

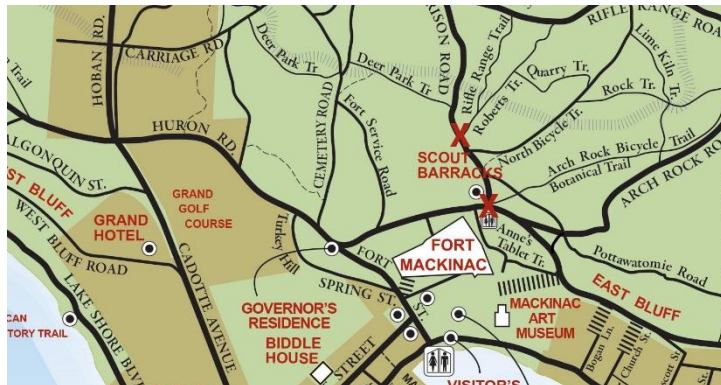


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## Portion of Garrison Road to be Closed October 7-10

MACKINAC ISLAND, MICH. — Due to installation of a fire suppression system at the historic Scout Barracks on Mackinac Island, a portion of Garrison Road, which runs behind the barracks, will be closed for installation of a water line beginning Monday, October 7 through Thursday, October 10.



The road will be closed from the intersection of Rifle Range Trail to the Arch Rock Bicycle Trail, and will be heavily marked. Both Rifle Range Trail and the Arch Rock Bicycle Trail will remain open. North Bicycle Trail will not be available from Garrison Road during this closure.

The scout barracks are receiving a major renovation this winter, with an addition to the building, the installation of fire suppression, and updated modern restrooms, among other things. The barracks were originally completed in 1934 as a CCC project. Additions to the building happened in 1962 and 1975. The program began in 1929 with eight Eagle Scouts assisting at Fort Mackinac for the month of August. Included in this original group was future president Gerald R. Ford. Girl Scouts were welcomed to the program in 1974.

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