

# Toolesboro Indian Mounds

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**T**he Hopewellian mounds at Toolesboro are among the best preserved and accessible remnants of an ancient culture that flourished from around 200 B.C. to 400 A.D. The five-acre site includes several large mounds, a refurbished visitor's center with new exhibits, outdoor interpretive panel and a prairie demonstration plot. A new video illustrates modern methods in archaeology. The State Historical Society of Iowa owns and preserves the Toolesboro Indian Mounds and Museum. The mounds are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and designated as a National Historic Landmark and State Preserve. 🌿

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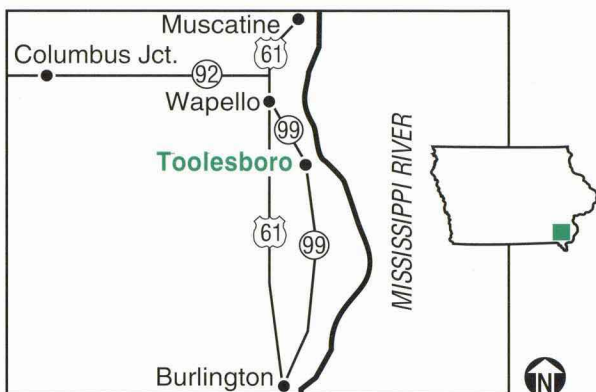
Toolesboro, Iowa

Toolesboro Mounds in Louisa County reveal a complex and intriguing past. Indian artisans of the Middle Woodland period made stone tools, pottery and effigy pipes. They traded over a vast network for ocean shell beads, Appalachian mica and volcanic glass from the Rocky Mountains. Copper axes and pins from the Toolesboro mounds are some of the finest recovered from sites of this time period. Three of the original 12 mounds are preserved and protected. The site is accessible year-round.

The Toolesboro site and education center, including new museum displays, overlook the Mississippi River Valley just north of the town of Toolesboro on State Highway 99, the "Great River Road." Outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy canoeing, hiking, biking, fishing, hunting and golfing in the area.



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**Toolesboro Indian Mounds National Historic Landmark — Located on IA 99 in Toolesboro, Iowa**

**Hours:** Visitor Center open noon to 4 p.m. daily, third weekend in May - Labor Day. Open noon to 4 p.m. weekends, Labor Day - Oct. 31. Center open other times by appointment for groups. Free admission.

**Address:** For more information or to schedule group tours, contact the local manager: Louisa County Conservation Board, Box 261, Wapello, Iowa 52653, (319) 523-8381.

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