

Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex

Programs and Events

801 Jefferson Avenue, Moundsville, WV (304) 843-4128
Open 9 am – 5 pm Tue – Sat. Closed Sun and Mon
Outdoor access is weather permitting and closes at 4:30 pm

All events are open to the public free of charge



Programs

Fossil Day

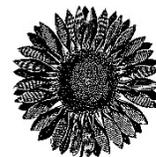
Saturday, September 16, 12:00 – 4:00 pm

Bring your fossils for expert identification by Dr. Ronald Mc Dowell, Senior Research Geologist and Head of the Geoscience Section of the West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey (WVGES). Family-oriented activities include finding a fossil, craft activities, and a film. Also, visit our display at the *Elizabethtown Festival* at the old West Virginia Penitentiary and stop at the Fall Festival on Jefferson Avenue.

Museum Day Live!

Saturday, September 23, 12:00 – 4:00 pm

Pick up an Interpretive Garden check-list and learn about the plants growing in the garden.



25th Annual Archaeology Day

Saturday, October 7, 12:00 – 4:00 pm

The 25th Annual Archaeology Day features special exhibits, demonstrations, and activities for the whole family. These include behind-the-scenes tours of the Archaeological Research Facility, flint knapping demonstrations, atlatl throwing (weather permitting), a museum scavenger hunt, displays and demonstrations by professional archaeologists and volunteers, hands-on activities, and more.

International Archaeology Day

Saturday, October 21, 1:00 and 3:00 pm

View “*Vampire Legend*”, part of the PBS “*Secrets of the Dead*” series and find out how Medieval burials in England offer insight into the creation of the vampire myth. (60 min)

2017 Lecture and Film Series

Thursday, September 28, 7:00 pm

Lecture – “Hopewell Geometry, Astronomy, and the Marietta Earthworks”

By Wesley Clarke, MA, RPA – Manager of Collections, The Castle Museum in Marietta, OH

The earthworks at Marietta, Ohio, include several unusual features as well as astronomical alignments. While systematic examination of this site has been limited, research during the past 25 years has added substantially to the site record.

Thursday, October 26, 7:00 pm

Archaeology Month Lecture:

“Ancient Earthworks in the Middle Ohio Valley: Discovering New Sites and Re-examining the Old”

By Jarrod Burks, PhD, Director of Archaeological Geophysics, Ohio Valley Archaeology, Inc.

The Middle Ohio Valley is rich in ancient moments--circles, squares, and even more exotic shapes; most were built about 1800 years ago. Recent aerial photograph analysis and on-the-ground geophysical surveys have found a surprising number of previously undocumented enclosure sites, as well as many new features at well-known sites.



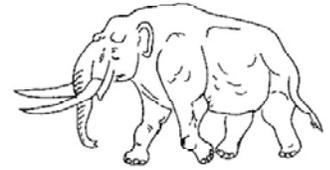
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At the Discovery Table

Free family crafts available during regular museum hours

August: "Ice Age Fan Club"

Make a hand-held fan featuring one of the Ice Age animals found in the "Prehistoric West Virginia" exhibit.



September: "Plate Puzzle"

Recreate your favorite Homer Laughlin China design or use your imagination to turn a cardboard circle into a replica plate. Cut your plate into pieces at home to make a puzzle that resembles broken plates that archaeologists reassemble in the lab.



October: "Stratigraphy"

Layer different types of soil to create a miniature site in a plastic cup to explore this important archaeological concept.

Second Saturday Films

September 9, 1:00 and 3:00 pm (60 min)

"Historic Archaeology: Beneath Kentucky's Fields and Streets"

Look into the lives of ordinary people through discoveries made at several archaeological sites in Kentucky. The film covers the Frontier Period (1770s -1820s), the Antebellum Period (1820s -1860s), the Civil War (1861-1865), and Industrialization (1860s -1910s). Be sure to see the historic sites in the exhibit, "The Buried Past: Artifacts from West Virginia's Wild, Wonderful History".

October 14, 1:00 and 3:00 pm (90 min)

"America Before Columbus"

When Christopher Columbus stepped ashore in the New World, he actually encountered a very old world whose inhabitants had created a vast infrastructure of cities, orchards, canals, and causeways. This National Geographic production sheds light on the world of ancient American history.



Find information on the latest programs, exhibits, and events, "Artifact of the Week", and more at

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