



Site Explorer

Toltec Mounds Archeological State Park

Toltec Mounds Archeological State Park preserves and provides information about one of Arkansas's unique Native American mound sites. On the Knapp Trail you can tour the prehistoric mound site. As you follow along

in your self-guided children's brochure you will learn more about the people who lived on the site over 1,000 years ago. As you walk the trail, look for the answers to these questions. When you are finished filling in the answers, take this bro-

chure to the front desk to receive your Site Explorer certificate! This also counts as one activity for your State Park Junior Naturalist badge. If you need help, please ask at the front desk for assistance. Good Luck!

Marker 1

1. Scientists who study people from the past are called:
 A. archeologists
 B. pot hunters
 C. arrowhead collectors

2. What is an artifact? Give two examples.

3. There are _____ mounds at Toltec Mounds Archeological State Park.
 A. 18
 B. 50
 C. 3

4. What happened to the mounds?



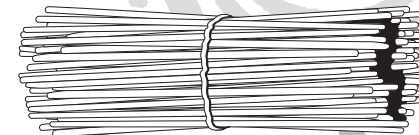
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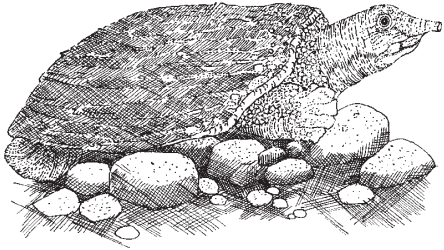
1. The embankment and ditch built around the site had four sides. True, or False? _____
2. Why did the Plum Bayou culture most likely build the embankment?
 A. boundary marker
 B. protection from enemies
 C. flood control
3. The embankment was made from _____.
 A. steel
 B. concrete
 C. soil



Marker 3

1. Mound C is the only known burial mound found at Toltec. True, or False? _____
2. It is _____ to dig up human remains except in certain circumstances and with special permission.
 A. against the law
 B. disrespectful
 C. both a and b





Marker 4

1. What was the plaza most likely used for?

2. Mound S had a large amount of _____ bone found in it.

- A. deer
- B. elk
- C. bear

3. Mound A is the tallest mound in Arkansas. True, or False? _____

Marker 5

1. Name three foods the Plum Bayou people ate.

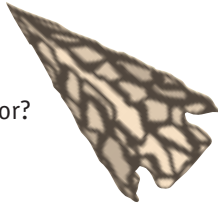
2. The people who lived at this site over 1,000 years ago probably used a _____ to hunt wild game.

- A. bow and arrow
- B. gun
- C. spear
- D. both a and c

Marker 6

1. Mound Pond is really an oxbow lake formed a few thousand years ago. What is an oxbow lake?

- _____ A. giant puddle
- _____ B. old river channel
- _____ C. none of the above



Marker 7

1. Archeologists found trash, called _____, in several layers of Mound B.

2. What does this trash tell archeologists?

Marker 8

1. Mound G is unusual because it is so high. True, or False? _____

Marker 9

1. Mound H is an observation mound. What, exactly, were the Native Americans observing over 1,000 years ago on this mound?

- _____ A. sunset
- _____ B. fireworks
- _____ C. airplanes

2. You can still experience the setting of the sun over Mound H on the following special event days at Toltec Mounds.

- _____ A. Spring Equinox
- _____ B. Summer Solstice
- _____ C. Fall Equinox
- _____ D. All of the above

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