

## GUIDE TO ACCESS MACKINAW CITY

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 18<sup>th</sup>- and 19<sup>th</sup>-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.

### TO BE USED WITH SITE MAPS



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## MUSEUM & PARK SERVICES

- Accessible parking spaces are located at Historic Mill Creek, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, and Colonial Michilimackinac.
- Wheelchairs are available for loan at Colonial Michilimackinac and Historic Mill Creek on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Motorized scooters are available for loan at Colonial Michilimackinac and Historic Mill Creek on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Site maps including access notes are available digitally.
- Captioning is provided for movies at all sites.
- 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 Colonial Michilimackinac includes loud noises generated from black powder weapons. Other loud noises may include boat horns and occasional traffic.
- Daily interpretation at Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse includes demonstrations of the fog whistle, which can be quite loud. Other loud noises may include boat horns and occasional traffic.
- Daily interpretation at Historic Mill Creek includes demonstrations of a water-powered sawmill, which includes loud rushing water, sawing noises, and mechanical noises. The sawpit includes loud chopping noises of an axe hitting wood.
- 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 Colonial Michilimackinac. Cooking and cleaning smells are also present.
- Staff wear historical clothing at Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, and Historic Mill Creek.
- Black powder weapons noises, traffic, and the fog whistle can all be heard at Michilimackinac State Park.

# COLONIAL MICHILMACKINAC

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Outdoor surfaces are gravel, grass, and sand.

## ◆ DIFFICULT ACCESS

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

- Stairs lead to the Powder Magazine\* 19. Entrance is from the South Southeast Rowhouse 18.
- Interior stairs in the Northwest Rowhouse 7 lead to the archaeology exhibit\*.

\*Alternate programs provided.

## ■ MODERATE ACCESS

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

- South Southeast Rowhouse 18 has one entrance step.
- The Southwest Rowhouse 11, which includes the Merchant's and Soldier's House, the *Slavery in the Straits* exhibit, as well as the *Attack! at Michilimackinac* theater, has doors that are 29.5" wide.
- The Priest's House 8 has two sets of entrance steps and a 3" level change within the building.
- Artillery Demonstrations 2 3 are located on a packed gravel surface that is sometimes covered with a layer of sand.
- The path leading to the Native American Encampment 22 is packed gravel. Areas of the encampment are on grass.

## i PATH TO THE FORT FROM THE VISITOR'S CENTER

- A 500 foot path leads from the Visitor's Center to the fort. A layer of sand sometimes covers the hard-packed trail. The inland route to the Land Gate (left path) 21 is recommended.

## i ALTERNATE PROGRAMS AND ENTRANCES

- A video of the underground exhibit *Treasures from the Sand* is available at the entrance in the Northwest Rowhouse 7.
- The north Church door 10 is not accessible; use the main south entrance.
- A video of the Powder Magazine 19 is available in the South Southeast Rowhouse 18.
- Program Bulletins, Sensory Considerations, and a Social Story are available on mackinacparks.com.



Outdoor surfaces are gravel, grass, sand, and wooden boardwalks.

## ◆ DIFFICULT ACCESS

Natural conditions make access on these trails difficult for visitors with mobility impairments.

- Beaver Pond Loop
- Mill Pond Spur
- Treetop Discovery Tower 16

## ■ MODERATE ACCESS

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

- Mill Pond Loop and Evergreen Loop are hard-packed gravel, but natural slopes and gravel surfaces may be difficult for some visitors.
- Some areas of the Sawpit 3 are on grass. Benches for seating area may be on uneven ground.
- Surfaces around the Unexcavated Buildings Sites 10 are covered by grass.

## i ALTERNATE ENTRANCES

- A ramped boardwalk 10 near the David A. Armour Visitor's Center 1 leads to the west side of the Mill Pond Loop, near the Overlook 11. Another ramped boardwalk 10 past the British Workshop 8 leads to the trail on the east side of the Mill Pond Loop.
- The British Workshop 8 has a ramp located on the east side.

## PROGRAMS

- Program Bulletins, Sensory Considerations, and a Social Story is available on mackinacparks.com.



Outdoor surfaces are paved sidewalks and grass.

## ◆ DIFFICULT ACCESS

Access may be difficult for some visitors with mobility impairments in these areas:

- The Marshall Gallery 3 on the second floor of the Keepers' Quarters 2 is only accessible via stairway\*.
- A confined curved staircase leads to the Tower 4 in the lighthouse, and an 11-rung ladder leads to the top.\*

\*Alternate program available.

## i ALTERNATE PROGRAMS AND ENTRANCES

- An in-depth tour of the Tower 4 is located in the Barn 5. A shorter video can be found in the Keepers' Quarters gallery 2.
- A video of the Marshall Gallery 3 is located in the Keepers' Quarters gallery 2.
- A ramp leads to the south door of the Barn 5. Ask for assistance.
- Program Bulletins, Sensory Considerations, and a Social Story is available on mackinacparks.com.



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## i PARK PATHWAYS

- Paved pathways can sometimes become covered with a layer of sand.

## ■ MODERATE ACCESS

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

- Picnic tables and grills are located throughout the park on grassy areas.
- The Bridgeview Gazebo has a small step at the entrance.

## i SHORELINE

- Beach areas are rocky, and there is no accessible area to enter the water.
- Swimming is not recommended, and no lifeguards are on duty.