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Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park to Close for Season August 14

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 2022 season on August 14.

Staffing concerns, at Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park as well as other sites operated by Mackinac State Historic Parks, prompted this decision. Mill Creek staff members who wish to stay with the organization will be deployed at other locations.

“This is a difficult decision to make, and it’s not one we made lightly,” said Steve Brisson, Mackinac State Historic Parks Director. “However, this is the correct, prudent decision. We thank our guests and members who visited Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park throughout the 2022 season, and we appreciate our wonderful staff who worked so hard for us this summer.”

All of Mackinac State Historic Parks’ other historic sites will remain open through their original dates: Fort Mackinac and Colonial Michilimackinac October 23; The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, Biddle House, featuring the Mackinac Island Native American Museum, Benjamin Blacksmith Shop, and Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse October 9; the American Fur Co. Store & Dr. Beaumont Museum and McGulpin House August 21.

Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park will open in early May, 2023.

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 online at www.mackinacparks.com.

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