

TOWOSAHGY STATE HISTORIC SITE MAP



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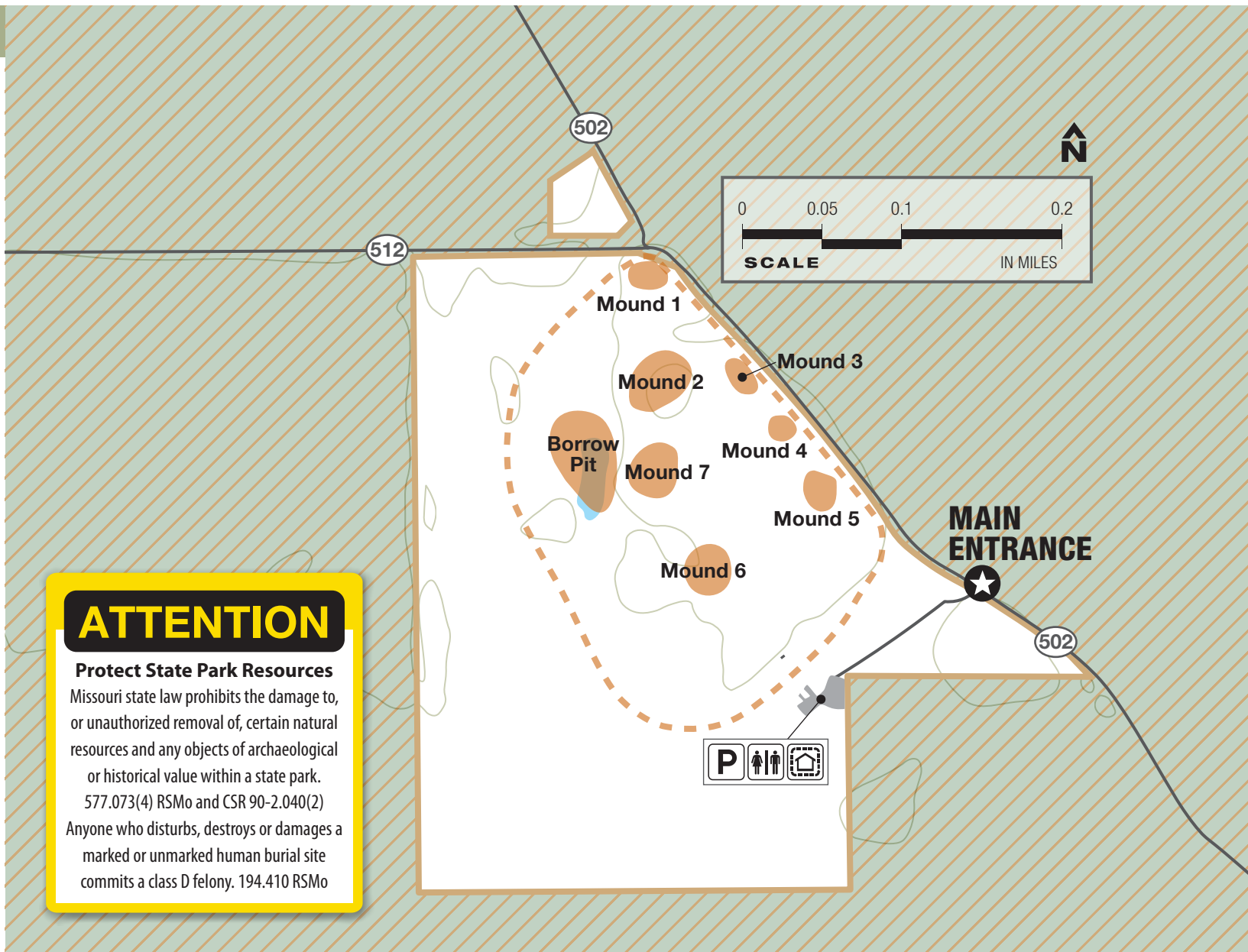
- Main entrance
- State route
- Land contour
- Not state park property
- Park boundary
- Water
- Mound
- Palisade line
- Interpretive shelter/kiosk
- Parking
- Restroom



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A MISSISSIPPIAN VILLAGE

Welcome to Towosahgy State Historic Site. This property purchased by Missouri State Parks in 1967, preserves what was once a Mississippian ceremonial center and fortified village that was occupied from 400 A.D. to 1400 A.D. The name "Towosahgy" is borrowed from an Osage word meaning "old town." The inhabitants are nameless, as they left no written record of what they called themselves. The village consists of what was once an American Indian town, fortified by a palisade. A palisade is a wall of posts set on end in the ground. There were approximately 250-300 houses at Towosahgy within the palisade line. Other houses were scattered around the outside of the fortification wall. This 64-acre site with seven earthen mounds and a borrow pit, where earth was removed to build the mounds, was first inhabited as a Late Woodland village from A.D. 400 to A.D. 700. Around A.D. 900, signs of the Mississippian culture appeared. For unknown reasons, the Mississippians abandoned the site around A.D. 1400.

