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Take a Guided Stroll to Arch Rock September 7

MACKINAC ISLAND, MICH. — Mackinac State Historic Parks will host a free, guided stroll to Arch Rock on Saturday, September 7, starting at 1:30 p.m.

The summer season draws to a close in the North Woods. Join Mackinac State Historic Parks Park Naturalist Kyle Bagnall for an easy guided stroll along the Mackinac Island Botanical Trail. Along the way the group will savor lingering summer wonders and look for early signs of autumn, including migrating songbirds. At Arch Rock, guests will enjoy one of the island's most spectacular views and a short tour of the newly completed Milliken Nature Center.

The tour will cover about 1.5 miles on paved roads and trails. The starting point of the stroll is the Fort Mackinac Avenue of Flags, behind Fort Mackinac, on Huron Road. Participants are encouraged to wear good walking shoes and bring a sense of adventure. 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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