

APPENDIX V: OCTAGON EARTHWORKS ACCESS AGREEMENT July 5, 2001

General Considerations

Work with Moundbuilders Country Club (MCC) staff and membership to improve visitor relations.
OHS and MCC to establish guidelines for visitor use and how they will be enforced. MCC to have the ability to enforce the guidelines
OHS and MCC to establish contact lists for their respective organizations for better communication. OHS and MCC to appoint representatives to meet quarterly.
Visitors to the Newark Earthworks complex to be directed first to the Great Circle. Staff and exterior signage at the Great Circle will explain how to access Octagon. Information will include how to drive there, guidelines for visitor use, and what areas are open to the public and when. Club buildings will not be open to visitors.

Public Visitation

Designate 5 parking spaces near the observation platform for visitors.
Establish a path to the platform from the visitor parking area.
Erect signs with guidelines for visitor use, maps showing what areas are open to the public and when, and instructions to get to Great Circle and Wright Earthworks. Signage to be by OHS.
Make OHS literature about the site available at all times, such as at or near the viewing platform. OHS to stock.
OHS and MCC to continue to work to designate a safe trail for visitors to follow during limited access times. This trail would be available during daylight hours.
Hours of access:
Access to the observation platform and the safe trail (when it is established) will be during daylight hours year round plus:
Entire site to be open during daylight hours on Mondays from November 1 to March 31 and on Monday mornings during the remainder of the year except when golf outings are scheduled.
Entire site to be open to visitors during daylight hours when golfing is prohibited due to course conditions.
MCC to post sign daily indicating if site is open or closed to visitors.
In the first sixty days of each year, OHS and MCC will designate four afternoons when the entire site is open. Two Mondays full days between April 1 and October 31 and one weekend day in April and one weekend day in October.

Group Visits and Special Events

Subject to the availability of OHS staff and reasonable accommodation of the needs of MCC, groups may schedule visits to Octagon. Groups seeking to visit Octagon must make prior arrangements with OHS staff at Newark Earthworks. OHS staff will coordinate these visits with MCC.
Groups will be led by OHS staff.
A limited number of days and times may be set aside for special events developed by OHS staff involving interpretation of the Octagon. These events may not necessarily require access to the whole course or for an entire day. They will be scheduled well in advance and approved with MCC.