

CROOKS MOUND

GPS Coordinates: *Latitude: 31.526722 Longitude: -92.017083*

Driving Directions:

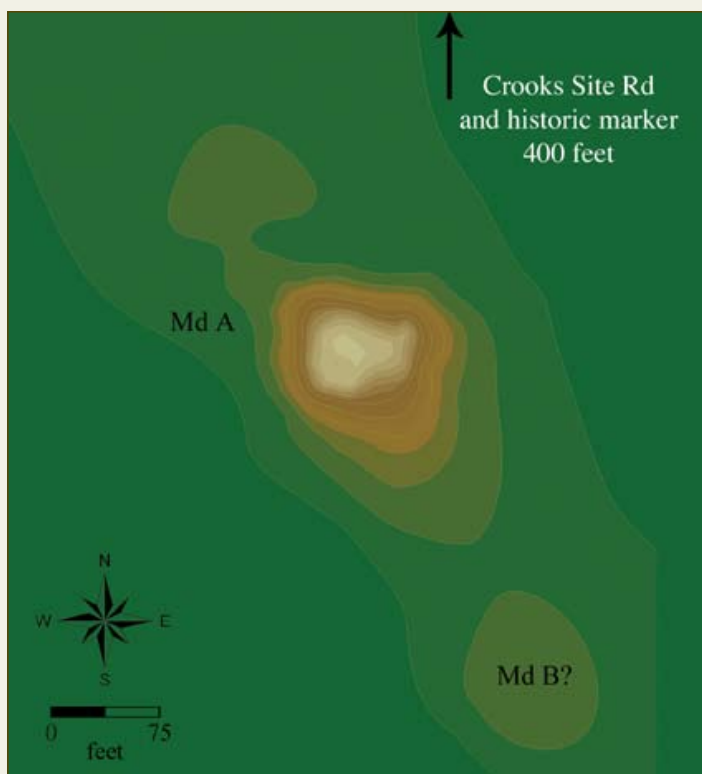
- *From US 84 near Archie, head southwest on La 28. Go 4.2 miles to Crooks Site Road; turn left. Go 0.2 mile to marker on right.*
- *From La 115, head northeast on La 28. Go 10.9 miles to Crooks Site Road; turn right. Go 0.2 mile to marker on right.*

Number of Mounds: 2

Number of Visible Mounds: 1

Summer Viewing: *Fair*

Winter Viewing: *Fair*



The two mounds at the Crooks Site no longer exist. The mound to the right of the marker is a reconstruction of the larger mound, Mound A. The site was completely excavated in 1938–1939 under the direction of James A. Ford. The mounds were 1200 feet southeast of French Fork Bayou and 450 feet southwest of Cypress Bayou. Mound A was a conical mound that stood 21 feet high and 84 feet in diameter. Mound B, 2 feet high and 50 feet in diameter, was 110 feet southwest of Mound A. Excavations revealed that Mound A had been built in three stages; Mound B was a single-stage structure. The mounds held 1,175 burials: 1,159 from Mound A, and 13 from Mound B (3 unknown). Pottery accompanied some burials; the weight of mound fill apparently crushed the vessels. The mounds were used for burials around 100 BC to AD 400 (Marksville period). No evidence for domestic structures exists on or near the mounds; apparently they were strictly for mortuary purposes. □