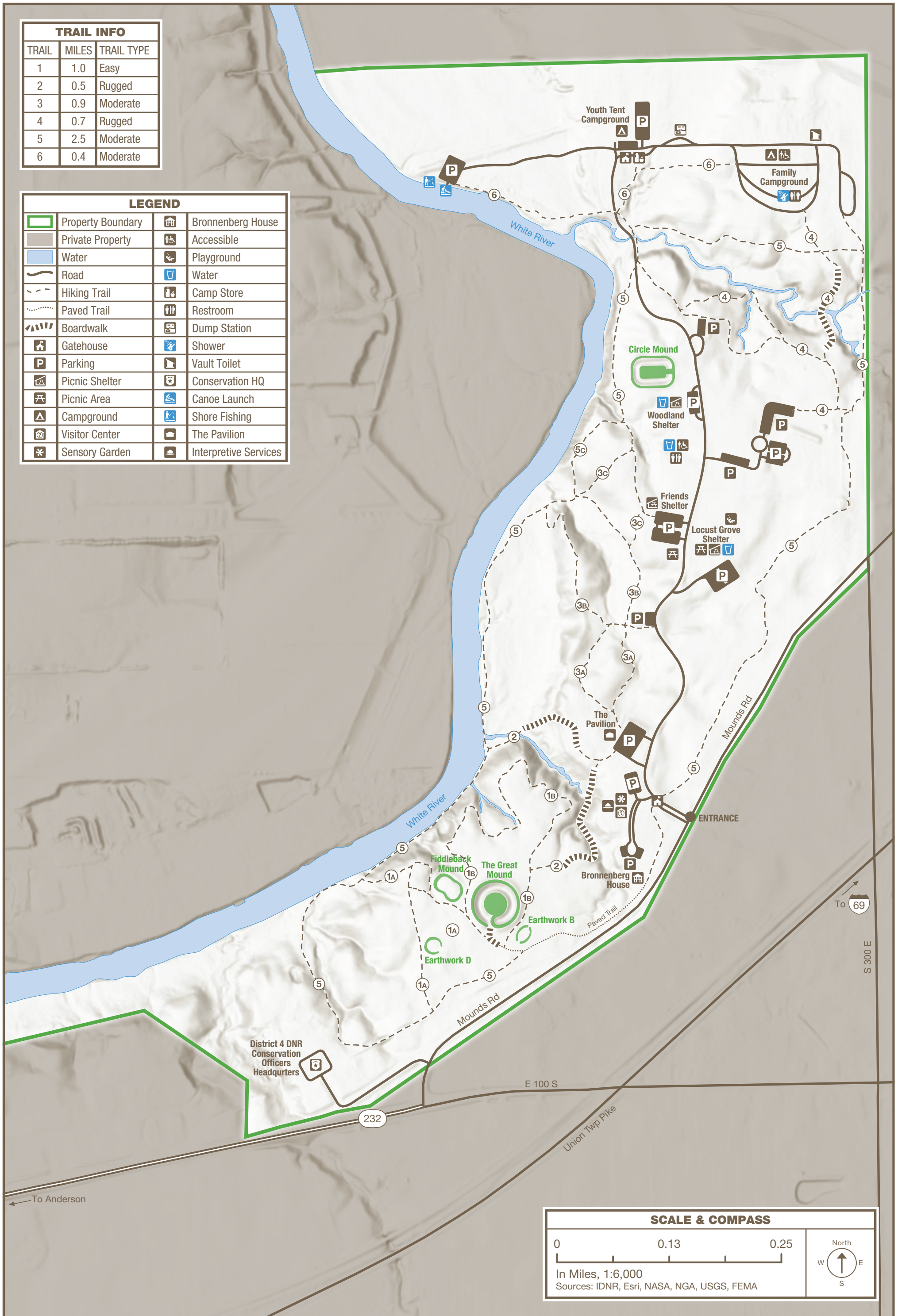


MOUNDS STATE PARK

4306 Mounds Road | Anderson, IN 46017 | 765-642-6627
290 Acres | Established 1930

TRAIL INFO		
TRAIL	MILES	TRAIL TYPE
1	1.0	Easy
2	0.5	Rugged
3	0.9	Moderate
4	0.7	Rugged
5	2.5	Moderate
6	0.4	Moderate

LEGEND			
	Property Boundary		Bronnenberg House
	Private Property		Accessible
	Water		Playground
	Road		Water
	Hiking Trail		Camp Store
	Paved Trail		Restroom
	Boardwalk		Dump Station
	Gatehouse		Shower
	Parking		Vault Toilet
	Picnic Shelter		Conservation HQ
	Picnic Area		Canoe Launch
	Campground		Shore Fishing
	Visitor Center		The Pavilion
	Sensory Garden		Interpretive Services



SCALE & COMPASS		
0	0.13	0.25
In Miles, 1:6,000		
Sources: IDNR, Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS, FEMA		



THE PARK STORY

The earthworks and historic structures at Mounds State Park stand as a testament to their builders and those who protect, enjoy, and manage them.

More than 10,000 years ago, this region was blanketed by a thick layer of ice. The limestone bedrock was buried under glacial till, leaving a flat surface. As the glaciers melted and receded, meltwater rushed across the landscape, carving through the glacial till to the bedrock, forming the major rivers of Indiana, including the White River.

Roughly 2,000 years ago, more than 300 Adena and Hopewell mounds were constructed in central Indiana. Ten have been identified within the park. It's believed they were positioned to align with celestial events. Research indicates that they were used to track the seasons and the positions of more than 100 stars, the moon, and visible planets.

Centuries later, European settlement arrived here. Frederick Bronnenberg left Germany around 1800, eventually settling in Madison County. His property included the mounds. He cleared the land for farming, and opened a tannery, gristmill, and sawmill, but he didn't disturb the mounds.

His descendents remained on the farm, built a brick Federal-style home, and protected the mounds from vandals and plowing.

By the early 1900s, the mounds became a destination, and an amusement park was built. It operated from 1897 until 1929, when the Great Depression signaled its end. In 1930, the property became a state park.

Mounds State Park protects, preserves, and educates guests about the mounds, which you can observe and then earn more about at the Nature Center. Whether you're visiting for the day or staying in the park's campgrounds, there's something here for you.



RULES & REGULATIONS

- Please obey all property rules & regulations.

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ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Look for these icons on the map.

BRONNENBERG HOUSE: A National Register of Historic Places location. Built in 1850 by the son of German settler Frederick Bronnenberg.

CAMP STORE: Foods and drink items, camp supplies and souvenirs. Firewood seasonally.

FAMILY CAMPING: modern toilets, hot water and showers and dumping station. Each site provides a picnic table and grill. All campsites are electric. Occupancy is limited to 14 consecutive nights. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.

YOUTH TENT AREA: Primitive camping for church and other youth groups, scout troops, etc., under adult supervision. Equipped with water and vault toilets. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.

FISHING: White River bank fishing. Bass, bluegill, catfish, are common. State license required. Purchase at IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov.

HIKING: Six miles of easy-to-rugged hiking on the park's six trails.

INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE: A variety of activities are offered year-round. Available by request for church, scout, school, and civic groups—inquire at Visitors Center, park office or gatehouse. Program schedules are available at InterpretiveServices.IN.gov or by calling (765) 649-8128.

PICNIC AREAS: Tables, grills, restrooms, timberform playground and open playfields.

SHELTER HOUSES: Three available year-round in picnic area. Use is either first-come, first-served, or shelter houses may be rented/reserved for specific date. Pavilion available April-December and must be reserved/rented for use. Includes chairs, tables, kitchen facilities, fireplace, restrooms. Make reservations at camp.IN.gov.

VISITORS CENTER: Open year-round; includes property office, interpretive center, wildlife viewing room and modern restrooms. Interpretive center includes live animals, interactive exhibits, display of the Great Mound area and much more.



HIKING TRAILS

- For safety, please stay on marked trails.
- Bicycles prohibited on hiking trails.

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
Trail 1	1.0 mi.	Easy

Indiana's 20 most common trees are marked along the trail. The trail visits four prehistoric mounds, one is the Great Mound, the focal point of the park. A tree guide and Mounds history guide can be obtained at the Visitors Center.

Trail 2	0.5 mi.	Rugged
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Begins at the pavilion. Going left, it descends to a boardwalk that skirts a spring-fed creek and onto the backside of the Great Mound. Starting from behind the pavilion, its a shortcut down stairs to the White River and intersects with Trail 5.

Trail 3	0.9 mi.	Moderate
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The trail descends into the woods from the first two parking lots on the left side of the road in the picnic area. It winds through the forest, providing views of different birds and animals. It intersects with Trail 5 and skirts the backside of the pavilion.

Trail 4	0.7 mi.	Rugged
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With rugged terrain and steep hills, this trail is for avid hikers. It begins at the back parking lot and travels to and from the campground by a boardwalk, which descends into a ravine with a creek and then climbs up the bluff. It provides a scenic overlook with all types of wildlife. It intersects Trail 5 three times.

Trail 5	2.5 mi.	Moderate
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As the park's longest and most popular trail, It begins at the main gate and skirts the park boundary. Enjoy scenic views along the White River and limestone bluffs, where waterfowl and aquatic life are common. It crosses several creeks and enters the woods, where songbirds and upland game dwell. This is a great trail for spring wildflower and majestic hardwood tree enthusiasts.

Trail 6	0.4 mi.	Moderate
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Begins at the campground control station and leads to either the campground or the canoe launch area. This trail is great for campers who wants to fish or purchase items from the camp store. It's a great trail for a short hike.

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DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY

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SUMMIT LAKE STATE PARK

boating, boat ramps, camping, cross-country skiing, fishing, hiking trails, seasonal interpretive service, picnicking, play/sports area, boat rental, shelter house, swimming beach, youth tent areas, wildlife watching

WILBUR WRIGHT FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

dog training areas, fishing, hunting, target ranges, trapping, wildlife watching



TRUE TALES

- **INTERESTING EARTHWORKS:** Fiddleback Mound is one of only a few Native American mounds in the United States to have a distinct figure-8 shape.
- **FORMER ENTERTAINMENT:** Remnants of the Mounds Amusement Park can still be found, including the remains of an artesian well that once provided drinking water.
- **ECONOMIC FEATURE:** The White River was a major trade route, bringing seashells from the Gulf of Mexico, and copper from the Upper Great Lakes.

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