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Native American Perspectives

Many of the American Indian cultural groups who lived in and around "the Ohio Country" when their narratives were first recorded in print, expressed awe and respect for the earthworks and arrangements of mounds on their land.

Shawnee and Lenape (Delaware), Miami and Wyandot stories all agreed on the sacredness and significance of these mounds, which were generally avoided when groups set up villages or camps. Whether their ancestors or some earlier tribe were said to have built them, Ohio's earthworks were seen as the heritage of all.

These oral traditions of respect and reverence continue among Ohio Indians today, and the narrative record is still growing and preserving stories of the mounds.



Many of these accounts will be presented on this page.



Lookout Mound; Photo by Dick Howell

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