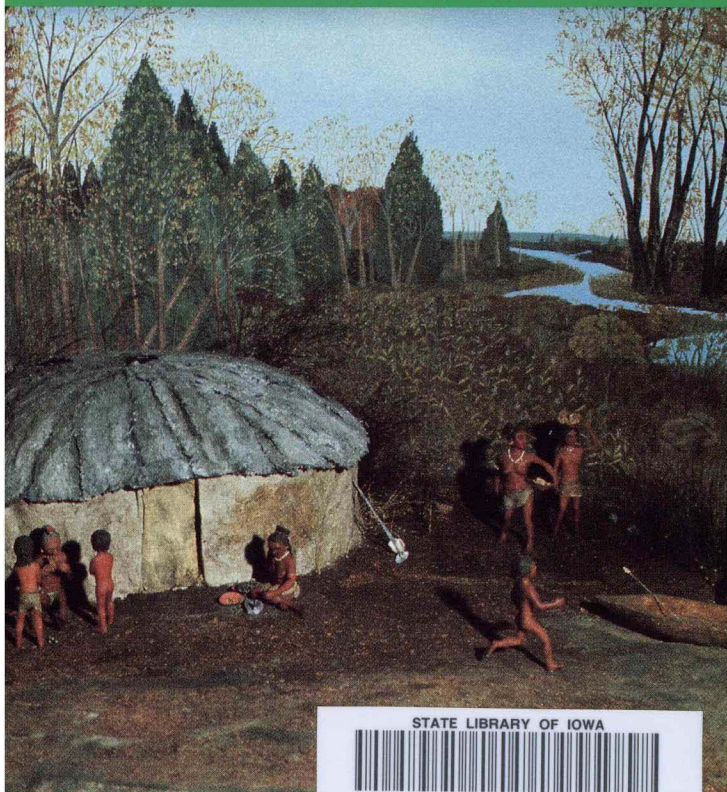


# Toolesboro Indian Mounds

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**T**he Hopewellian mounds at Toolesboro are among the best-preserved and accessible remnants of an ancient culture flourishing from around 200 B.C. to 300 A.D. The five-acre site includes several large surviving mounds, an education center and a prairie demonstration plot. 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 Indian Mounds National Historic Landmark

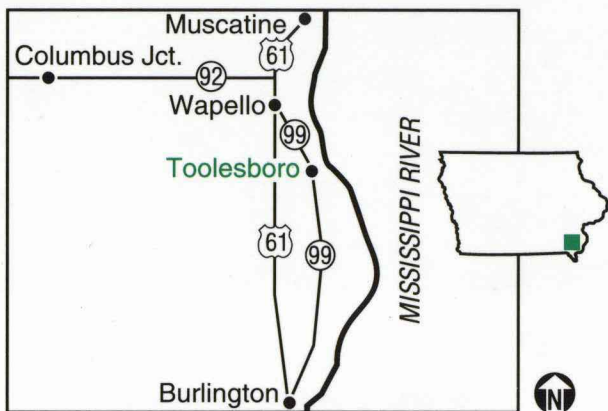
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Toolesboro Mounds in Louisa County reveal a complex and intriguing past. Hopewell Indian artisans made stone tools, pottery and effigy pipes. They developed a vast trading network, obtaining ocean shell beads and volcanic glass from thousands of miles away. Axes and copper awls, which punch holes in wood and leather, also have been uncovered. Three of the original 12 mounds are preserved and protected. Visitors are welcome to see the mounds anytime.

The Toolesboro site and education center 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.



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

**Hours:** 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. Call (319) 523-8381.