56th Midwest Friends of the Pleistocene field conference
Quaternary geology and geoarchaeology of the lower Ohio River Valley, sw Indiana
Angel Mounds, Evansville Indiana, May 30th – June 1st, Ron Counts (USGS) and Bill Monaghan (IGS/IU), leaders


Cost: The $110 fee includes a guidebook, bus transportation, Friday reception beverages, Saturday breakfast-lunch-banquet dinner, and breakfast on Sunday. Lodging is not included in the fee.

Location: The conference is based out of the Angel Mounds State Historic Site in Evansville, IN. This is the site of the welcoming reception, the banquet, camping, and where participants should meet each morning.

Schedule: Guidebooks will be distributed from 6-9 PM on Friday, May 30th at a welcoming reception at Angel Mounds. Discussions will begin at Angel Mounds at 8AM each day. We expect to return to Angel Mounds by 5PM Saturday and 1PM on Sunday. The banquet on Saturday will begin around 6pm. Some sites have limited access, so personal vehicles are not allowed.

Registration: Participants must register by May 1st using the registration website listed above. Due to bus capacity limits, we can only accept the first 100 people who register.

What to bring: Field boots/mud boots, rain gear, and your preferred digging implements.

Lodging: Free primitive camping is available at Angel Mounds. A block of 35 rooms will be held at the Hampton Inn until May 7th. The rate is $80/night (excluding taxes). Use the code FOP when registering. Hampton Inn is ~4 miles from Angel Mounds, the address is: 8000 Eagle Crest Blvd, Evansville, IN, 47715, (ph) 812.473.5000. http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/indiana/hampton-inn-evansville-EVMNX/index.html

If you miss the hotel deadline or prefer a different hotel, there are many hotels in the same complex: https://www.google.com/maps/search/hotels/@37.9849894,-87.4474346,14z

Theme: This trip will discuss diverse topics including pre-Wisconsinan diamict and associated deposits, Wisconsinan outwash terraces, loess, tributary valley fills, and geoarchaeology of southwestern Indiana, with geochronology as the common thread for the trip.

Tentative Schedule
Friday, May 30th, 6-9 PM
Welcoming reception

Saturday, May 31st
1) 8AM Angel Mounds (terraces)
2) Thin Ohio Valley loess and tributary valley fill
3) Illinoian glacial limit (short stop)
4) Lunch, pre-Wisconsinan glacial stratigraphy, Wabash Valley loess, Holocene sedimentation
5) Ohio River terrace exposure...or
6) The Mann Site, return to Angel Mounds 5PM
Saturday banquet 6ish pm - ?

Sunday June 1st
1) 8AM Geoarchaeology of Angel Mounds
7) Yankeetown site, Holocene sedimentation
Return to Angel Mounds ~1PM