Michigan's North Woods.

Around 1790 Robert Campbell constructed a sawmill on this site to provide lumber for nearby Mackinac Island. Campbell also operated a farm with hay fields, cattle and an extensive orchard. A gristmill was eventually added to the operation. In 1819 the mill and farm were purchased by wealthy Mackinac Island merchant Michael Dousman. He continued operations through the 1830s. Abandoned, Mill Creek was rediscovered in 1972. After extensive archaeological work, the site opened in 1984 and features reconstuctions of the sawmill and other structures. The site's 625 acres also include accessible atructures. The site's 625 acres also include accessible nature trails, a kid's play area, and amazing views of

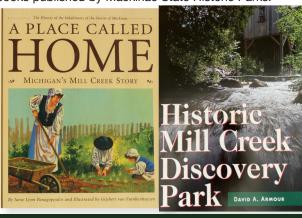






HISTORY TO TAKE HOME

The most rewarding keepsakes of your visit are original books published by Mackinac State Historic Parks.



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EXTEND YOUR VISIT IN MACKINAW CITY!



EXPLORE COLONIAL MICHILIMACKINAC

Reconstructed based on historical research and more than 60 years of archaeological excavations that continue today, Colonial Michilimackinac offers one-of-a-kind demonstrations, including musket firings, artillery firings, and tours.



VISIT OLD MACKINAC POINT LIGHTHOUSE

Located within Michilimackinac State Park, near the base of the Mackinac Bridge. Established in 1889, the lighthouse features exhibits, demonstrations, tours of the lighthouse tower, and the Straits of Mackinac Shipwreck Museum.

Mainland Combination Ticket Available

HIGHLIGHTS

LIVE PROGRAMS

Historical demonstrations and nature programs are conducted throughout the day at the Sawpit 3, Water-Powered Sawmill 6, British Workshop 8, and Pavilion 2. Consult the schedule on the back for times.

- Sawpit and Sawmill Demonstrations 3 6: Learn about the older pitsaw method of cutting timber, then feel the power of nature at the reconstructed sawmill.
- Nature of the North Woods 2: Begin your journey of discovery in the North Woods with stories and activities for all ages.
- Farming at Mill Creek 8: Learn about life beyond the sawmill. Farming at Mill Creek in the 19th century included growing hay, grinding grain, cutting firewood, and tending livestock.
- Guided Nature Hike 2: A 20-minute guided walk along the trails. See wildflowers and fruiting fungi, and listen for singing birds while watching for wildlife.

MOVIE

The Power of Water: The Mill Creek Story is presented in the theater in the Visitor's Center 1. It repeats every 15 minutes.

EXHIBITS

The **Visitor's Center 1** and **Millwright's House 4** have exhibits on the history of the site featuring archaeological artifacts.

- The Mill Creek Mystery inside the David A. Armour Visitor's Center 1 provides an overview history of the Mill Creek site.
- The **Millwright's House** 4 features ruins of the double-sided fireplace, original millstones, and other artifacts.

HANDS-ON FUN

Kids will enjoy the **Forest Friends Play Area** 3 and making birds sing at the Evergreen Loop's **Sounds of the Forest** station. Live programs offer fun for all ages (see schedule) and the view from the **Treetop Discovery Tower** is not to be missed!

NATURE TRAILS

Historic Mill Creek features three miles of trails on 625 acres. Abundant wildflowers, amazing fungi, and scenic views change with every season. North Woods wildlife, including 130 bird species, a beaver colony, black bear, and bobcat have been seen here. Learn more from a naturalist and see map on reverse.

FOOD

Snacks and beverages are sold in the David A. Armour Visitor's Center 1. Seating is available near the Forest Friends Play Area 13 or Pavilion 2.

SHOPPING

The Museum Store in the Visitor's Center 1 offers a wide range of books, souvenirs and specialty gift items.

RESTROOMS 2

are located outside the Visitor's Center 1.

Accessible toilets are located near the Treetop Discovery Tower 16 and along the Sugar Shack Forest Loop.



COURTESIES

- Historic Mill Creek is a smoke-free site.
- Pets on leashes are welcome.
- Please silence electronic devices in the theater and during live demonstrations.

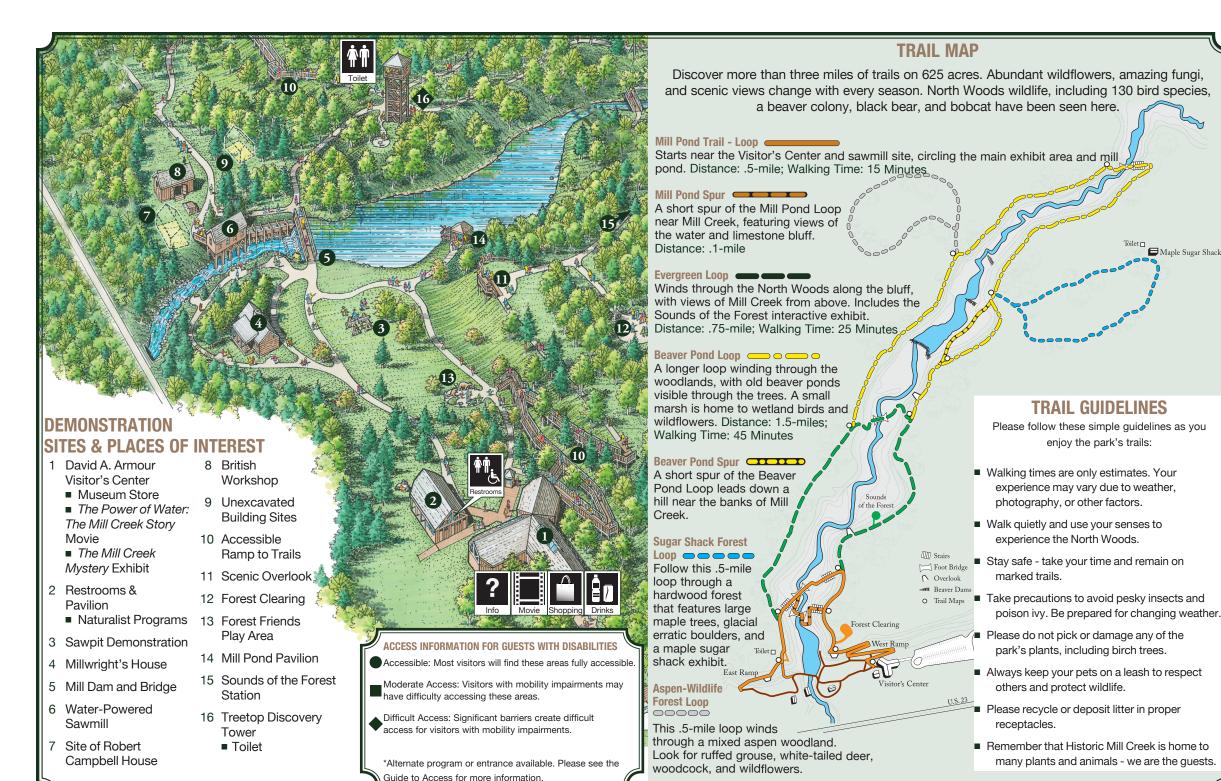
VISITOR SERVICES

Please respect other guests and our resources during your visit.



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Generous support for many programs and exhibits is provided by Mackinac Associates. Find out how to become a member or how to make a donation in the **David A. Armour Visitor's Center**.



TODAY'S EVENTS

PROGRAMS WILL BE ANNOUNCED NEAR THE PAVILION

9:30 a.m.	Sawpit and Sawmill Demonstration
10:00 a.m.	Nature of the North Woods Program
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11:00 a.m.	Farming at Mill Creek Program
11:00 a.m.	Nature of the North Woods Program
11:30 a.m.	Sawpit and Sawmill Demonstration
12:00 p.m.	Guided Nature Walk
12:30 p.m.	Sawpit and Sawmill Demonstration
1:00 p.m.	Farming at Mill Creek Program
1:00 p.m.	Nature of the North Woods Program
1:30 p.m.	Sawpit and Sawmill Demonstration
2:00 p.m.	Nature of the North Woods Program
2:30 p.m.	Sawpit and Sawmill Demonstration
3:00 p.m.	Farming at Mill Creek Program
3:00 p.m.	Guided Nature Walk
3:30 p.m.	Sawpit and Sawmill Demonstration
4:00 p.m.	Nature of the North Woods Program
4:30 p.m.	Sawpit and Sawmill Demonstration

■ Maple Sugar Shack

TODAY'S HOURS

Schedule subject to change to acommodate special

events.

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. last admission at 4:30 p.m



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