

## HISTORY AND NATURE

There is evidence that the Lake Jackson Indians participated in a southeastern socio-religious complex known to archaeologists as the "Southern Cult" or "Southeastern Ceremonial Complex," which flourished around 1200 A.D. The area was probably the political and religious center for Indians of this location during the period 1200 A.D. to 1500 A.D. A society that could develop a site of this type is believed to have had a well-organized political system with tribal leaders more than likely residing in regional centers like the Lake Jackson site.

The entire complex was composed of seven earthen temple mounds that were part of the village and trading area. Pottery, stone tools, location and shape of the existing mounds have been used to identify the age and culture of the site. The site dates back to the Fort Walton period of Florida's history (1000 A.D. - 1450 A.D.).

The remains of important tribal members have been found at the site. The array of burial objects includes elaborate items such as copper breast plates, shell beaded necklaces, bracelets, anklets and cloaks. These exotic artifacts indicate religious and trading ties with other large pre-historic Indian ceremonial centers in the southeastern United States such as Etowah in Georgia, Moundville in Alabama and Duck River in Tennessee.

## LAKE JACKSON MOUNDS ARCHAEOLOGICAL STATE PARK

3600 Indian Mounds Rd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
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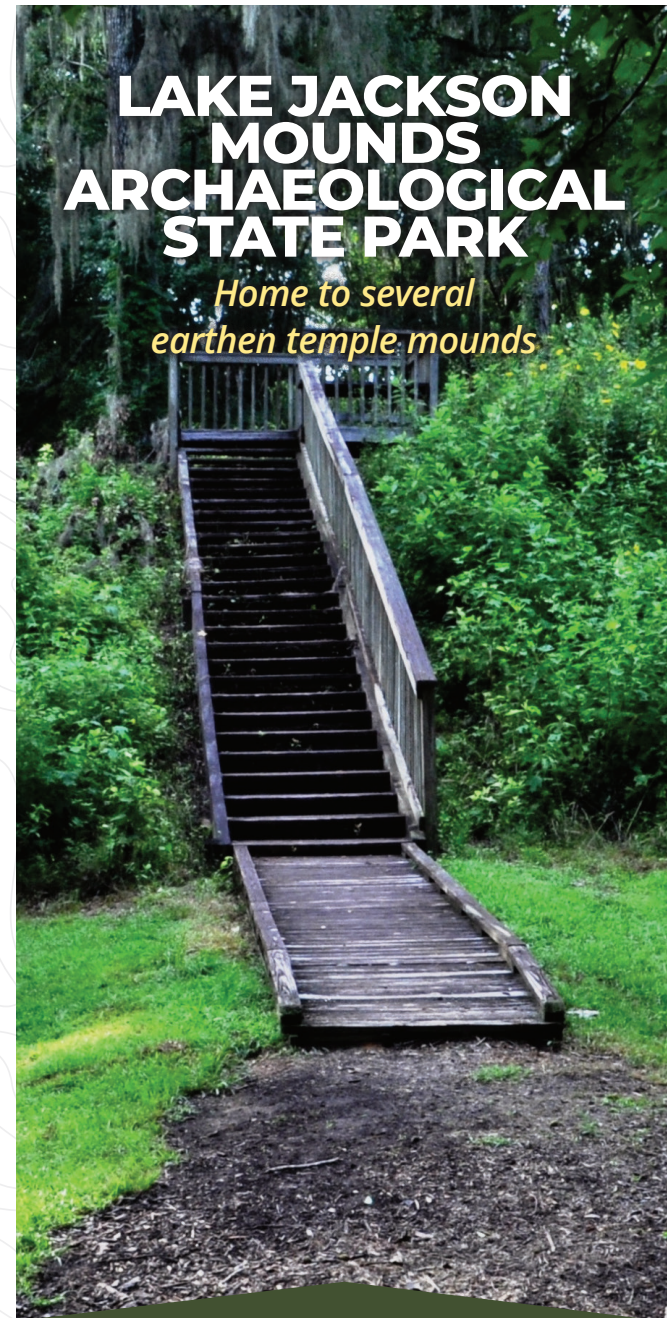
### PARK GUIDELINES

- Hours are 8 a.m. until sunset, 365 days a year.
- An entrance fee is required. Additional user fees may apply.
- All plants, animals and park property are protected. Collection, destruction or disturbance is prohibited.
- Pets must be kept on a handheld leash no longer than six feet and well-behaved at all times.
- To become a volunteer at Lake Jackson Mounds Archaeological State Park, call 850-487-7989.
- Pavilion rental is available. Please contact the park office at least two weeks in advance to ensure availability.
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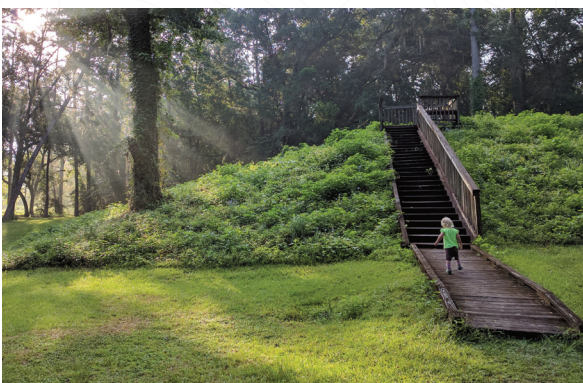
## EXPERIENCES AND AMENITIES

More than eight centuries ago, Native Americans inhabited the area around Lake Jackson, just north of Tallahassee. The park site was part of what is now known as the Southeastern Ceremonial Complex. Today the park encompasses four earthen temple mounds, with two available for viewing by the public.

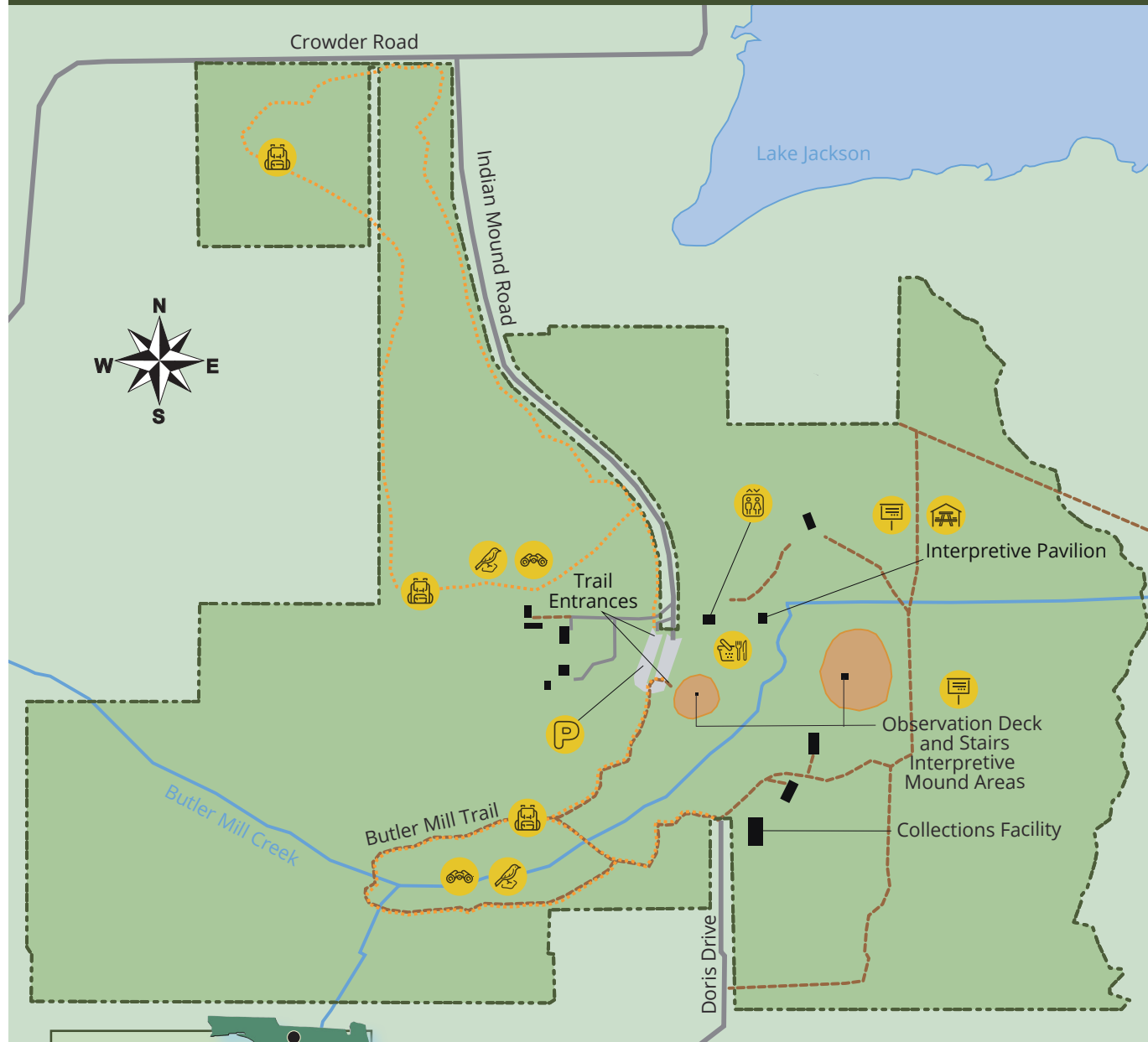
The largest mound is 278 feet by 312 feet at the base and approximately 36 feet in height. The village at the base of these mounds was a cultural, religious and population center in 1100 - 1200 A.D.

Our trails offer visitors a chance to **hike** within the park, including an **interpretive trail** that passes remnants of Florida's Territorial Period and early statehood (1825 - 1860) when the land was part of a large plantation owned by Colonel Robert Butler. The remains of an 1800s grist mill may be seen along the trail. The **nature trail** winds through a sandhill community, passing many native trees and plants. **Picnic tables** are located within view of the two largest mounds. A **pavilion** is available for family gatherings and other special occasions. **Guided tours** are available upon request.

Lake Jackson offers numerous opportunities for **wildlife viewing** and **bird watching**. Park visitors may encounter deer, squirrels, turtles and a variety of bird species including osprey, red-shouldered hawks, northern cardinals, ruby-throated hummingbirds and summer tanagers. The wooded area of the park is made up of upland pinelands and ravine forest. Herbaceous plant species such as violets, trillium and rattlesnake fern are common.











# Lake Jackson Mounds Archaeological State Park



## Directions

Located off U.S. 27, two miles north of I-10 in Tallahassee. Turn right on Crowder Rd., then right on Indian Mounds Rd.

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|  Birding              |  Parking  |  Restrooms        |
|  Hiking               |  Pavilion |  Wildlife Viewing |
|  Interpretive Display |  Picnic   |  |