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Take a Guided Walk to Mackinac Island's Cemeteries September 19

MACKINAC ISLAND, MICH. — Mackinac State Historic Parks will host a free, guided walk to Arch Rock on Thursday, September 19, starting at 5:00 p.m.

This evening walk through the island's cemeteries will be led by Mackinac State Historic Parks' Interpretation Coordinator Jack Swartzinski. During the tour Swartzinski will guide guests through the Catholic, Protestant, and Post Cemeteries, explaining the history of each and pointing out historic graves.

It is about a half mile to the cemeteries from Fort Mackinac. The starting point of the walk is the Fort Mackinac Avenue of Flags, behind Fort Mackinac, on Huron Road, and will conclude at the Fort Mackinac Post Cemetery. Participants are encouraged to wear good walking shoes and prepare for weather, as the tour will go rain or shine. Donations are welcome.

Support for many Mackinac State Historic Parks programs comes from Mackinac Associates, friends preserving and sharing Mackinac's heritage.

More information can be found at mackinacparks.com. Additional pictures are 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, The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, Historic Downtown Mackinac, and Mackinac Island State Park on Mackinac Island, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park 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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