

# VENABLE MOUND

GPS Coordinates: *Latitude: 32.901083 Longitude: -91.774833*

Driving Directions:

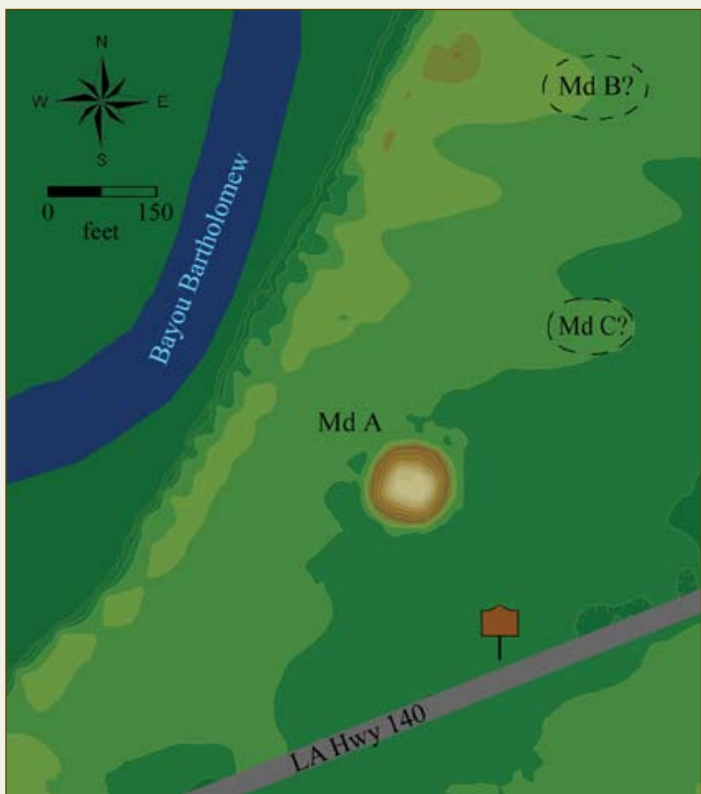
- *From US 165, head west on La 140 (Old Bonita Road). Go 6.8 miles to marker on right.*
- *From US 425, head northeast on La 140. Go 7.8 miles to marker on left, 0.4 mile past Knox Ferry Road.*

Number of Mounds: *1*

Number of Visible Mounds: *1*

Summer Viewing: *Good*

Winter Viewing: *Good*



Venable is the only remaining mound of a three-mound group formerly known as McTheney Mounds. It sits on a natural levee deposit on the east bank of Bayou Bartholomew, about  $\frac{1}{3}$  mile northeast of the edge of the Bastrop Hills. It's a platform mound about 140 feet square and over 22 feet tall. The summit platform is about 50 by 50 feet. Venable Mound has the steepest slope of any mound on the Mounds Trail. Ceramics from the site date to around AD 1200–1541 (Plaquemine/Mississippi period), but excavations reveal that the site was occupied beginning between AD 400 and 700 (Troyville period). Construction of the mound began sometime between AD 700 and 1200 (Coles Creek period) and continued into Plaquemine times. □