

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Hinson Mounds (8Cr180)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Big Cypress National Preserve

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

Miles City

VICINITY OF

STATE

Florida

CODE

12

COUNTY

Collier

CODE

021 ✓

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: <i>PPSPV VP</i>

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (if applicable)

Southeast Regional Office, NPS

STREET & NUMBER

1895 Phoenix Boulevard

CITY, TOWN

Atlanta

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Georgia

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Clerk, Collier County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Naples

STATE

Florida

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Preliminary Report of Archeological Survey of Big Cypress National Preserve

DATE

1978

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

National Park Service, Southeast Archeological Center

CITY, TOWN

Tallahassee

STATE

Florida

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Context

The Hinson Mounds were located in 1977 during the National Park Service archeological survey of the Big Cypress National Preserve. The survey was part of a four-year study designed to compile and assess the cultural resources of the preserve. The Hinson Mounds are one of seven sites in the preserve considered eligible for nomination on the National Register. Although the site is recorded on the USGS Miles City topographic 7.5 series map, this site had not been previously recorded in the State of Florida's master site file.

This multicomponent site is situated: [REDACTED]. The site encompasses three black dirt mounds, which appear to be midden deposits, and a single sand mound. Other, as yet undetected, components of this site may exist. Two of the black dirt mounds are approximately 10 by 20 meters and are about 1 meter in elevation. The third black dirt mound is oval and about 5 meters in diameter. Vandals have destroyed 80-90 percent of the first two mounds, but the third mound is generally intact. A fourth mound made of white sand, possibly a burial mound, is located about 300 meters northeast of the black dirt mound complex. This mound is approximately 1.5-2 meters high and is approximately 25 meters in diameter.

Diagnostic artifacts indicate an occupation that ranges from as early as the Glades I (Late) through the Glades III A periods. Generally, this reflects a span of time beginning ca. 400 AD through 1400 AD. The large quantity of Glades I ceramics, such as Ft. Drum-Ticked Rim, suggest the importance of the Glades (Late) Period occupation, and the relative scarcity of Glades III markers, such as Surfside and Glades Tooled Rim, indicate that the later occupation of the site may have only been a major component within the site's history.

Boundary Justification

The nominated boundaries include all of the known components of the site as well as a portion of the slough that bounds the western side of the site. The slough tract is included because this ecotone would have served as an important resource area as well as a transportation route for the site's inhabitants. In addition, organic material data could be preserved within the slough muck, a circumstance not uncommon within the Glades Area. This nominated property includes 12 acres.

Environment

This site is located on the northeast side of a cypress slough that transverses along a northwest-southeast axis. The site is situated on a hammock island, one of many that are interspersed across the sawgrass prairie and cypress forest. A hardwood tree community intermixed with an understory of shrubs dominate the site. A wide variety of resources are offered by the several local ecotones. Fish, reptiles, birds, and amphibians abound in the slough. The hammock islands have a large variety of plants, mammals, birds, and amphibians.

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Archeological Investigations

No previous professional archeological research has been conducted on this site. However, excavations by artifact collectors have disturbed much of the site. The ground surface is strewn with artifacts and faunal bone, items discarded by vandals. Collections were made of this material during the site survey when it was determined that the disturbed data existed within discrete areas and that amateur excavations had been confined to the upper 25 cm of the site. The vandals had discarded all pottery sherds and faunal bone. It was felt that this material data was of sufficient quantity to provide a representative sample of those data universes of the upper occupational level of the site. In addition, a single carbon sample was recorded from an undisturbed portion of the midden. This sample age was determined to be 1030 ± 70 BP (Sample #UM-1025).

Data Limitations

Vandals have disturbed most of two of the mounds. A third adjacent mound was intact at the time of the survey. A fourth mound made of sand is undisturbed. This destruction has been directed towards the removal of bone and shell artifacts by collectors. Generally, all other types of material data were discarded in the soil.

(1974) referring to his belief that occupation focused along the coastal zone and that the interior glades were subject to only occasional resources exploitation and minor occupation. This site, and similar interior sites conclusively demonstrate that this was not the case, that in fact, major settlements did occupy the interior glades.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 400 A.D. - 1400 A.D. BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hinson Mounds represent a site complex of discrete components that contain data sets reflecting subsistence and settlement patterns typical of Native American occupation of the northwest section of the Big Cypress.

These data sets may be described as follows:

1. Artifactual data is primarily composed of pottery sherds. Ceramics in the Glades Area are the principal artifactual marker for chronology. Other artifacts include bone and shell tools and ornaments. This type of data still remains in undisturbed portions of the site. These artifacts reflect subsistence patterns, technology, and in some cases, chronology.
2. Subsistence data comprises a major percentage of the site's data universe. Consisting of faunal bone, charred seeds, shells and human coprolites; this data offers investigators an unusual opportunity to reconstruct subsistence patterns; particularly types of food being exploited, resource selectivity, prehistoric hunting, and fishing methodology, and food preparation. The human fecal material, commonly preserved in large prehistoric middens in the Big Cypress, offer an opportunity to study diet and human parasitic pathology.
3. Large quantities of charcoal, remnants from fire pits and hearths, exist throughout the site. To date, four samples have been collected and at least one submitted for C₁₄ dates. Sufficient charcoal exist at all occupational levels to probably determine the complete chronology of settlement.
4. Human remains are suspected to exist, although this has not been satisfactorily demonstrated to date. This possibility is based on isolated human skeletal elements located in the vandal's spoil, and the reported recovery of ceremonial type artifacts material generally associated with burials.

Studies of prehistoric culture in Big Cypress have been nonexistent. Although close similarities are apparent between this area and the coastal Everglades, differences in adaptive strategies to local microenvironments are apparent. Future research may be able to answer questions about these differences. Other questions, such as whether seasonality is a factor in settlement selection, can also be addressed. John Griffin characterized settlement in the Glades Culture Area as "circumglades",

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ehrenhard, John, Robert S. Carr, and Robert Taylor
 1978 A Preliminary Report of Archeological Survey of Big Cypress
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A				B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This site is

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert S. Carr

12/77

ORGANIZATION

NPS, Southeast Archeological Center

(904) 222-1167

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 2416

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Tallahassee

STATE
Florida 32304

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local .

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

Chief, Div. of Cultural Resources Mgmt.

DATE

6/26/78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST Jam H. Gilmore

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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DATE

12/29/78

DATE

12/13/78