ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

FAMILY CAMPING—The campground is fully equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers. Each site provides a picnic table and grill. All campers are Electric sites. A dumping station is also available. For a complete list of rules and regulations, inquire at the park office.

YOUTH TENT AREA—Primitive camping for church and other youth groups, scouting troops, etc., under adult supervision. Equipped with water and vault toilets. Reservations are available through the Central Reservation System.

FISHING—White River—bass, bluegill, catfish, and more. State license required and may be purchased on site.

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

INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE—A variety of activities are offered for the entire family year-round. Available by request for church, scout, school, and civic groups, as well as for special education programs, local and regional groups can be provided with free material to support the group's educational goals. For rates and availability, call (765) 649-8128.

ICED RESERVOIRS—An available year-round in picnics area. Ice sales are first served, shelter houses may be rented/reserved for specific dates. Reservations are available through the Central Reservation System.


VISITORS CENTER—Open year-round, includes permanent display of Great Mound area and much more. State license required and may be purchased through the Central Reservation System.

PICNIC AREAS—Tables, grills, restroom facilities, equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers. Each site provides a picnic table and grill. All campers are Electric sites. A dumping station is also available. For a complete list of rules and regulations, inquire at the park office.

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THIS IS YOUR PARK

Described as a “circular enclosure,” this earthwork is the largest of its kind in the state, and nearly a quarter-mile in circumference. Among the first inhabitants of this area were the Adena people, who built the first mound, an earthen pyramid measuring a quarter-mile in circumference. The monument was later enlarged by the Hopewell people, who added four additional mounds. The most recent mound, the Great Mound, was built by the Adena people around 200 B.C.

In the early 19th century, a family of German immigrants, the Bronnenbergs, made this site their home. Owning more than 600 acres, they operated a large farm, with many theories abound, no one has the answers. The Adena and Hopewell mounds still stand tall, a testament to the skill and craftsmanship of the Native American builders.

The Bronnenbergs, who were also known to be lovers of fine horses and would hold races on what is today Mounds Road. The area was once a thriving community, with a post office, a school, and a store.

In the late 1800s, the Indiana Union Traction Company, which operated a trolley line running through the area, began building the park to be used by the public. Attractions included a roller coaster, roller skating rink, shooting gallery, carousel, boat rides on the river, and a bandstand. However, like so many others, the business simply failed.

Today, the park offers a wide variety of activities for the entire family, including camping, cross-country skiing, fishing, hiking trails, and more. For more information, visit Mounds State Park's website or contact the park office.