

Effigy Mounds National Monument



The 1,475 acre Monument preserves outstanding examples of over 2,000 years of prehistoric Indian mound building. Within the boundaries of the Monument there are four different types of mounds: conical, linear, compound and effigy. The effigies consist of both bird and bear shaped mounds.

Location: Effigy Mounds is located five miles north of McGregor and three miles north of Marquette, Iowa on Iowa State Highway 76. Bus parking is available at the Visitor Center.

Hours: The Visitor Center is open from 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Memorial Day to Labor Day and from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. the remainder of the year with the exception of Christmas Day when it is closed.

FEES:

Per Person	\$1.00
Per Car (Maximum)	\$3.00
Children (16 and under)	FREE
Golden Age U.S. Citizens (62 and over)	FREE
Educational Groups	FREE

Guided Tours: From Memorial Day through Labor Day there are four guided tours daily. The tours leave the Visitor Center at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., 1:30 and 3:00 p.m. The tours cover two miles of walking and last 1½ hours. Group tours may be scheduled the remainder of the year.

Self Guided Trails: The Monument's trail system may be walked without a guide. There are eleven miles of trails. Trail maps are available at the Visitor Center. To assure adequate safety, adults should accompany children on the trail.

Other Services Available: The Visitor Center contains a small museum which explains the mounds and shows artifacts taken from the mounds. A fourteen minute film explains the culture of the Indians who lived here.

Advance Planning: There are no facilities for picnicking at the Monument and picnicking is not permitted except in your car. Camping is not permitted within the Monument. Both picnicking and camping facilities are available at Pikes Peak State Park and Yellow River State Forest. Restaurants and lodging facilities are available in the local communities.

Word of Caution: When hiking stay on trails; do not venture too close to cliff edges. Be alert for poison ivy.

If you would like additional information about the Monument or your visit please contact: Superintendent, Effigy Mounds National Monument, R.R. 1, Box 25A, Harpers Ferry, Iowa 52146. Phone: (319) 873-3491.

