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Governor’s Summer Residence Tours to Begin June 5

MACKINAC ISLAND, MICH. — Tours of the Michigan Governor’s Summer Residence will begin Wednesday, June 5 and continue every Wednesday until August 28. Tours, which run from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., are led by experienced guides who will tour small groups through the first floor of the home. Admission is free and lasts approximately 15 minutes.

Originally built in 1902 by Lawrence A. Young as a private summer cottage, it has served as the Governor’s Summer Residence since 1945. The residence was added to the Michigan Register of Historic Places in October 1975. In November 1997, the house was named to the National Register of Historic Places, the official list of America’s most historic buildings and sites.

“This is a great opportunity to be able to see the interior of, not only, a beautiful early 20th century Mackinac Island cottage, but one of the few summer residences that allows guests to tour the inside,” said Phil Porter, Mackinac State Historic Parks’ Director. “It’s a magnificent summer cottage and only a handful of states have a summer cottage for their governors, so it’s a great way to preserve this Victorian cottage.”

More information is available at mackinacparks.com, and an image is 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, Historic Downtown Mackinac, The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, and Mackinac Island State Park on Mackinac Island, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, and Historic Mill Creek Discovery 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 on the web at www.mackinacparks.com.

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