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## **Select Mackinac State Historic Parks Sites to Close Mondays and Tuesdays Starting Labor Day**

MACKINAC ISLAND, MICH. — Due to a severe lack of staffing, select Mackinac State Historic Parks sites will close on Mondays and Tuesdays starting Monday, September 6 and will remain with that schedule through the conclusion of the operating season.

The sites affected include The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, Biddle House, featuring the Mackinac Island Native American Museum, and Benjamin Blacksmith Shop on Mackinac Island, along with Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park in Mackinaw City,

“This is not a decision we arrived at lightly,” said Mackinac State Historic Parks Director Steve Brisson. “We are facing an unprecedented staffing shortage, and, to allow the staff we do have at our sites adequate time off, we have made the decision to close these select locations two days a week.”

The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, Biddle House, featuring the Mackinac Island Native American Museum, and Benjamin Blacksmith Shop will be open Wednesday-Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through October 10. Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park will be open 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday through September 26.

Tickets for these sites will only be available upon arrival beginning August 26. For further information please call the Mackinac State Historic Parks administrative office in Mackinaw City at (231) 436-4100 or on Mackinac Island at (906) 847-3328.

*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 online at [www.mackinacparks.com](http://www.mackinacparks.com).*

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