



Archaeology at Toolesboro

Excavations were done from the 1830s into the late 19th century

Some excavations were done by locals and some by early archaeologists

The excavations were not always well recorded. Artifacts, human remains, and mounds disappeared or were destroyed.

There were at least 20 mounds at Toolesboro, now there are 9 remaining.



One of the visible mounds has a depression in the middle. This could be due to erosion or early excavation.

Current archaeological practices are non-invasive. Mounds are only disturbed if there is a direct danger of destruction.

Technology such as LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) allows archaeologists to send laser light into the ground and, using the reflected light, get an idea of what is happening on the ground without disruption.

