

# Mackinac State Historic Parks

## 2010 Calendar of Events

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*MSHP events included with regular admission unless noted otherwise.*

### MAY

- 3**            **Opening Day, Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park and Colonial Michilimackinac, Mackinaw City**
- 4**            **Opening Day, Fort Mackinac, Mackinac Island**
- 8 - 9**        **King's 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment Encampment, Colonial Michilimackinac, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
This re-enactment group joins the interpretive staff in demonstrations of British military life in the 1770's. They will occupy the fort's Guard House showcasing typical daily activities of the King's 8th while stationed at Michilimackinac. No additional admission charge for this special event above standard Colonial Michilimackinac admission rates.
- 10**         **Opening Day, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Mackinaw City**
- 28**         **Mackinac Island State Park Commission meeting, Mackinaw City, 1:30 p.m.**
- 29 – 31**     **Michilimackinac Pageant, Colonial Michilimackinac**  
Experience a reenactment of the 1763 Native American's attack on the British-held fort as presented by a Mackinaw City community group. Free admission.
- 31**         **Memorial Day Observance, Fort Mackinac Post Cemetery**  
A brief and informal Memorial Day observance to pay tribute to the soldiers who served at Fort Mackinac. Soldiers will assemble at 8:30 a.m. at Fort Mackinac, march to the cemetery, perform a short ceremony and salute, and return to the fort. Free admission.

### JUNE

- 9**            **Michigan Governor's Summer Residence Tours, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m., Mackinac Island State Park** Free admission.
- June 12–**     **Mackinac Island Historic Downtown Buildings, Mackinac Island State Park,**  
**August 21**     **Daily, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Mission Church, noon – 4:00 p.m.**  
Mackinac's 19<sup>th</sup>-century fur trade community comes to life at the Biddle House, American Fur Company Store & Dr. Beaumont Museum, and the McGulpin House. See a blacksmith demonstrate his or her trade at the Benjamin Blacksmith Shop and cooking and craft demonstrations at Biddle House. Mission Church open but not staffed.
- 16**         **Michigan Governor's Summer Residence Tours, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Mackinac Island State Park** Free admission.
- 19**         **Mackinac Associates G. Mennen Williams Mackinac Celebration, Mackinac Island, 6:00 p.m.**  
Tour and cocktail reception at a Mackinac Island cottage followed by dinner at Grand Hotel. Call 231-436-4100 or visit [www.MackinacParks.com](http://www.MackinacParks.com) for prices.

**JUNE (Continued)**

**23 Michigan Governor’s Summer Residence Tours, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Mackinac Island State Park** Free admission.

**26 Colonial Kids’ Day, Colonial Michilimackinac, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
A day focused on children at Colonial Michilimackinac with hands on cooking & crafting, children’s chores at the fort, and various other games/activities. No additional admission charge for this special event above standard Colonial Michilimackinac admission rates.

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**JULY**

**4 Star Spangled Fourth of July, Fort Mackinac, 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.**  
The historic island fort is decked out in patriotic finery, with banners, flags and bunting. It is a 1880s Independence Day, with 38-gun salutes honoring the states of the period, performances of patriotic music, and Victorian children’s games. Guests join the party and participate in Victorian dances and games on the fort parade ground. No additional admission charge for this special event above standard Fort Mackinac admission rates.

**4 An American Picnic, Fort Mackinac, 6:30 p.m.**  
Checkered red and white tablecloths spread on the grass of Fort Mackinac’s parade ground create a patchwork quilt welcoming hungry patriots with Grand Hotel’s all-you-can-eat tangy BBQ baby back ribs, grilled chicken breasts, hamburgers, hot dogs, turkey burgers, corn on the cob and a slew of salads, fixings and desserts. Stay for the fireworks!  
Advance tickets purchased before 6:00 p.m., July 4 include picnic and Fort Mackinac admission:  
Adults \$42.00, Youth (5–17) \$21.00, Children 4 and under - Free.  
Tickets purchased after 6:00 p.m., July 4<sup>th</sup> including picnic and Fort Mackinac admission:  
Adults \$52.50, Youth (5–17) \$27.50. Children 4 and under - Free.  
Mackinac Associates tickets purchased anytime include picnic and Fort Mackinac admission:  
Adults - \$31.50, Youth (5 - 17) - \$14.50, Children 4 and under - Free

**6 Colonial Cooking Class, Colonial Michilimackinac, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Limited spaces available, Reservations Required, Call 231-436-4100**  
Learn open-hearth colonial cooking from a costumed staff interpreter in the historic Langlade House. Enrollment Fee - \$25 per person.

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**JULY (Continued)**

- 10 King's Men: British Garrisons of Mackinac, Fort Mackinac, All Day**  
British garrisons of 1778-1784 who built and were stationed at Fort Mackinac in its earliest years will be depicted. Drill and musket programs will be displayed as well as "recruiting parties" and escorts for visitors into the fort. No additional admission charge for this special event above standard Fort Mackinac admission rates.
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- 14 Grand Opening of The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum**  
Event time and details yet to be determined.
- 14 Michigan Governor's Summer Residence Tours, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Mackinac Island State Park** Free admission.
- 15 Mackinac Associates Antiques Appraisal and Art Lecture, Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island**  
Event Time and details yet to be determined.
- 15 Colonial Kids' Day, Colonial Michilimackinac, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
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- 23 - 25**        **Campeau's Company Encampment, Colonial Michilimackinac, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Sunday**  
Wander among the tent encampment outside the fort to meet costumed re-enactors of the early revolutionary war period demonstrating militia musket drills, camp life, and crafts. No additional admission charge for this special event above standard Colonial Michilimackinac admission rates.
- 24**            **Vintage Base Ball, Scout Barracks Field, Mackinac Island State Park, Behind Fort Mackinac, 7:00 p.m.**  
A vintage game of "base ball" as it was meant to be played, barehanded and by gentlemen's rules on the old Fort Mackinac ball field behind Fort Mackinac, the oldest continually used ball field in Michigan! Learn an old-fashioned cheer, watch players fined for smoking cigars on the field, and enjoy a good old-fashioned rivalry! The game pits the Fort Mackinac *Never Sweats* against the Rochester *Grangers*. Family - \$18, Adult - \$6, Youth (5-17) - \$3, Children 4 & under and Mackinac Associates above Heritage level - Free
- 27**            **Colonial Cooking Class, Colonial Michilimackinac, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Limited spaces available, Reservations Required, Call 231-436-4100**  
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- 28**            **Michigan Governor's Summer Residence Tours, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Mackinac Island State Park** Free admission.
- 30 – Aug 1**    **Compagnie Franche de la Marine Michilimackinac (Michilimackinac Marines) Encampment, Colonial Michilimackinac, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Sunday**  
Camp reenactors show cooking, camp life, children's games, and dress up. Inside the fort, demonstrations of reliability firing tests, flag raising, and marching of the 1750's French soldiers and civilians at Michilimackinac. No additional admission charge for this special event above standard Colonial Michilimackinac admission rates.
- 31 – Aug 1**    **Eastern Woodland American Indian Art Exhibit and Sale, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Colonial Michilimackinac**  
Enjoy a dramatic visual interpretation of 18<sup>th</sup> -century America. A frontier art exhibit featuring works by Robert Griffing in the Visitor's Center of Colonial Michilimackinac. No additional admission charge for this special event above standard Colonial Michilimackinac admission rates.

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- 7-8 Jaeger's Battalion of Roger's Rangers Encampment, Colonial Michilimackinac, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday, 9:00 a.m. -3:00 pm. Sunday**  
French & Indian War hero Robert Rogers battalion of Rogers Rangers will once again visit our site. These re-enactors will display their knowledge of the tactics and history of this famous unit of frontier fighters, as well as demonstrations of camp life. No additional admission charge for this special event above standard Colonial Michilimackinac admission rates.
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- 14 - 15 Voyageurs & Fur Traders Weekend, Colonial Michilimackinac, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
Get a sense of what the summer season was like at this frontier fur trading post and village as it welcomed voyageurs, Native American tribes, and traders instrumental in the fur trade. A variety of children's activities will be held in conjunction with this weekend event. No additional admission charge for this special event above standard Colonial Michilimackinac admission rates.
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## **SEPTEMBER**

- 11-12 Michigan 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry Civil War Re-enactors, Fort Mackinac, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
A little-known page in Fort Mackinac's history will be revealed when a group of 16th Michigan Company reenactors depicting the Stanton Guard and the 3rd U.S. Infantry are hosted at Fort Mackinac. Over 40 men and women, dressed in Civil War-era attire, will portray this intriguing time. Some will be costumed as the Stanton Guard; others will reenact the 1822 3rd U.S. Infantry unit. Others represent civilian life in the fort, including the families of soldiers. No additional admission charge for this special event above standard Fort Mackinac admission rates.
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## **OCTOBER**

- 8 – 9 Fort Fright, Colonial Michilimackinac, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** (Last admission 8:30 p.m.)  
Explore the wooden palisade of Fort Michilimackinac at twilight and experience the legends and lore of the Native Americans, French Canadians, and British who called this home. Family - \$18, Adult - \$6, Youth (5-17) - \$3, Children 4 & under and Mackinac Associates above Heritage level – Free
- 10 Mackinac State Historic Parks' living history sites close for the season.**

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