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Preservation Pathways: Exploring Ancient Mounds

Museums partner for an urban hiking archaeological tour of ancient Native American mounds in downtown Fort Walton.

PENSACOLA, Fla. – The Destination Archaeology Resource Center (DARC) and Heritage Park & Cultural Center (HPCC) are partnering to create an urban hiking archaeological tour of ancient mounds built by prehistoric Native Americans in downtown Fort Walton Beach, FL on June 29, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. This program is free and open to the public. Participants will meet at the front entrance of the Indian Temple Mound Museum located at 139 Miracle Strip Pkwy, Fort Walton Beach at 9:00 a.m. Total hiking tour distance is ½ mile.

Why did ancient Floridians build large mound complexes thousands of years ago? What has archaeology taught us about these sites? How come some are still standing and others are gone? Come find out by joining DARC and HPCC for an urban hiking tour of some ancient Native American mounds in downtown Fort Walton Beach! We will talk about archaeological excavations of these sites and efforts to preserve and protect these non-renewable cultural resources.

The Destination Archaeology Resource Center is an archaeology museum located inside the headquarters of the Florida Public Archaeology Network in downtown Pensacola. Exhibits include information about archaeology, archaeological sites across the state, and a temporary exhibit space that highlights current research by UWF archaeology faculty and graduate students. Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is located at 207 E. Main Street in Pensacola. Admission is free.

The City of Fort Walton Beach Heritage Park and Cultural Center is a community outreach division of the City and is committed to providing area historical educational programming. Heritage Park and Cultural Center is located at 139 Miracle Strip Parkway SE. For further information please call 850-833-9595 or email hpcc@fwb.org.

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