

# Wickliffe Mounds State Historic Site



Columbus-Belmont State Park

## Nearby places to visit:

**Ballard Wildlife Management Area**, 18 miles N off HWY473, has hiking, wildlife viewing, fishing, bald cypress swamp.

**Columbus-Belmont State Park**, 20 miles S in Columbus, Civil War site on the Mississippi River with museum, campground, miniature golf, boat ramp, and self-guided walking trails.

**Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park**, 52 miles N off I-24, offers a lodge, cottages, restaurant, campground, horseback riding, tennis courts, full-service marina, golf course, and gift shop.

## Western Kentucky

GPS Coordinates:  
N 36.97103; W-89.09251



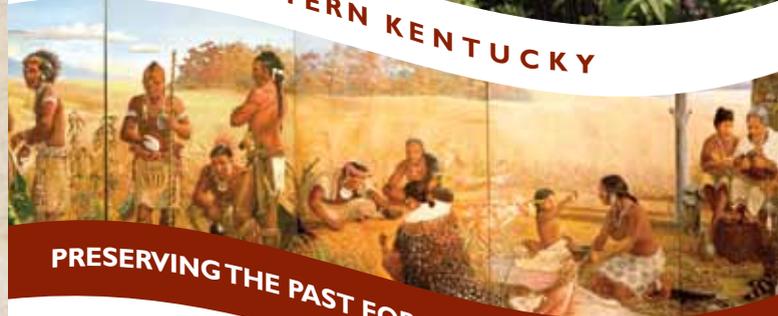
The park is located in the Wickliffe community about 30 miles west of Paducah, on highways 51-60-62 west, near the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.

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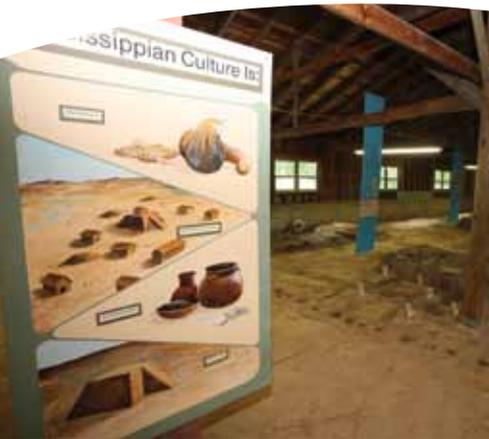
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# MUSEUM • MOUNDS • GIFT SHOP • PICNICKING



Wickliffe Mounds is the archaeological site of a prehistoric Native American village of the Mississippian mound builders, and is a Kentucky Archaeological Landmark and on the National Register of Historic Places. Located on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River, the village was occupied from about AD 1100 to 1350. The Mississippians built a complex settlement with permanent houses and earthen mounds situated around a central plaza. Today, the museum exhibits the excavated features of the mounds, outstanding displays of Mississippian pottery, stone tools, bone and shell implements, the architecture of Mississippian mounds and houses, and interpretive information about the park's archaeological history. All this, and a bird's eye view of the bluff atop the ceremonial mound.

## *School Trips*

Self-guided school tours are welcome year-round. An education program packet with pre-visit activities, guide sheets and classroom curriculum guidelines can be downloaded on our website. Staff-led programs about Mississippian culture and the science of archaeology are available to small groups, suitable for grades K-12. Please call the park office to schedule a time for your group visit.

## *Museum*

The museum consists of two excavated mounds with archaeological features, site artifacts, a mural of a Mississippian village, and exhibits focusing on the archaeological history of the site and culture. Visitors may walk the grounds to view the Burial Mound and Ceremonial Mound and take a self-guided walking tour.

## *Welcome Center/Gift Shop*

Drop in for an introduction to the park and admission to the museum. Browse for just the right souvenir from books, pottery, baskets, t-shirts, jewelry and replica artifacts with focus on Native American culture and the region.

## *Explore*

Enjoy a leisurely walk through the woods here on our 200-yard Woods Walk Trail. Seasonal wildflowers and bird watching opportunities. Visit the Welcome Center during park hours for a trail map and plant information pamphlet to enhance your visit.

## *Picnicking*

Picnic tables (no grills) are available at the bluff area during park hours for enjoying the peaceful surroundings. More tables are located in the paid admission archaeological site area as well.

## *Special Events*

• Family Fun Archaeology Day - June

Check our entire calendar of events at [www.parks.ky.gov](http://www.parks.ky.gov)  
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