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## Hopewell Culture News Release

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### Guided Walk at Spruce Hill

Dates: June 13

Time: 9:00 – 11:00 am

Length: 2¼ miles

Difficulty Level: Moderate, Uphill

Mysterious Spruce Hill is the world's largest Hopewell hilltop enclosure and one of only three such rare hilltops surrounded by a mound of stone. Though little remains of the stone walls, hikers will get a sense of scale for the prehistoric project when standing in the middle of the mesa. Spruce Hill is not normally open to the public without prearrangements, so this is an uncommon opportunity to explore this flat-topped finger of stone that thrusts into the scenic Paint Valley.

Program begins at 9:00 am. Meet the National Park Ranger at Seip Mound's main parking lot on U.S. Rt. 50 by Paint Valley High School, 2.5 mi. east of Bainbridge, 5 miles west of Bourneville. Visitors will caravan as they follow the ranger to Spruce Hill's location. This walk is part of a Summer Saturday Guide Hike series offered by Hopewell Culture National Historical Park to four prehistoric earthworks in the area. If you have any questions or would like more information please call (740) 774-1126 or visit [www.nps.gov/hocu](http://www.nps.gov/hocu).

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