

Historical Significance of the Oak Ridge Reservation

The Oak Ridge Reservation has significant archeological, historical, and cultural richness. Prehistoric sites, pre-World War II homes, churches, and cemeteries, and wartime facilities link our past and future. Of special interest are the sites and structures that supported the historic Manhattan Project and activities during the Cold War era. The physical setting and remote location were factors in the site's being selected for the Manhattan Project -- the forested ridge-and-valley landscape offered both secrecy and safety for the nearby residents.