

Newark Open House



Join us in experiencing the Newark Earthworks to the fullest!

Beginning on Saturday, July 22nd we will be hosting multiple events for you to experience the scale and size of the Newark Earthworks which once covered nearly 4 square miles of what is now Licking County, Ohio. We will begin with a walking tour of the complete complex observing remnants located in side yards and along well-traveled roads. Enjoy the Great Circle Museum on Sunday from 12:00-4:00pm and explore other earthwork and mound sites in Licking County. Finally, join us for a full experience of the Octagon Earthwork and Great Circle for guided tours and informational tables.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, July 22nd

The Great Circle – 455 Hebron Road, Heath, OH 43055	
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<p>Newark Earthworks Remnants Tour</p> <p>Jeff Gill will lead a walking tour through the neighborhoods of Newark to see and learn about the “lost portions of the earthworks.”</p> <p>The Great Circle Museum will be open until 4:00pm. After your visit, stop by Flint Ridge Ancient Quarries and Nature Preserve for a tour and a visit to the museum! Open from 10:00AM to 4:00PM</p>

Sunday, July 23rd

The Great Circle – 455 Hebron Road, Heath, OH 43055	
12:00-4:00 PM	<p>Great Circle Museum Open</p> <p>Visit the museum and speak to staff about other sites in the area!</p>



Monday, July 24th

The Octagon – 125 N 33 rd Street, Newark, OH 43055	
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM	<p>Learn about Ohio’s Earthworks and Historic Sites</p> <p>Join Ohio History Connection staff and our partners in historic preservation and education to learn about American Indian Connections to Ohio through the landscapes and material culture that they created!</p> <p>Participants: Hopewell Culture National Historical Park, Heartland Earthworks Conservancy, Fort Ancient Earthworks and Nature Preserve.</p>
12:00 – 12:15 PM	<p>The Newark Earthworks and World Heritage</p> <p>Join us at the World Heritage table to hear about why the Newark Earthworks and eight other earthworks sites nominated for World Heritage status and the current progress toward inscription.</p>
12:30 – 1:30 PM	<p>Tour of the Octagon Earthwork</p> <p>Join an archaeologist on a walk through the earthen walls that form the circle and octagon which make up the impressive Octagon Earthworks. Learn about the construction of this monument and its relationship to the 18.6-year lunar cycle.</p>
2:00 – 2:15	<p>Earthworks in Licking County</p> <p>Join the Heartland Earthworks Conservancy at their table to learn about ongoing archaeological geophysical research of earthworks in Licking and adjacent counties.</p>
2:30 – 3:30	<p>Tour of the Octagon Earthwork</p> <p>Join an archaeologist on a walk through the earthen walls that form the circle and octagon that make up the impressive Octagon Earthworks. Learn about the construction of this monument and its relationship to the 18.6-year lunar cycle.</p>
4:00-5:00	<p>The Astronomy and Geometry of the Earthworks</p> <p>Join physicist Robert Neinast as he leads you through the Octagon Earthwork highlighting key elements of the earthwork that connect it to the lunar cycle and a discussion of what makes this landscape special.</p>
5:30-6:30	<p>Tour of the Octagon Earthwork</p> <p>Join an archaeologist on a walk through the earthen walls that form the circle and octagon that make up the impressive Octagon Earthworks. Learn about the construction of this monument and its relationship to the 18.6-year lunar cycle.</p>

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12:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Learn about Ohio's Earthworks and Historic Sites Join Ohio History Connection staff and our partners in historic preservation and education to learn about the history of the Newark Earthworks and their importance to local communities throughout history! Join the staff of Flint Ridge at the Shelter houses to learn about and participate in activities that fueled the everyday lives of American Indians for 1000s of years. Participants: The Works, The Great Circle Alliance, Licking County Library, Flint Ridge Ancient Quarries, and nature preserve.
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Tour of the Great Circle Join one of our interpreters for a tour of the Great Circle highlighting the distinctive features that identify it as a sacred site and the preservation and use of this monument throughout the years.
1:15-1:45 PM	Museum Talk – Hopewell Culture National Historical Park Archaeologists. Join the archaeological crew from Hopewell Culture National Historical Park to learn about their current excavation at Hopeton Earthworks. A research project cocreated with the Wyandotte, Eastern Shawnee, and Miami Tribes.
2:00-3:00 PM	Tour of the Great Circle Join one of our interpreters for a tour of the Great Circle highlighting the unique features that identify it as a sacred site and the preservation and use of this monument throughout the years.
3:15-3:45 PM	Museum Talk – UNESCO World Heritage and the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks Join Jen Aultman, Direct of Historic Sites for the Ohio History Connection, to learn about what makes the Newark Earthworks eligible for World Heritage status and where we are in the process of achieving world recognition of the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks!