

TRANSYLVANIA MOUNDS

GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 32.686666 Longitude: -91.201722

Driving Directions:

— From US 65, head west on La 581. Go 1.3 miles to marker on left.

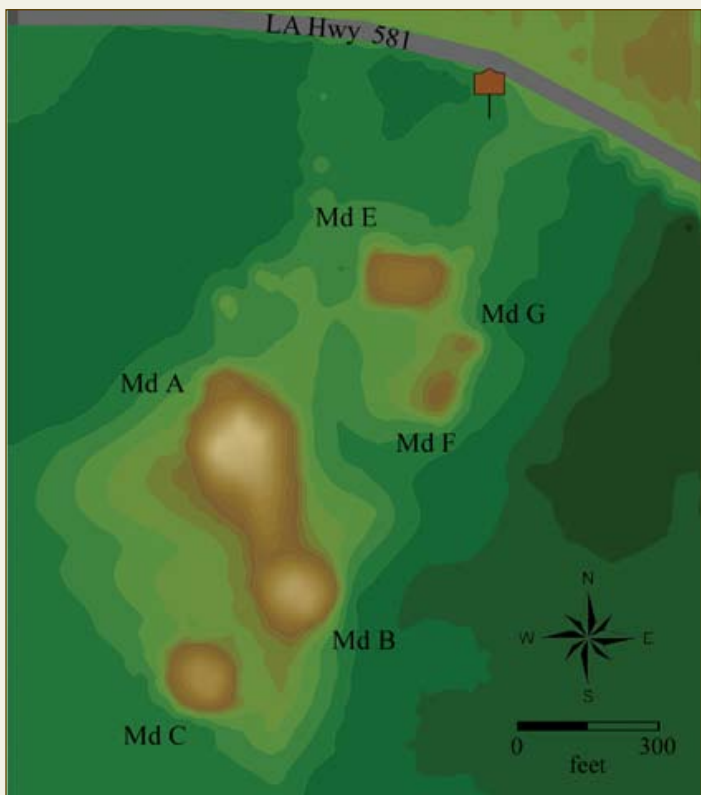
— From La 134, head east on La 881. Go 5.7 miles to La 581; turn right. Go 0.6 mile to marker on right.

Number of Mounds: 6

Number of Visible Mounds: 3

Summer Viewing: Fair

Winter Viewing: Good



Transylvania may have had as many as twelve mounds that formed two plazas, with the largest mound shared by each plaza. Mapping in 2000 identified six remaining mounds. The tallest mound is 34 feet high, with the others that remain at 18 feet, 9 feet, 6½ feet, 3½ feet, and 1½ feet tall. The 6½-foot mound has a barn on top and was modified for the building. Other mounds are no longer visible because their smaller size may have made them more vulnerable to plowing. Testing in the 1960s indicated that occupation began about AD 700–1200 (Coles Creek period), and ceramics recovered from the site date to AD 1200–1541 (Plaquemine/Mississippi period). A radiocarbon sample near one of the mounds dates to between AD 1048 and 1411. □