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MUSEUM

The park museum is designed to replicate a prehistoric Native American mound. The museum includes an archaeological library, an 80-seat theater, a gift shop, and park offices. The museum focuses on Tennessee's prehistory. On display are prehistoric Native American tools and pottery, and exhibits about trade, ceremony, archaeological fieldwork, and the history of the Pinson site.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Cypress Grove Park, Jackson: 10 miles
- Casey Jones Restaurant/Museum, Jackson: 13 miles
- Britton Lane Civil War Battlefield, Medon: 22 miles

NEARBY STATE PARKS

- Chickasaw State Park: 17 miles

ANNUAL EVENT

- Third weekend of September: Archaeofest
A celebration of Native American culture and history, this event features guided tours, guest presenters, crafts, and vendors.



GET INVOLVED

Friends and volunteers assist in protecting, preserving, and promoting the cultural and natural resources of their favorite state park. They do this by giving of their time and talents to ensure the park's integrity for future generations to enjoy. It's easy to show your support—join a Friends group or participate in one of the many volunteer opportunities offered to individuals, families, and groups. To learn more visit tnstateparks.com/about/get-involved.

PINSON MOUNDS STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK

460 Ozier Road
Pinson, TN 38366
731-988-5614

HOURS OF OPERATION

Trails and Shelters: 7:00 A.M. to Sunset CT
Museum and Office: 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Mon.–Sat.
1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Sunday

Museum and Office: Closed on all state and federal holidays, November to April.

DIRECTIONS

From Jackson, follow U.S. Hwy 45S to the town of Pinson. Turn left at the park sign, onto State Hwy 197 and follow the signs 2.5 miles to the park entrance.



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is one of two state archaeological parks. The prehistoric earthworks complex consists of at least 17 earthen mounds that encompass more than 400 acres of the 1,300-acre park. Pinson is the largest Middle Woodland period [200 B.C. to 500 A.D.] mound center of the Southeast. Sauls Mound, at 72 feet, is the second tallest mound in the United States.

Pinson Mounds was first documented in modern history in 1820 by a surveying crew, and was named after one of the surveyors, Joel Pinson. In the 1950s and 1960s, local citizens asked the state to purchase the land and preserve it as a park. Pinson Mounds is a National Historic Landmark and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

PLANNED PROGRAMS

Park related video presentations are available in the museum auditorium. Group tours and interpretive programs may be arranged by contacting the park office in advance. Summer programming about the site's archaeological, cultural, and natural resources are offered Memorial Day through Labor Day.

GIFT SHOP

Tee shirts, books, collectibles, Native American crafts, and Tennessee State Park items are available at the gift shop in the museum.

PICNIC AREAS AND PLAYGROUND

Pinson Mounds has 24 picnic sites, a playground, and two rentable picnic pavilions. The picnic pavilions include tables, restrooms, and grills.

HIKING AND BICYCLE TRAILS

The park's archaeological features and wildlife can be viewed along six miles of interconnecting trail. The paved trail sections are bicycle and wheelchair accessible. Gravel/forest floor hiking trails, which do not permit bicycles, are of easy to moderate level. Flora and fauna of three intersecting ecosystems, a cypress swamp, mixed beech-oak slopes, and oak-hickory uplands are viewable along these trails.

GROUP CAMP

A central lodge and four cabins, all with heat and air conditioning, are available year-round. A deposit is required. The lodge contains a furnished kitchen, shower/restroom facilities, and meeting area. Cabins have four twin bunk beds to house 32 occupants. Guests must bring linens.

