

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

Sugar Pot (8Cr172)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Big Cypress National Preserve

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Florida

VICINITY OF

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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Preserve

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

Southeast Regional Office, NPS

STREET & NUMBER

1895 Phoenix Boulevard

CITY, TOWN

Atlanta

VICINITY OF

Georgia

STATE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Context

The Sugar Pot Site was located during the initial phase of the National Park Service's archeological survey of the Big Cypress National Preserve in 1977. The survey was part of a four year study designed to compile and assess the cultural resources of the preserve. The Sugar Pot Site is one of seven sites considered eligible for nomination on the National Register.

This site is a black dirt midden that comprises [REDACTED] Four oval mounds cluster around a plaza courtyard-like feature near the center of the site. The oval mounds rise gently from the rest of the midden and are approximately .5 meters above the midden center. This mound and midden complex are about 1.5-2 meters at its highest point above the adjacent sawgrass prairie. Site dimensions are approximately 30 by 50 meters. Diagnostic artifacts recovered from a surface collection indicate a late prehistoric occupation that dates from as early as circa 1000 AD to approximately 1400 AD. In addition, historic artifacts indicate occupation of the site during the midnineteenth century, probably by Seminole Indians. It is possible that a more thorough investigation of the site would demonstrate an earlier occupation of the site, particularly since larger sites in the glades area have been subject to extensive prehistoric occupation because of the relative scarcity of high and dry land. It is not uncommon for the prehistoric occupation of such glades sites to extend over a 2000 year period.

This site probably represents an occupational area. The mounds may have been house platforms. However, the possibility exists that these mounds could have served other functions, such as for burial interments.

The site also has a Seminole occupational component that dates from the mid 19th century to about 1900. This component is indicated by the recovery of historic data such as a blue glass bead, a glass bottle, and an iron sugar cauldron.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries include all of the known components of the site as well as a 15 meter buffer zone around the site. The buffer zone is delineated to include material remains often discarded from the site's edge and from canoes. A total of 5 acres is included in the nomination.

Environment

The site is dominated by a hardwood hammock community. The present hardwood community represents secondary growth, since the site was probably cleared during historic times to cultivate sugar cane. Orange trees and banana trees grow on the site. These plants suggest previous Seminole occupation. The site is on a hammock island that is situated in the transition zone that interfaces the mangrove ecotone and the sawgrass prairie. This location provides access to a wide variety of resources within a relatively short distance of the site. Fish and shellfish, an important staple in the local prehistoric diet, inhabit the area. [REDACTED]

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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. 1000 AD - 1400 AD BUILDER/ARCHITECT
 1800 AD - 1900 AD

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Sugar Pot Site is characterized by a large deep midden component and four oval mounds that surround a plaza-like feature. An oval pond, which may have been artificially constructed, is situated in the sawgrass prairie adjacent to the southeast quadrant of the site. This type of multifeature site is uncommon in the Big Cypress area, and to date, is the only such site recorded within the Preserve. The site's features suggest that it may have been a ceremonial center.

Ceremonial centers in South Florida are generally distinguished by mounds in association with other types of features, such as plazas, earthworks, canals, and charnel ponds. These ceremonial centers occur most

Dating from as early as AD 750, these centers continued as prehistoric activity areas up to the period of European contact during the sixteenth century. Dr. William Sears believes that at least some of these South Florida centers were stimulated by Hopewellian influences (1971: 329).

The Sugar Pot site 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 of 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, and shells; this data offers investigators an unusual opportunity to construct subsistence patterns; particularly types of food being exploited, resource selectivity, prehistoric hunting, and fishing methodology, and food preparation.
3. Large quantities of charcoal, remnants from fire pits and hearths, exist throughout the site.
4. Human remains are suspected to exist, although this has not been demonstrated to date.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ehrenhard, John, and Robert S. Carr, Robert Taylor
 1978 Preliminary Report of Archeological Survey of Big Cypress
 National Preserve.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5

UTM REFERENCES

see NPS
 correction
 4/81

C [REDACTED]
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B [REDACTED]
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D [REDACTED]
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

[REDACTED]

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert S. Carr

ORGANIZATION

NPS, Southeast Archeological Center

12/77

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 2416

(904) 222-1167

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Tallahassee

STATE

Florida 32304

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

[Signature]
 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

[Signature]

TITLE

Chief, Division of Cultural Resources Regis.

DATE

6/26/78

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

[Signature]

DATE

12/15/78

ATTEST

[Signature]

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12/14/78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER