

## MAP & SCHEDULE

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 reconstructions of the sawmill and other structures. The site's 625 acres also include accessible nature trails, a kid's play area, and amazing views of Michigan's North Woods.



### HISTORY TO TAKE HOME

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



### 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** ⑬ and making birds sing at the Evergreen Loop's **Sounds of the Forest** ⑮ station. Live programs offer fun for all ages (see schedule) and the view from the **Treetop Discovery Tower** ⑯ 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.

## VISITOR SERVICES

### 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.
- Please respect other guests and our resources during your visit.



Friends Preserving and Sharing Mackinac's Heritage

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** ①.

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### DEMONSTRATION SITES & PLACES OF INTEREST

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|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 David A. Armour Visitor's Center                      | 8 British Workshop              |
| ■ Museum Store  | 9 Unexcavated Building Sites    |
| ■ <i>The Power of Water: The Mill Creek Story</i> Movie | 10 Accessible Ramp to Trails    |
| ■ <i>The Mill Creek Mystery</i> Exhibit                 | 11 Scenic Overlook              |
| 2 Restrooms & Pavilion                                  | 12 Forest Clearing              |
| ■ Naturalist Programs                                   | 13 Forest Friends Play Area     |
| 3 Sawpit Demonstration                                  | 14 Mill Pond Pavilion           |
| 4 Millwright's House                                    | 15 Sounds of the Forest Station |
| 5 Mill Dam and Bridge                                   | 16 Treetop Discovery Tower      |
| 6 Water-Powered Sawmill                                 | ■ Toilet                        |
| 7 Site of Robert Campbell House                         |                                 |

#### ACCESS INFORMATION FOR GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES

- Accessible: Most visitors will find these areas fully accessible.
- Moderate Access: Visitors with mobility impairments may have difficulty accessing these areas.
- ◆ Difficult Access: Significant barriers create difficult access for visitors with mobility impairments.

\*Alternate program or entrance available. Please see the Guide to Access for more information.

### TRAIL MAP

Discover more than 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.

#### Mill Pond Trail - Loop

Starts near the Visitor's Center and sawmill site, circling the main exhibit area and mill pond. Distance: .5-mile; Walking Time: 15 Minutes

#### Mill Pond Spur

A short spur of the Mill Pond Loop near Mill Creek, featuring views of the water and limestone bluff. Distance: .1-mile

#### Evergreen Loop

Winds through the North Woods along the bluff, with views of Mill Creek from above. Includes the Sounds of the Forest interactive exhibit. Distance: .75-mile; Walking Time: 25 Minutes

#### Beaver Pond Loop

A longer loop winding through the woodlands, with old beaver ponds visible through the trees. A small marsh is home to wetland birds and wildflowers. Distance: 1.5-miles; Walking Time: 45 Minutes

#### Beaver Pond Spur

A short spur of the Beaver Pond Loop leads down a hill near the banks of Mill Creek.

#### Sugar Shack Forest Loop

Follow this .5-mile loop through a hardwood forest that features large maple trees, glacial erratic boulders, and a maple sugar shack exhibit.

#### Aspen-Wildlife Forest Loop

This .5-mile loop winds through a mixed aspen woodland. Look for ruffed grouse, white-tailed deer, woodcock, and wildflowers.



### TRAIL GUIDELINES

Please follow these simple guidelines as you enjoy the park's trails:

- Walking times are only estimates. Your experience may vary due to weather, photography, or other factors.
- Walk quietly and use your senses to experience the North Woods.
- Stay safe - take your time and remain on marked trails.
- Take precautions to avoid pesky insects and poison ivy. Be prepared for changing weather.
- Please do not pick or damage any of the park's plants, including birch trees.
- Always keep your pets on a leash to respect others and protect wildlife.
- Please recycle or deposit litter in proper receptacles.
- Remember that Historic Mill Creek is home to many plants and animals - we are the guests.

## TODAY'S EVENTS

### PROGRAMS WILL BE ANNOUNCED NEAR THE PAVILION

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| 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     |
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| 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  |

Schedule subject to change to accommodate special events.

### TODAY'S HOURS

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



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