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Explore Michilimackinac’s Gardens During Gardens and Good Things to Eat Weekend

MACKINAC CITY, MICH. — Everyone loves a good meal, including the historic residents of Michilimackinac! Join the interpretive staff at Colonial Michilimackinac June 12-13 to tour and help maintain the fort’s 5,500-plus square feet of gardens and learn more about the unique food cultures of Michilimackinac’s French, British, and Native American residents.

“We’ll be doing things that are truly special that guests wouldn’t be able to see otherwise,” said Craig Wilson, Mackinac State Historic Parks Chief Curator. “Even if someone has visited in the past, there is always something new to see or do.”

The daily schedule at Colonial Michilimackinac will be adjusted for the weekend:

- 9:00 a.m. – Colonial Michilimackinac Open
- 9:30 a.m. – Musket Firing Demonstration and Military Food Program
- 10:00 a.m. – Gardens of Michilimackinac Tour
- 11:00 a.m. – Breadmaking and Oven Demonstration
- 12:00 p.m. – Indigenous Food and the Fur Trade Program
- 12:30 p.m. – Artillery Demonstration
- 1:00 p.m. – Gardens of Michilimackinac Tour
- 2:00 p.m. – Artillery Demonstration
- 3:00 p.m. – 18th Century Botany and Art

- 4:00 p.m. – Breadmaking and Oven Demonstration
- 5:00 p.m. – Gardens of Michilimackinac Tour
- 6:00 p.m. – Musket Firing Demonstration
- 7:00 p.m. – Colonial Michilimackinac Closed for the Evening

All special events and programs are included with regular admission to Colonial Michilimackinac. Colonial Michilimackinac will be open 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. during the event. More information can be found at mackinacparks.com. Pictures are 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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