

HISTORY AND FUTURE OF MUSKHOGEN TRAIL

The original Muskohogen Trail was open from 1960 to 1988. It used the levee between Angel Mounds and the Evansville Museum plus a loop through the farmland near the Ohio River. The trail was thirteen miles long until the construction of a coal-loading dock closed part of the loop and shortened the trail to ten miles. The construction of the I-164 Bypass ended the availability of most

of the eastern section of the levee. Since 1988 the trail has been within the grounds of the Angel Mounds State Historic Site.

As the Greenway Passage (the hiking and bicycling path being built around Evansville) is extended from Evansville's riverfront toward Newburgh, hopefully the Muskohogen Trail can be reestablished as the part of the Greenway between the riverfront and Angel Mounds.



Current Trail

MUSKHOGEN TRAIL



MUSKHOGEN TRAIL COMMITTEE
TROOP 301, B.S.A.
The Methodist Temple
2109 Lincoln Avenue
Evansville, Indiana 47714

The name "Muskhogen" is derived from the Native American language family which includes Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, and Seminole.

The current Muskhogen Trail (pronounced "Mus-KO-gen") is based at Angel Mounds State Historic Site. It includes a hike within the Indian village area and a trail through the adjoining woods. The total trail is about 6 miles long.

Boy Scouts who want a ten-mile hike may hike the full trail and then repeat the section from the parking lot through the woods and back to the parking lot.



ANGEL MOUNDS STATE HISTORIC SITE

8215 Pollack Avenue • Evansville, IN 47715
Phone: (812) 853-3956

E-mail: angelmoundsshs@indianamuseum.org
Web: www.angelmounds.org

Open all year except Mondays and holidays.

HOURS

Tuesday-Saturday, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.
Sunday, 1 to 5 P.M.
Village area closes at 4:30.



HIKING REQUIREMENTS

1. Angel Mounds charges an admission fee to the village area. Please contact Angel Mounds for current rates.
2. Park vehicles in parking lot. Do not leave vehicles in driveway or block traffic. Parking lot closes and gates are locked promptly at 5:00 P.M.
3. The group must register at the desk in the Historic Site Interpretive Center; pay fees there.
4. Members of the hiking unit must stay together.
5. The Boy Scouts of America requires TWO adults to be in charge of a Scout group outing.
6. Long pants and shoes with socks are advised for protection from poison ivy.
7. Take nothing from the site. Pick no plants; take no rocks; disturb no animals.
8. Please help to keep the trail clean!
9. We suggest that each person carry a bottle of water and check afterwards for ticks.
10. The trails outside of Angel Mounds are used by runners and bicyclists; share the trail and be courteous to other guests.

MUSKHOGEN TRAIL AWARDS

The original trail was established in 1960 by the Boy Scouts of Troop 1 at the Methodist Temple, Evansville, IN. The revised trail was established in 1988 by the same troop, then numbered 301. Since 1960, thousands of people have enjoyed hiking the Muskhogen Trail. For those who would like tangible evidence that they have walked the trail, the following awards are available. (You do not need to be a Boy Scout to purchase awards or to enjoy the trail.)



Muskhogen Trail Medal – \$6.00

This medal is struck from a die prepared exclusively for the Muskhogen Trail. The medal is bronze; the ribbon is green and white. It is pictured in larger detail on the front side of this flier.

Muskhogen Trail Tomahawk – \$3.00

For the avid hiker, this "repeater pin" is awarded for hikes other than the first one. The bronze tomahawk is worn pinned to the ribbon of the medal.



Muskhogen Trail Patch – \$4.00

This colorful, arrowhead-shaped patch includes a button-loop at the top. It may be ordered instead of or in addition to the medal or tomahawk.

ORDER FORM FOR 2013

Medals @ \$6.00.....
Tomahawks @ \$3.00.....
Patches @ \$4.00.....
Shipping: add \$3.00 if order is to be mailed.....
TOTAL.....

Make checks or money orders payable to: *Boy Scout Troop 301*
Mail or bring order and payment to

Mr. Robert DeMunbrun
2300 E. Oregon Street • Evansville, Indiana 47711-5340
Phone: (812) 473-7283

E-mail: demunbrun.b@insightbb.com (Subject: Muskhogen Trail.)

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