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Lost Rocks and Mackinac Millstones at Historic Mill Creek August 18-24

MACKINAW CITY, MICH. — Join the interpretive staff at Historic Mill Creek, located three miles east of Mackinaw City, for a Lost Rocks and Mackinac Millstones theme week starting Sunday, August 18 through Saturday, August 24. Through the week, special programs will highlight the grist mill which once ground grain into flour. The millstones at Historic Mill Creek were hewn from “lost rocks,” boulders deposited by glaciers thousands of years ago. Guests will learn what evidence of milling has been found at the site, how the process worked, and what grains were grown at the Straits of Mackinac.

“These special programs will shine a spotlight on the grist mill which once stood at Historic Mill Creek,” explained Kyle Bagnall, Mackinac State Historic Parks Park Naturalist. “Visitors can see the original millstones, crafted from granite boulders over 200 years ago, which were rediscovered and returned to the site for display. See which tools were unearthed by archaeologists and learn techniques once used to transform corn into flour along the banks of Mill Creek. We’ll also search for “lost rocks” left by glaciers thousands of years ago, which still dot the park’s landscape, and learn what stories they have to tell.”

Special programs will take place at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m., replacing the regularly scheduled Farming at Mill Creek programs. In addition, trained naturalists will also highlight the theme of

milling and lost rocks in their regularly scheduled programs. A lost rock scavenger hunt is also available along the hiking trails!

Guests are encouraged to explore the three-plus miles of hiking trails available at the site. In addition, regular sawpit and sawmill demonstrations will take place throughout the day. All special programs are included with regular admission.

The site opens for the day at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 5:00 p.m., with last admission/last ticket sold at 4:30 p.m. The site features a working water-powered sawmill, pitsaw demonstrations, naturalist programs, guided walks, artifact-rich exhibits, and more than three miles of hiking trails.

More information on the event can be found [here](#). Tickets can be found [here](#). A downloadable version of this release can be found [here](#). Additional pictures available upon request.

Mackinac State Historic Parks, a family of living history museums and parks in northern Michigan's Straits of Mackinac, is an agency within the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Its sites—which are accredited by the American Alliance of Museums—include Fort Mackinac, the Biddle House, featuring the Mackinac Island Native American Museum, The Richard & Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, Benjamin Blacksmith Shop, American Fur Co. Store & Dr. Beaumont Museum, McGulpin House, and Mackinac Island State Park on Mackinac Island, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Historic Mill Creek, and Michilimackinac State Park in Mackinaw City. Mackinac State Historic Parks is governed by the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, established in 1895 to protect, preserve and present the parks' rich historic and natural resources for the education and recreation of future generations. Visitor information is available at (231) 436-4100 or online at www.mackinacparks.com.

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