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**Bog Standard**

**Location 1: Mobil Gas Station, I-95 and Highway 50, Titusville, FL**

(Sound File 1)

The audience is instructed to exit I-95 at Highway 50 in Titusville, FL, turn east toward town, and immediately to pull off the road at the Mobil gas station on the right. There they are to turn on their MP3 player and play Episode 1.

SFX: cars speeding past on highway [:07], and then fade to half volume and continue behind the following:

NARRATOR

Rest a minute here at the Mobil station while you get your bearings. Pause the recording if you’ve been on the road awhile and need to use the bathroom inside….

This Mobil station used to be called the “Space Shuttle Gas and Convenience Store.” Weird, huh?

This is Titusville, my hometown. I wish it was more impressive arriving like this—maybe a high hill with commanding view of the Indian River and Cape Canaveral, or a nearby mountain to look up at. But Florida is flat-flat-flat. The sandy soil doesn’t seem to produce much besides these low scrubby trees, sandspurs, and gas stations.

And me.

Let’s get going. Go right on Highway 50, and immediately turn right onto Windover Way, the first road just past the street-light pole.

The audience pulls out onto the highway, turns right on Windover Way [:20]

SFX: highway-traffic sounds fade to sounds of vaguely tropical birds and woodpeckers at one-third volume, which continue under the narration of Location 2.

**Location 2: Windover Way Drive, about 1 mile**

(same sound file continuing)

Hearing the following, the audience continues driving down Windover Way for about a mile, following a left curve, then a right curve, then a left curve through a neighborhood of sprawling, low-slung houses on large properties, set back from the road. The neighborhood is nice and spacious, but more country living than country club. [2:00]

The following narration starts immediately after the audience has turned onto Windover Way.

NARRATOR

We’re going about a mile down this road.

Back in the ‘80s, when I was off at college in Tallahassee, archeologists from Florida State University excavated the site where we’re going up ahead. They removed thousands of prehistoric human bones. They discovered the oldest woven cloth found in the Western Hemisphere, and 7,500-year-old skulls some with well-preserved brain matter inside. The peat here even kept prehistoric dragonflies in tact with wings still iridescent.

Follow the curves. It’s 25 here, but you’re more likely to run across a cottonmouth than a cop. We’re looking for an address on the left, 8082 Windover Way.

It was a big deal back then. *National Geographic* published an article on what was called “The Windover Site.” Titusville took pride in this new fame, especially since federal budget cuts had slowed things down over at the Kennedy Space Center.

Okay, to be perfectly honest *National Geographic* *included* the Windover Site in an article called “Peat Bogs of the World” with others, but still…. Titusville was a proud little town with these two claims to greatness: the Space Center across the river and prehistoric residents right down this road.

SFX behind narration: rumble of a Space Shuttle launch at half volume⎯louder in the left ear since the Space Center is east⎯with bird sounds continuing behind. [:06]

Imagine if Lake Wobegon was home of Garrison Keillor *and* the headwaters of the Mississippi. Not that Titusville itself really had anything much to do with either the future in space or the past in the ground. Titusville’s just here.

We’re getting close. Look on the left for 8082 Windover Way—a long driveway winding past a three-cornered pond. That pond’s the former site.

You can just pull off the side of the road anywhere—there’s no curb. Don’t worry, you being here won’t bother anybody since the houses are set way back behind the palm trees.

Pause this until you get stopped. We’ll start again with Episode 2. You’ll need to be able to take your device with you to hear me walking around.

Somewhere near 8082 Windover Way, the audience pulls off the road and parks along the side.