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## **Opening of Mackinac State Historic Parks’ Sites Delayed to mid-June**

MACKINAW CITY, MICH. — Out of overwhelming safety concern for our visitors and staff, in following state and federal guidelines, and in consultation with business and community leaders, Mackinac State Historic Parks (MSHP) has made the decision to delay the tentative opening of its historic sites and facilities on Mackinac Island and in Mackinaw City once again, this time to mid-June. MSHP’s sites and facilities include:

Mackinac Island:

- Fort Mackinac
- The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum
- Mackinac Island State Park Visitor’s Center and restroom
- Historic Downtown Mackinac
- Fort Holmes Blockhouse
- Mission Church
- Bark Chapel
- Restrooms at Arch Rock and British Landing
- British Landing Nature Center

The Biddle House, featuring the Mackinac Island Native American Museum, will open at a date to be determined, due to construction delays.

Mackinaw City:

- Colonial Michilimackinac
- Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse
- Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park

The COVID-19 pandemic is an ever-changing and fluid situation, and the staff of Mackinac State Historic Parks will continue to follow all federal and state guidelines set forth. Specific opening dates will be set as more information becomes available.

“We thank the public for their understanding,” said Phil Porter, Mackinac State Historic Parks Director. “We look forward to welcoming guests to our sites on Mackinac Island and in Mackinaw City and celebrating our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary season.”

Photos of the Mackinac State Historic Parks’ sites are available upon request. A downloadable version of this release can be found [here](#). For further information call 231.436.4100 or email [millerd44@michigan.gov](mailto:millerd44@michigan.gov).

*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 on the web at [www.mackinacparks.com](http://www.mackinacparks.com).*

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