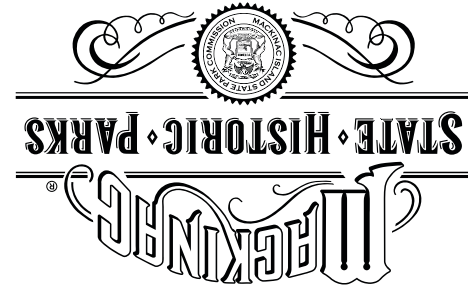


The historic and natural environments of the Straits of Mackinac sometimes present impediments to accessibility. Blowing sand, natural trails, and steep grades can make traveling difficult. Many 18th- and 19th-century buildings have entrance steps, narrow doorways, and other physical barriers.

Efforts are made to make all aspects of Mackinac State Historic Parks accessible. Where possible, physical changes have removed barriers. Alternate programs or services provide additional access opportunities and future projects will continue to improve access.

GUIDE TO ACCESS MACKINAC ISLAND

TO BE USED WITH SITE MAPS



★ BENJAMIN
Blacksmith Shop



AMERICAN
FUR CO. STORE
♦ & ♦
DR. BEAUMONT MUSEUM



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MH McGulpin
House

MUSEUM & PARK SERVICES

- Wheelchairs are available for loan at Fort Mackinac on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Site maps including access notes are available digitally.
- Captioning is provided for movies at all sites.
- An adult changing table is available at Fort Mackinac.
- Service animals are permitted at all sites and in all buildings.

SYMBOLS

The following symbols are used on site maps and some signs to provide general access information:

- i** Additional information
More information is available in this Guide to Access about alternate programs, services, or entrances.
- These buildings/areas meet the requirements for easy access. Surface materials are firm and ramps are provided for elevation changes.
- One or two steps, loose surface materials, or high thresholds may limit access for visitors with mobility impairments. Assistance may be helpful.
- ◆ Three or more steps or unstable surfaces make access difficult for some visitors. Assistance may be necessary.

The numbers/letters correspond to numbers/letters on the individual site maps.

ADDITIONAL ACCESS NOTES

- Daily interpretation at Fort Mackinac includes loud noises generated from black powder weapons. Other loud noises at Fort Mackinac may include boat horns, the noon whistle, and bugles and drums. The Kids' Quarters features hands-on elements including drums that can be quite loud.
- The Benjamin Blacksmith Shop includes loud metal-on-metal noises. Visitors may also experience other noises including horse-drawn traffic, occasional vehicle traffic, black powder weapons noises from the fort, and the noon whistle.
- Loud noises potentially present at The Richard & Jane Manoojian Mackinac Art Museum, American Fur Co. Store & Dr. Beaumont Museum, and McGulpin House include horse-drawn traffic, occasional vehicle traffic, black powder weapons noises from the fort, boat horns, and the noon whistle.
- Smoke may be present after the firing of black powder weapons. Smells associated with the firing of black powder weapons may also be present.
- Smells associated with fires are present at the Biddle House and Benjamin Blacksmith Shop. Cooking and cleaning smells are present at Fort Mackinac and the Biddle House.
- Staff wear historical clothing at Fort Mackinac, the Biddle House, Benjamin Blacksmith Shop, and American Fur Co. Store & Dr. Beaumont Museum.

FORT MACKINAC



Outdoor surfaces are wooden boardwalks, grass, and concrete.

i GETTING TO FORT MACKINAC

Fort Mackinac's most accessible entrance is located on the north side of the site and can be reached in several ways. The most immediate route from downtown is to follow Fort Street up the west side of the fort. This road is very steep and may be difficult for some visitors. Other less direct roads also lead to the north entrance.

The ramp leading to the south entrance has 27 steps at the top. This entrance is NOT accessible for visitors using wheelchairs. Horse-drawn carriage tours and taxis leaving from downtown locations will transport visitors to the north side of the fort. A taxi with a lift may be available.

◆ DIFFICULT ACCESS

Five to eight entrance steps to these buildings may make access difficult for visitors with mobility impairments:

- Post Bathhouse **◆** 4
- Reading Room* **◆** 9
- North Blockhouse* **◆** 10
- West Blockhouse **◆** 12
- Tea Room* **◆** 15
- South Sally Port Entrance/Exit* **◆** 18
- Upper Gun Platform* **◆** 19
- East Blockhouse* **◆** 20

*Alternate programs provided.

■ MODERATE ACCESS

Access may be limited for some visitors with mobility impairments in these buildings:

- The Officers' Hill Quarters **◆** 11 has narrow hallways, thresholds and stairs to the second floor. It may be difficult to turn around in a wheelchair or motorized scooter in the house.
- Two entrance steps lead to the Guardhouse **◆** 17.

i ALTERNATE BUILDING ENTRANCES

- Enter the Office **◆** 2 through the Quartermaster's Storehouse **◆** 3.
- Enter the Officers' Stone Quarters **◆** 14 through the back porch of the building.

i ALTERNATE ENTRANCES

- The ramp leading to the South Sally Port **◆** 18 entrance is very steep and there are 27 steps at the top. This entrance is NOT accessible for visitors using wheelchairs. Proceed up Fort Street to the Avenue of Flags **◆** 8.
- A small elevator in the Soldiers' Barracks **◆** 7 connects the two levels of Fort Mackinac. The elevator accommodates only smaller motorized wheelchairs. Elevator entrance locations: Parade Ground Level: Near Restrooms **◆** 6; Avenue of Flags level: Barracks rear porch, second door **◆** 7.

- Alternate North Sally Port **◆** 5 entrance to lower level.

i ALTERNATE PROGRAMS

- Accessible service for the Tea Room **◆** 15 is available on the covered piazza at the rear of the Officers' Stone Quarters **◆** 14.
- The cannon demonstration, located up a flight of stairs on the Gun Platform **◆** 19, is available on-demand on a television monitor at the Water Well **◆** 21. All other scheduled programs are held in accessible areas.
- A video program is available west of the North Blockhouse **◆** 10 exhibit, featuring alternate programs for the North Blockhouse **◆** 10, Reading Room **◆** 9, and East Blockhouse **◆** 20.
- Program Bulletins, Sensory Considerations, and Social Stories are available on mackinacparks.com.



Outdoor surfaces are gravel and stone pavers.

- i** The Biddle House **◆** A is fully accessible, but does have some narrow door openings due to the historic nature of the house.



Outdoor surfaces are paved sidewalks.

i ALTERNATE ENTRANCES

- Follow the ramp to the rear of the building **◆** F.
- An elevator provides access to the second floor.
- A staff member can provide access to the restrooms and art studio. Inquire with the Guest Services Representative at the admissions window.



Outdoor surfaces are gravel, stone pavers, and wooden boardwalks.

- i** The Benjamin Blacksmith Shop **◆** B is fully accessible, but does feature a narrow space to view demonstrations.



- i** The American Fur Co. Store & Dr. Beaumont Museum **◆** C has narrow door openings.



Outdoor surfaces are gravel and wooden boardwalks.

- i** The McGulpin House **◆** D door is 31" wide.



Outdoor surfaces are gravel, grass, sand, wood chips, and concrete.

- i** Miles of island trails offer a variety of experiences and connect many areas of interest. All trails have at least one length of steep slope. Watch for carriages and horses on paved roads, and bicyclists on bike paths. Walking trails have gravel or wood chip surfaces. For more information, consult the Historic Mackinac Island Visitor's Guide or a Guest Services Representative at the Mackinac Island State Park Visitor's Center **◆** G located on Main Street, across from Marquette Park.

◆ DIFFICULT ACCESS

Five to eight entrance steps to these buildings may make access difficult for visitors with mobility impairments:

- Mission Church **◆** H is only accessible via a flight of stairs.

■ MODERATE ACCESS

- Restrooms in the Mackinac Island State Park Visitor's Center **◆** G are functionally accessible.