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Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park to Close for Season August 22

MACKINAW CITY, MICH. — Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park, located three miles east of Mackinaw City and operated by Mackinac State Historic Parks, will close for the 2020 season on August 22.

The COVID-19 pandemic forced the popular Adventure Tour, a high ropes nature course at the park, to be canceled prior to the season. This, along with a staff shortage and budget implications, have forced the early shutdown.

“Much like the cancelation of Fort Fright, this was not an easy decision to make,” said Steve Brisson, Mackinac State Historic Parks Deputy Director. “However, this is the correct, prudent decision. We look forward to opening Mill Creek for the 2021 season, and are hopeful the Adventure Tour will open with it.”

Two other Mackinac State Historic Parks programs will close for the season on August 22 as well: the archaeological dig at Colonial Michilimackinac in Mackinaw City, and the American Fur Company Store & Dr. Beaumont Museum, part of Historic Downtown Mackinac, on Mackinac Island.

Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park will open in early-to-mid May, 2021.

Photos are available upon request. A downloadable version of this release can be found here.

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

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