

Hopewell Culture National Historical Park

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## **Public meeting on Seip Mound State Memorial**

A public meeting on April 21 will discuss a proposal to transfer Seip Mound State Memorial to the National Park Service. The Ohio Historical Society has been considering alternative property management arrangements for several state historic sites. One of the sites considered for alternative management is Seip Mound State Memorial between Bourneville and Bainbridge on U.S. 50. Seip Mound was listed for possible transfer because it is within the boundaries of the Seip Earthworks unit of Hopewell Culture National Historical Park.

Seip Mound is the central mound and most visible part of a group of geometric earthworks known as Seip Earthworks. When the larger Seip Earthworks feature was added to Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in 1992, it included the existing Seip Mound State Memorial. The 1992 legislation anticipated several management options for the site including cooperative management by both agencies, or transfer to the National Park Service.

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at Paint Valley Elementary School, located at 7454 US Highway 50 in Bainbridge, Ohio. All interested members of the public are invited to attend.

Seip Earthworks is one of five 2,000 year-old geometric earthworks that compose Hopewell Culture National Historical Park. The Park was established to preserve the historic and scientific values of these sites built by the Ohio Hopewell Culture. For more information, please contact Superintendent Dean Alexander at 740-774-1126.