

# Nitschke Mounds County Park Crossword Puzzle

Adapted from Effigy Mounds National Monument

## Across

1. A major transportation route bordering the south western side of Wisconsin used by early Americans – many effigy mounds are concentrated there. Mississippi River
4. The Native Americans ate nuts from the shagbark \_\_\_\_\_ tree Hickory
7. This term refers to before writing and written history Prehistoric
8. Round or circle shaped mounds are called \_\_\_\_\_ mounds Conical
9. \_\_\_\_\_ mounds are mounds that consist of a combination of 2 or more mounds connected together. (Turtle Mound #10 at Nitschke Mounds is an example) Compound
10. Many of the mounds were destroyed by early \_\_\_\_\_ through farming Settlers
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ Woodland Indians constructed the mounds in the 800AD – 1000AD time period at Nitschke Mounds Park. Late
14. Clothing was made from the bark of the \_\_\_\_\_ tree. (Hint: has very large leaves) Basswood
17. Mounds 10 - 19 are a \_\_\_\_\_ of conical mounds and a turtle mound. Combination
18. An \_\_\_\_\_ burial is one where the body is buried stretched out lying on its back Extended
20. Not all people believe that Mound 9 is a Bear Mound. It may instead represent a \_\_\_\_\_ Buffalo
22. The \_\_\_\_\_ River is located a few miles east of Nitschke Mounds and was likely used as a major transportation route for Native Americans hundreds of years ago. Rock
23. In a \_\_\_\_\_ burial the body is placed in the mound or buried in the fetal position Flexed
24. \_\_\_\_\_ mounds are built in the shape of something, usually animals Effigy
27. \_\_\_\_\_ are another name for large wetlands and were a great source of food for the Native Americans. One of the most famous is located 2 miles east of Nitschke Mounds. Marshes
28. The Nitschke Mounds Group once included about 16 mounds located \_\_\_\_\_ of Highway E, but they have since been destroyed. South
31. Clams can produce these. They were probably a popular trade item in areas of large rivers. Pearls
33. During the summer months the Early Americans gathered together in \_\_\_\_\_ groups Larger
34. Nitschke Mounds Park is about fifty-\_\_\_\_\_ acres in total size. Four
35. Chert is a type of \_\_\_\_\_ used for making tools Stone
36. Another features of the basswood tree is it's \_\_\_\_\_ leaves. One story claims that they can be used as toilet paper. Large
37. Needle like bones used for sewing are called \_\_\_\_\_ Awls

## Down

2. Some early Americans would live in these during the winter. There aren't any at Nitschke Mounds Park, but they may be found at Ledge County Park between Horicon and Mayville. Rock Shelters
3. It is illegal to \_\_\_\_\_ artifacts or otherwise disturb archaeological sites on state, county, village or city lands (like Nitschke Mounds Park) without a permit from the State Archeologist Remove
4. At one time the Nitschke Mounds Grouping may have numbered in excess of one \_\_\_\_\_ mounds. Hundred
5. Most of the mounds were built during the Late \_\_\_\_\_ period of Wisconsin's prehistory Woodland
6. Atl-atls were spears that were thrown by a \_\_\_\_\_ held device. Hand
7. The Nitschke Mounds property is part of the Dodge County \_\_\_\_\_ system. Park
11. People of the \_\_\_\_\_ culture located in Southern Ohio often placed trade items and other grave goods in their mounds. Hopewell
13. The Nitschke Mounds consisted of \_\_\_\_\_ mound groupings totaling 62 identified mounds in the early 1900's. Two
15. \_\_\_\_\_ burials are those in which the bones of the dead person are wrapped together and placed in a mound or buried. Bundle
16. Only a very few of the effigy mounds are oriented \_\_\_\_\_. Most all seem to be going uphill. Downhill
17. Effigy mounds were probably built for \_\_\_\_\_ purposes Ceremonial
19. Nitschke Mounds park lies directly \_\_\_\_\_ of the Wild Goose State Trail, another Dodge County Park property. East
20. The common belief is that the mound builders carried dirt in \_\_\_\_\_ to create the mounds. Baskets
21. Pottery was sometimes made by building up \_\_\_\_\_ of clay Coils
22. Panther Mound #14 is lying on its \_\_\_\_\_ side Right
23. Turtle Mound 10 with the included conical mounds could represent the burials of members of the same \_\_\_\_\_, at different times. Family
25. Mounds may have been a \_\_\_\_\_ or insignia to other clans that may have lived in the area. Banner
26. Sea \_\_\_\_\_, obsidian, mica, and copper found in mounds showed that the early Americans did a lot of trading Shells
29. It is very common to hear an abundance of birds and see \_\_\_\_\_ jumping through the woods as you hike the trails at Nitschke Mounds County Park. Deer
30. Most of the mounds are relatively low in height. Mound 9 is just over \_\_\_\_\_ feet in height and is one of the higher mounds in the group. Three
32. Harpoons and fish hooks were made from \_\_\_\_\_ (plural) Bones