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Explore Michilimackinac’s Unreconstructed Past July 20

MACKINAW CITY, MICH. — Every building standing at Colonial Michilimackinac, in Mackinaw City, has been reconstructed based on maps and historical archaeology work. However, there are several buildings that remain unreconstructed, which will be the focus of a walking tour by Curator of Archaeology Dr. Lynn Evans Tuesday, July 20, at 7:30 p.m.

“Every building you see at Michilimackinac has been reconstructed based on archaeological excavations, but not every building that has been excavated has been reconstructed,” said Dr. Lynn Evans, Mackinac State Historic Parks Curator of Archaeology. “This evening will be a chance to learn about some of the “missing” buildings.”

This free, public event is a walking tour focusing on the structures at Michilimackinac which have been excavated but not reconstructed. The tour will begin at the site of the former village and then proceed into the fort.

Visitors may enter and exit through the old gate on Straits Avenue, across from the Fort Fudge Shop. This is a free event, but donations are welcome. For more information visit 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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