Additional Information
More information is available in this Guide to Access about alternate programs, services, or entrances.

- These buildings/areas meet the requirements for easy access. Surface materials are firm and ramps are provided for elevation changes.

- One or two steps, loose surface materials, or high thresholds may limit access for visitors with mobility impairments. Assistance may be helpful.

- Three or more steps or unstable surfaces make access difficult for some visitors. Assistance may be necessary.

Following is information for each of our sites on accessibility issues. The numbers correspond to numbers on the individual site maps.
GETTING TO FORT MACKINAC

Passenger ferries and airplanes take visitors to Mackinac Island. Two private companies operate boats to the island from St. Ignace and Mackinaw City. Air-taxi service from Pellston and St. Ignace is also available. Motorized vehicles are not allowed on Mackinac Island; however, personal motorized devices are allowed with permission. Please contact us for more details.

Fort Mackinac’s most accessible entrance is located on the north side of the site and can be reached in several ways. The most immediate route from downtown is to follow Fort Street up the west side of the fort. This road is very steep and may be difficult for some visitors. Other less direct roads also lead to the north entrance.

The ramp leading to the south entrance has 27 steps at the top. This entrance is NOT accessible for visitors using wheelchairs. Horse-drawn carriage tours and taxis leaving from downtown locations: Parade Ground Level: Near the Unexcavated British Workshop. Another ramped boardwalk near the Picnic Area is covered by grass. Outdoor surfaces are gravel, grass and sand.

DIffICULT ACCesS

Access to the visitors center is difficult for some visitors with mobility impairments. A ramp leads to the south door of the Barn. Ask for assistance for access.

DIffICULT ACCESS

Areas may be difficult for some visitors with mobility impairments:

- The South Sally Port entrance is very steep and there are 27 steps at the top. This entrance is NOT accessible for visitors using wheelchairs. Please use Fort Street to connect you to the Avenue of Flags entrance.
- A small elevator in the Soldiers’ Barracks connects the two levels of Fort Mackinac. The elevator accommodates only smaller motorized wheelchairs. Elevator entrance locations: Parade Ground Level: Near Restrooms. Avenue of Flags Level: Barnacki porch, second door.
- Alternate North Sally Port entrance to lower level.

DIFFICULT ACCESS

Access to the Visitor’s Center is difficult for some visitors with mobility impairments:

- The north Church door is not accessible.
- The Priest’s House has two sets of doors; some are 29.5” wide.
- The north Church door is not accessible. A video on the tower tour is located in the lighthouse.

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- The Priest’s House has two sets of doors and a 3” level change within the building.
- Cannon Firings are located on a packed gravel surface that is sometimes covered with a layer of sand.
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